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Band members show their spirit during a football game. The Kiltie Band represented multiple pieces of the life of the college: the Scottish traditions, the appreciation for the arts, and the friendships that would last a lifetime

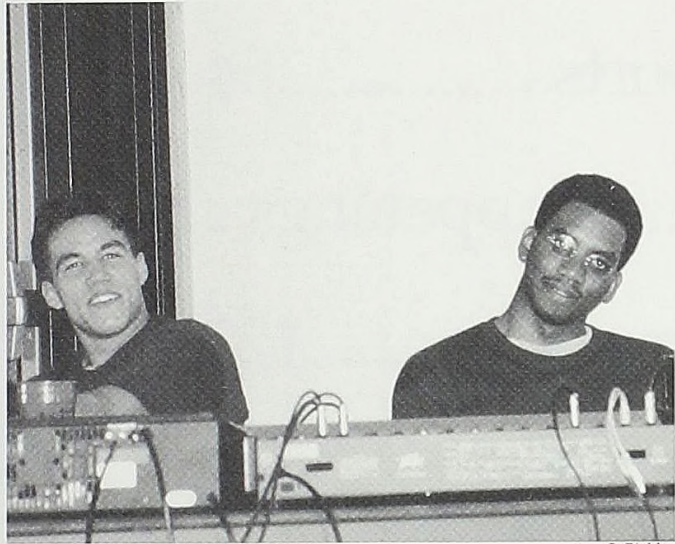


**Setting the Mood**

Chris Ahn '98 and Eric Grace '99 fire up the audience for the comedian at the ACUB All Nighter. "The thing that I enjoy the most about being involved with ACUB is taking part in people's happiness and enjoyment by organizing the best events on campus without alcohol!!," said Eric.

**From the Outside Looking In**

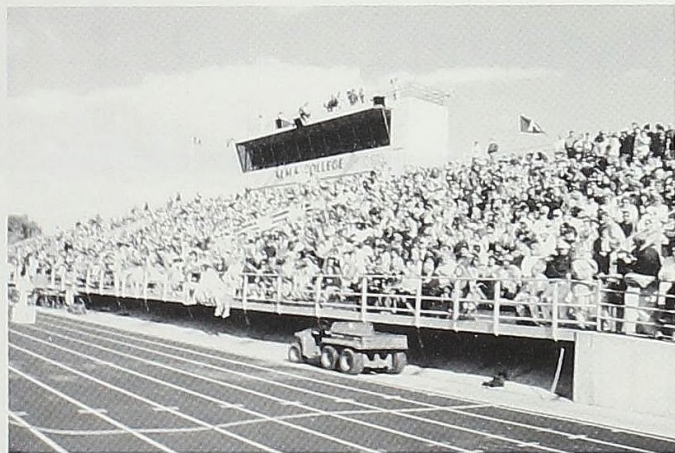
The Aids Memorial Quilt brings the world to the Alma Bubble. After a year of hard work, the Quilt arrived on campus. The experience was emotional and educating for many of the students and members of the community.



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**Lighting a Fire**

The stands roar with praise for the Scots on the field. Homecoming once again ignited the eternal flame of alumni, luring them back to campus to celebrate. The football game was a meaningful tradition where every generation of students could show their spirit.



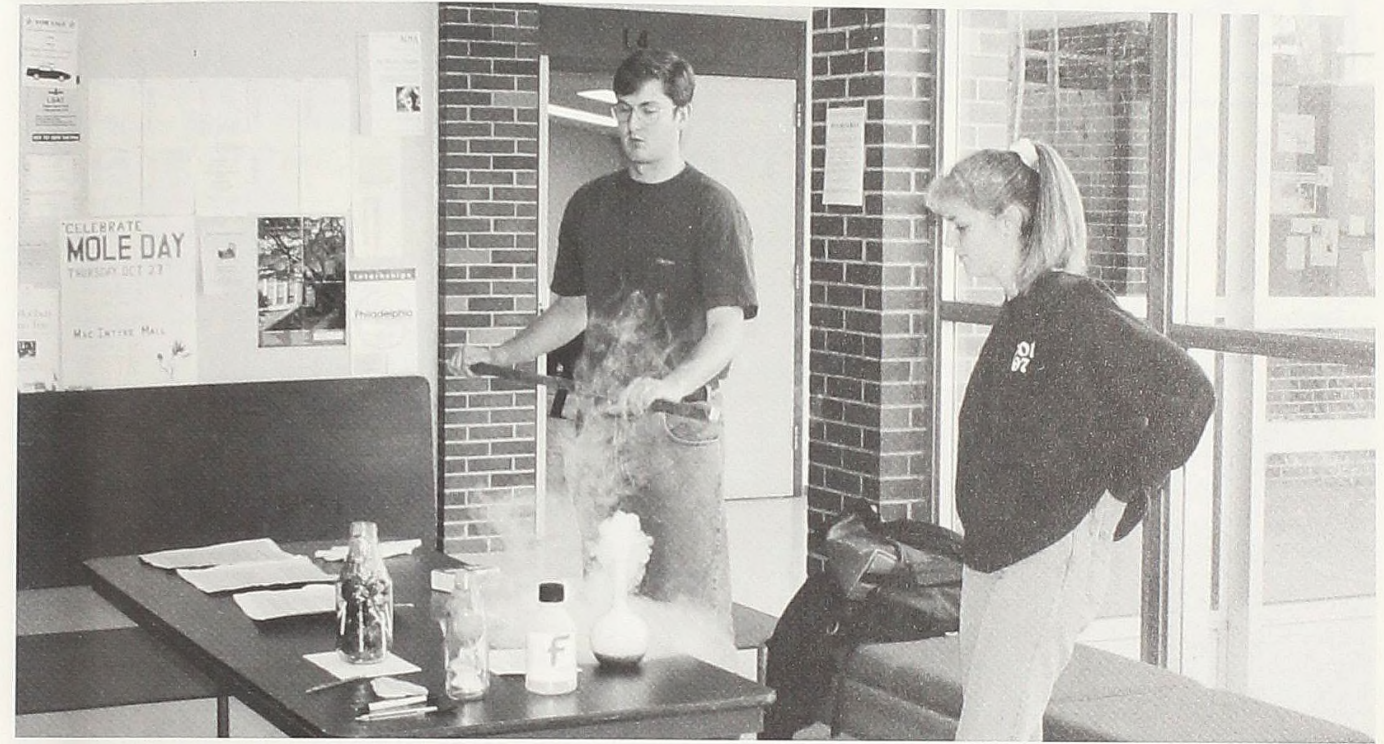
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**Body Heat**

The women of the cross country team warm up their muscles for the Alma Invitational. While the women competed well all season, the invitational provided an opportunity for the runners to challenge many of their rivals in one meet.

**Smokin'**

Todd Clarke '98 and Carrie Rau '00 smoke out the students in the Dow lobby. Mole Day activities, sponsored by the Chi Epsilon Mu and the Chemistry Club, included demonstrations such as this throughout the day.



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# Starting the Fire

## Working to Improve Campus Life

As the school year officially opened, the torch of responsibility passed to yet another generation of students.

Opening Convocation introduced students and faculty, new and old, to each other. The introductions sparked the interest of those returning to the campus, allowing them to set high expectations for newcomers.

For a change, a musical performance graced the stage at Opening Convocation in replace of the traditional speaker. One of the performers

included the college's own Wei Tsun Chang, violinist.

As the year went into full swing, students became more involved in the campus and the community. Some of the most popular campus events were organized by the Alma College Union Board (ACUB).

"ACUB makes sure you have something to do besides drink or study, by bringing movies, bands, coffeehouse entertainers, comedians, and just pure fun to the campus. It provides a backdrop for some of the best times you may have

with your friends at the best time of life," said Eric Grace '99.

Students became involved in Greek organizations which often benefited the community and the campus. Sigma Alpha Iota tended their flower garden located outside of their room in Bruske Hall. Many fraternities raked leaves for the elderly members of the community. Students proved that individuals can make a difference, especially when they work together.

-Cindy Fiedler '99

“ACUB has allowed me to get involved with the campus and meet new people. It also allows the students to become more campus oriented. I have benefited from working with great people and organizing great activities.

-Chris Ahn '98.



# Reheating Memories

## ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations created the memories which have blazed in the minds of students since leaving campus. The college had approximately forty organizations, each of which served our community equally. Each organization allowed every student to participate in a group which ran parallel with their own personality. The organizations were so diverse, it was almost impossible not to become involved.

"Even as a freshman, I found it easy to find an organization to participate in. It was sometimes hard to get time for everything but I knew getting involved would only help me later," said Margaret Colingsworth '01.

Each year these groups would expand in number, but most importantly, the number of groups continued to grow.

Last year such new groups included the LaCrosse association, the Pre-Med Club, and the Student Health Advisory Committee, just to name a few. These organizations entered their second year on campus.

New organizations included the Table Tennis Association and Trinity Bible Fellowship. Hall councils also became more active and more known on campus.

Kristi Sedgwick '98 said, as she displayed a BACCHUS sweatshirt with pride, "Organizations are a great asset on campus. They are a great way to learn about people and the campus. They unify students and really pull the campus together. It is a great way for students to cope with college life. One suggestion goes out though, do not become involved

in too many organizations at once."

Students truly became involved in their organization and proudly stated their membership. Many organizations created shirts their organizations name printed boldly on it. These shirts were worn with pride, informing others who the members were of each group.

Organizations played a large part in campus life. Working together with their friends who had similar beliefs and ideas, these organizations were formed. Students met new people and developed new friendships. Having such a variety of organizations allowed students to develop the necessities of a great college career.

By: Jason Cottrell '01



Unlike larger universities where you can be involved in only one organization or club, here you can be involved in many. You are still academically competitive. It accents what students can do on campus and allows them to be more involved.

- Eryn Hart '00  
President Pre-Med Club



### Freedom of the Press

Eric Reed '98 works diligently on the *Almanian* during a weekly staff meeting.



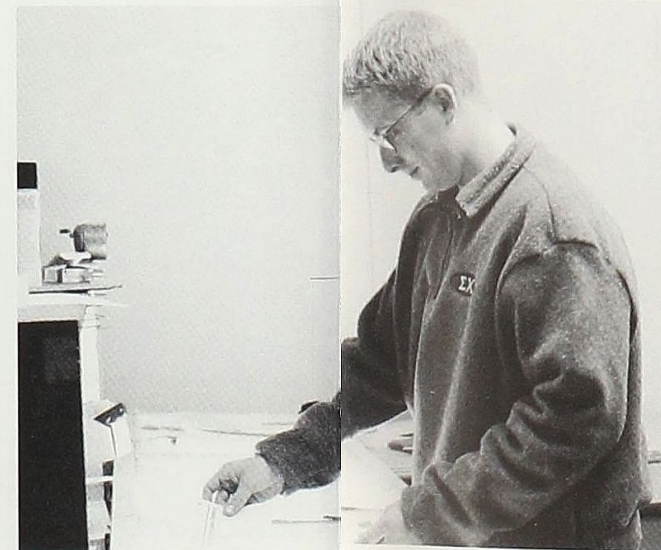
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### A Political Stance

Kent LaCroix '00 stands proud for his country and organization. Kent was a member of the Alma College Republicans and an officer. The Alma College Republicans and the Alma Young Democrats were organizations for students interested in politics or who just wanted to be involved in government. Both organizations were popular and very active.



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### And the Band Plays on....

The trombones excite the crowd during the Homecoming game. On the Saturday of Homecoming, students, alumni, and faculty had the privilege of listening to the Alma College Kiltie Marching Band on its 75th Anniversary. The band played and managed to get people up out of their seat for every score.

### A Howling Night

The Choirs sing spookily at the Halloween concert. *The Howling* was performed on Friday, October 31 at 8:00 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. The performance was open to the public and campus. The free performances could be seen in Presbyterian Hall at the Heritage Center.



# The Power of the Press

## Setting the News Ablaze

Two of the campus publications, the *Scot* and *Almanian*, were organizations amongst the student body. It was rare not to see a student grab a campus newspaper every Tuesday night as they entered Hamilton Commons. The newspaper allowed students to become informed as to what had been occurring on campus and off, while the yearbook allowed students to recollect each of their four years.

The *Scot* staff worked hard in order to have their two works published and passed out to the student body. For the first two weeks the staff worked diligently on the Personal Identification Guide, or the PIG book as it was known on campus. This PIG book was bright orange with a Scottish pig on the cover. After completion of the PIG book it was on to the yearbook. The yearbook was the staff's biggest project. The staff of editors, managers, and photographers worked steadily.

Cindy Fiedler '99 said, "The yearbook is important because it allows people to look back fifty years from now and recollect all of their memories. I have stuck with the yearbook for three years because, I plan to go into journalism. The yearbook gives me the experience that I need for my field."

Meg Thurber '01 said, "I enjoy working on the yearbook, I worked on the yearbook at my high school and signed on to the *Scot* staff at the beginning of this year. It is run very differently than I am used to, but has been a very enjoyable year. I enjoy the meetings and the great people

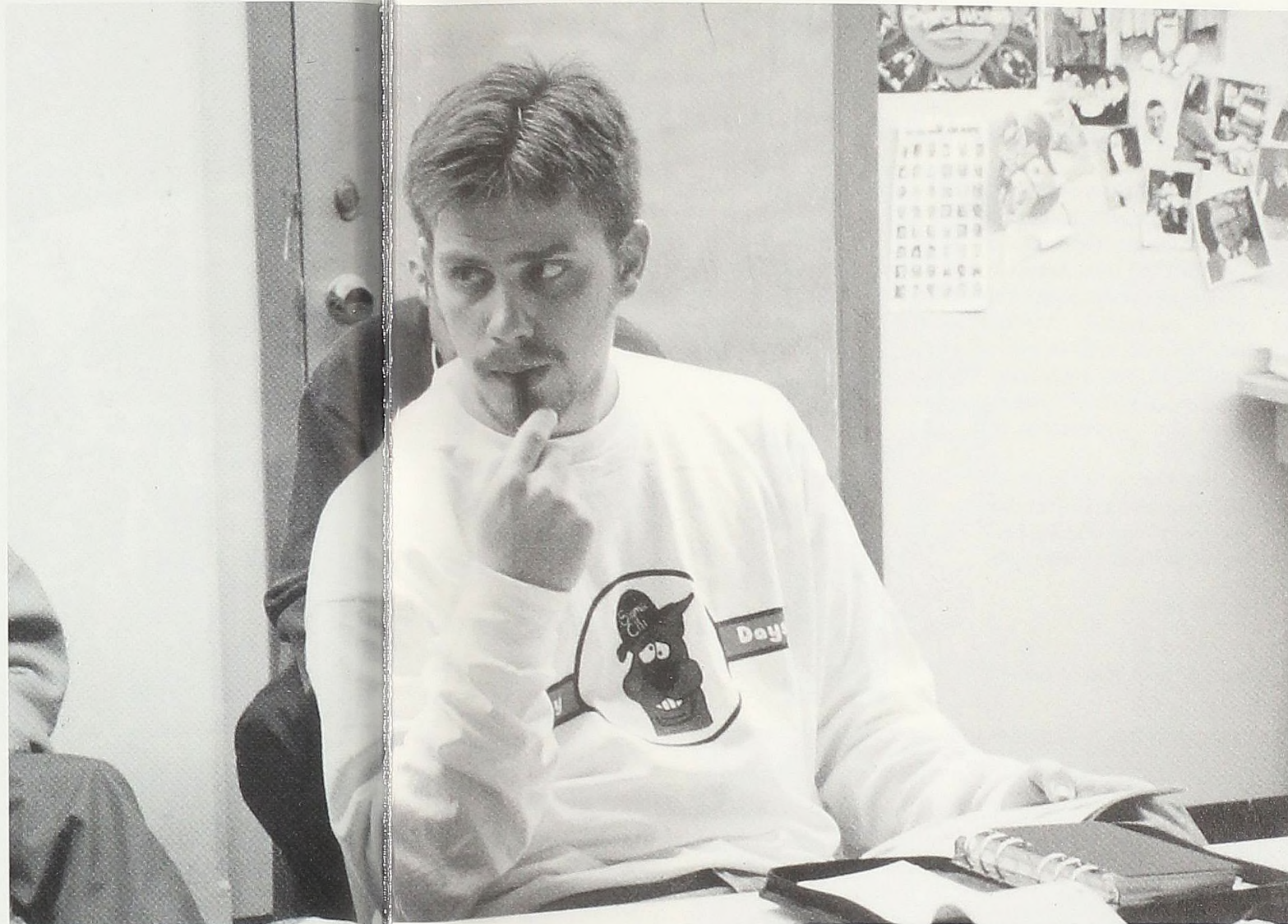
that are on staff this year."

The *Almanian* consisted of reporters, editors, managers, and photographers. The reporters wrote stories to hand in weekly, due Friday at midnight. While the reporters wrote stories, photographers were at events getting pictures. After handing in stories and pictures, editors finalized everything and sent it to be printed. The *Almanian* was supported by students and advertisements collected by the managers.

An opinion reporter, Shannon Casey '00, stated, "The *Almanian*, as our campus newspaper brings current events to the Alma College campus. It allows students on campus to see what is going on, both on campus and in the world. It releases them from the 'Alma bubble.' I enjoy working on *The Almanian*, but the paper could stand for improvements. Better funding from the school and community could bring *The Almanian's* quality to its full potential. Most people glance through the paper but, people would read the paper in the fullest if its writers would be paid enough to write their best."

Campus publications played a large part in campus life. These two organizations were a big factor in learning and remembering the time spent here. They gave students the ability to see beyond college life and into the world, to see the campus at the time they were here, and to look back at the times they had. The *Almanian* and the *Scot* were important organizations on campus.

By: Jason Cottrell '01



*That is a good thought, but...*  
Chris Tapley '99, sits in on an *Almanian* Meeting. Chris served as a co-editor of *The Almanian* for the school year.

"Joining the staff half-way through the year was quite awkward, but I enjoyed working on the yearbook. I am glad they could use the help.

Sara Vaughn '01

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### Scot Staff

Front row, from left, Cindy Fiedler, Kristin Lindsay, Sara Vaughn, and Joey Martin; Middle row, John Buesing, Beth Richnak, Carrie Rau, Lynn Seaton, Sara Bickler, and Megan Thurber; Back row, Kathy Reed, Jason Cottrell, Heidi Kerr, Chris Washko, and April Hawker.



J. Martin



### The Almanian Staff

Front row from left, Missy Crossnoe, Charlotte Grant, Lesley McDougal, and Beth Knapp; Middle row, Rhonda Smith, and Karin Shrum; Back row, Dr. Eugene Pattison, Dr. David Lawrence, Eric Reed, Brian Crum, Sean Babbitt, Tim Caister, and Joey Mead.







# The Major Clubs

## Extracurricular Education

The college offered a large variety of organizations which gave students experience in their perspective career. Clubs such as the Pre-Med Club, Alma College Education Club, Math Club, and The Association for Computing Machinery played a large part in students academic and social lives. These organizations were designed to enhance students knowledge of their plan of study and expected career.

Susanne Jacobs '99 said, "ACEC was developed in order to enhance education majors ability to teach by being involved in such activities as little sibs weekend, Camp Blowout, and Together with Literacy. I feel ACEC was a wonderful idea. It allows education majors to have their own organization to learn and grow from." ACEC was created in 1996 specifically for education majors. The school year allowed ACEC to grow to a total of 25 students.

The Pre-Med Club, created in 1997, had a total of 15 members. The Pre-Med club was designed to allow students who wished to pursue careers in health and medicine to participate in activities that would further their knowledge of the medical field. Activities included a blood drive, a trip to the Wayne

County Coroner's office, MCAT study groups, and many speakers from various fields of medicine. The Pre-Med Club also participated in Science Blowout, an evening designed to allow area elementary students to learn first hand about science.

With the advancement of technology, many students decided to pursue careers in computers. The school even offered ACM or the Association for Computing Machinery. ACM worked on creating web sites for any person interested in having one. They also raised money for improving the school server as well as creating access on e-mail for everyone so they could move from one distribution list to another. Approximately seven to ten groups used these distribution lists. They also participated in Science Blowout.

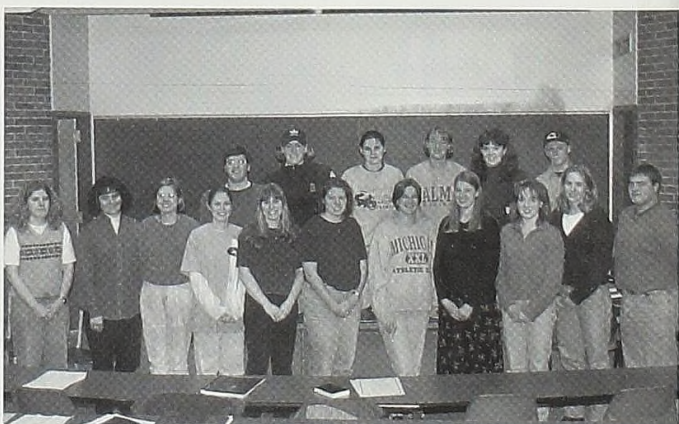
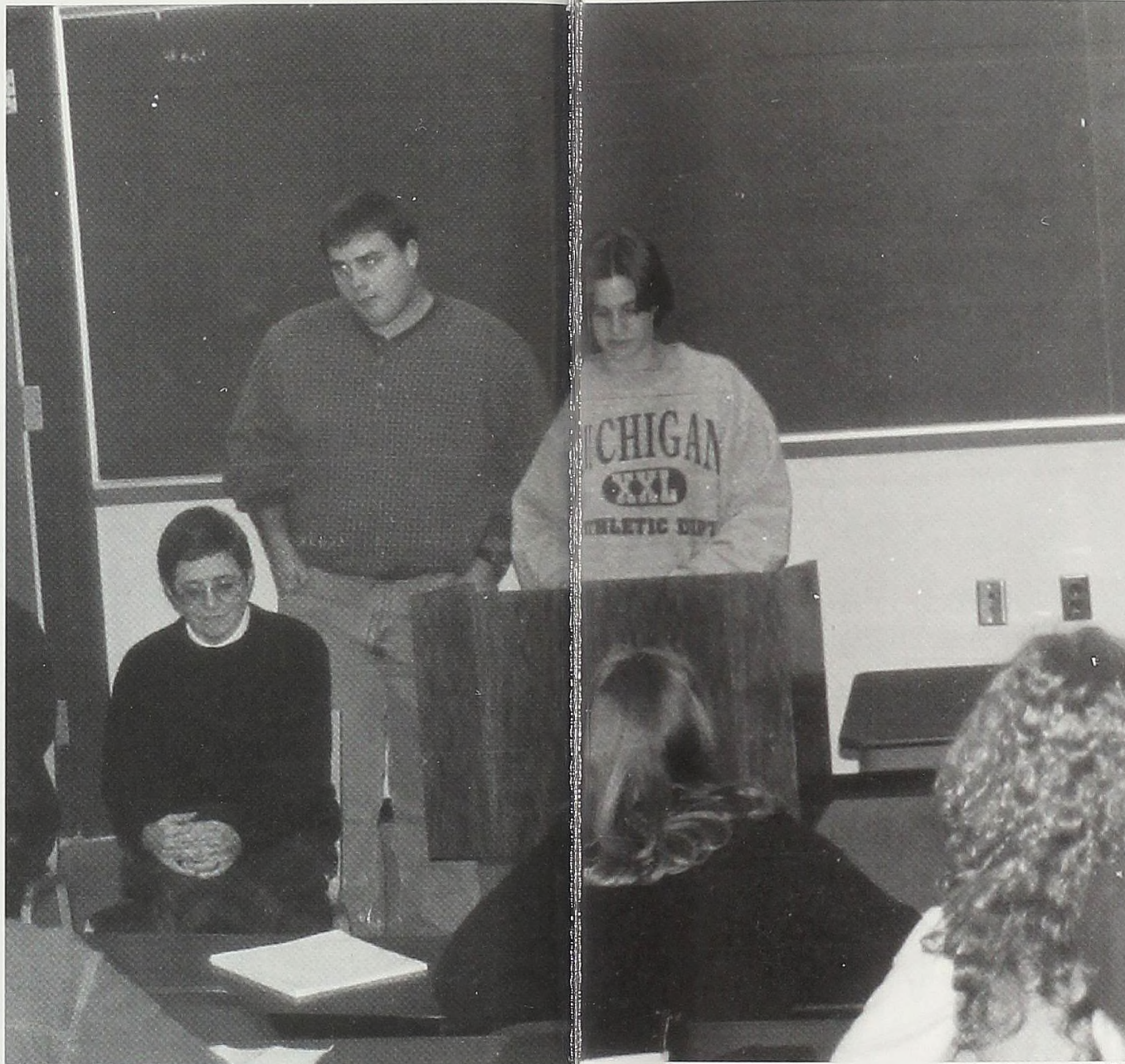
Nate Woodhams '98 stated, "I have enjoyed the year. The club has been small in the past. It left campus for several years due to lack in interest. This year we grew 100% from last year because, people are learning it is not only for people who are Computer Science majors but, for those who enjoy computers, as well."

By: Jason Cottrell '01

### Alma College Education Club members:

Front Row: Stephanie Lehnert, Jill McEachin, Svetlana Komorotskaya, Jacquie Cole, Jenny Buhl, Lynnette Daig, Julie Beelman, Kristi Sedgwick, Brooke Lauer, Nicole Martin, and Sean Hagey. Back Row: Edward Nygma, Danielle Stoddard, Marge Colingsworth, Nicole Hind, Susanne Jacobs, and Mike Murphy.

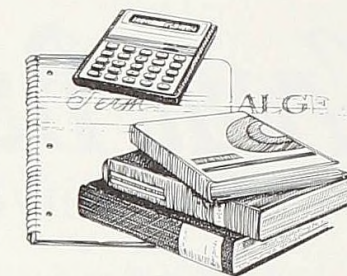
Not Pictured- Sara Vaughn, Megan Thurber, Kristin Thomas, and Rebecca Barclay.



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### Next on the Agenda

President Julie Beelman '99 reads the ACEC agenda for the upcoming meeting while Dr. Root and the Vice President look on.



### Interesting

Members of ACEC listen to President Julie Beelman '99 speak at a monthly meeting.



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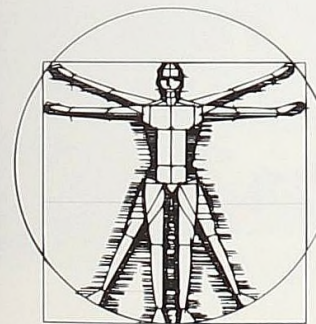


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### And this is....

Speakers, Dr. Anthony Rickard, Dr. Lynda Ludy, and Dr. Susan Root speak to the ACEC members

"Students studying all professions can use an organization."  
Eryn Hart '00





# Great Balls of Fire

## The newest club sport

They paid to play. There were no varsity letters. But members of the newest club team put as much effort into their sport as the glamor teams of the MIAA.

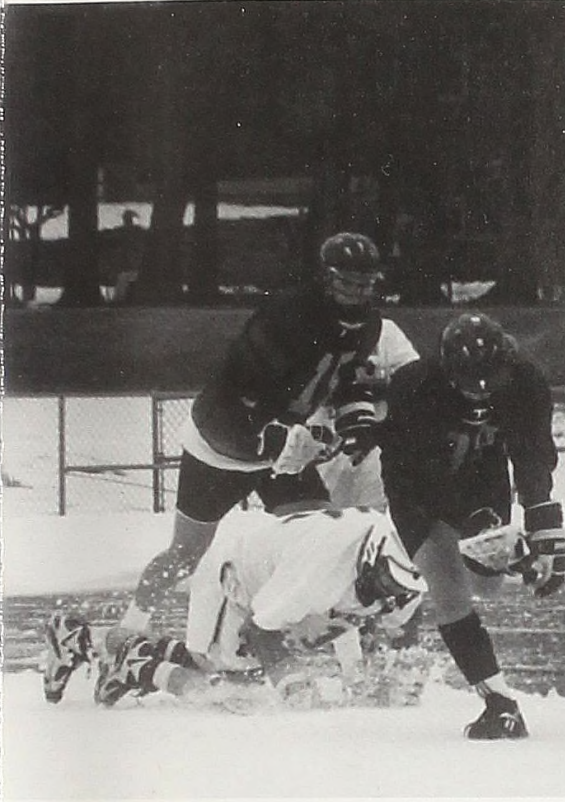
The 1998 LaCrosse team improved greatly over the 1997 inaugural season when the Scots went winless. Posting a 5-6 record, Alma beat traditional rivals Hope and Calvin and Mid America Conference schools Central Michigan University and Ball State.

To find good competition, Alma hosted or attended tournaments that provided several opponents. These tournaments gave Alma a glimpse at powerhouse teams like the Western Michigan Regional Club and Ontario.

The teams hired referees to officiate round robin games. Funding for the sport came from Student Congress and the players.

### LaCrosse Scores

Hope	9-5 W
CMU	5-3 W
Grand Rapids	5-16 L
Albion	6-7 (OT) L
Ball State	8-5 W
Hope	19-5 W
Albion	6-7 L
Calvin	6-13 L
Calvin	8-9 L
Ontario	3-15 L
Calvin	8-7 (OT) W
Overall	5-6



### I've got it.

Left, The Scots struggle to keep the ball during the Western match.

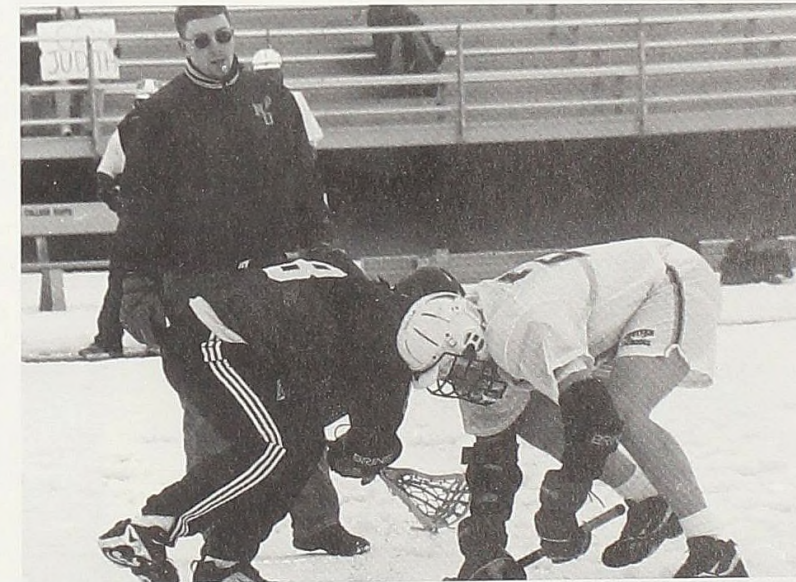
### Scoop it up.

Below, A Western player tries to keep the ball from numbers 45 and 7.



### Let's talk.

Right, Members of the LaCrosse team discuss strategy with faculty advisor Dr. Gene Deci during a match against Western Michigan Regional Club of Grand Rapids.



### Let's take it home.

Above, During a face-off with Western more cold snow than ball is scooped up.



### Get outta my way.

Above, A Western Michigan Regional Club player pushes a Scot out of the way to get the ball. Alma lost the contest to the experienced Grand Rapids Club.



# Paving the Hot Seat

## Students Lead Campus

Alma's student government charged with making recommendations to the College's administration pertaining to student life made a difference on some old problems and brought additional money to the library.

Student Congress, at the urging of Brandon Miller '98, conducted a study of the various collections in the Kehrl Library compared to school's considered competitive with Alma College. Alma was close to the bottom of the rankings.

"We asked the Board of Trustees to provide some additional money to bring the library up to speed," said Amanda Schafer '99, Student Congress secretary.

After taking the issue to the community governance committee, a proposal was submitted to the College's Board of Trustees. The Trustees decided to enhance the library budget by an additional \$300,000 for the purchase of books and periodicals.

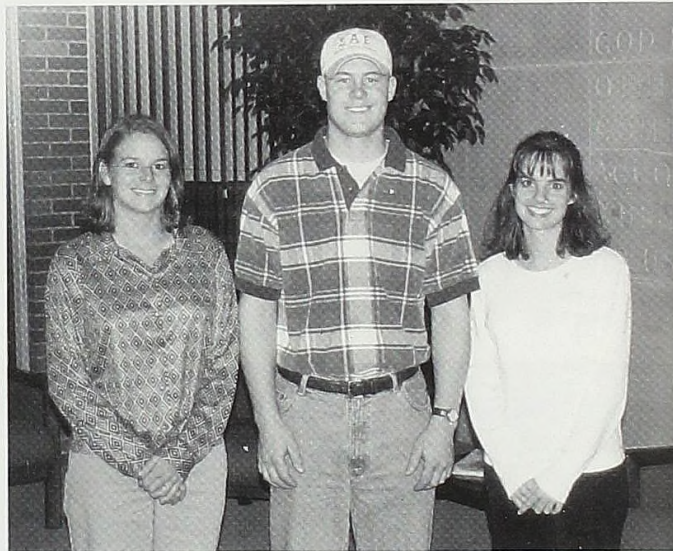
Parking and lighting issues, perennially on the Student Congress agenda, received attention and action from the organization's members.

"Parking and lighting discussions go on every year," said Schafer. "Because of our discussions with parking, they redesigned the Gelston parking lot and they included an additional lot in the campus development plan."

Schafer said lighting was installed between the non-preferred parking lot near the softball field and the rest of campus after Student Congress pointed out the safety issues involved.

Recognizing a need to praise organizations committed to the betterment of Alma College, Student Congress instituted a new award, "The Process of Excellence Award." Presented to organizations that exhibit fiscal responsibility, demonstrate leadership, participate in Student Congress and get involved in student recruitment and fund raising, the first award went to Student Congress and the Class of 2000.

### CLASS of 1998



Class Officers for 1998 were, from left above, Jill Braun, secretary, Matt Wandrie, president, and Kristi Didocha, vice president. The class associate trustee was Ben Hondorp. Class treasurer was Becky Leonard.

Class President Kevin Main said the class of 2000 officers decided to "set the standard for what class officers should be doing to improve student life."

The class conducted three events with Hall Councils. A bowling night helped introduce the freshman class to Alma. Christmas Carols at the Masonic Home and other Gratiot County senior citizen homes brightened elderly hearts.

Philanthropic and service-learning participation by all classes were at an all-time high.

### CLASS of 1999



Class Officers for 1999 were, from left, Amber Piesko, associate trustee, Ray Cochenour, president, Kristy Trisch, vice president, and Sarah Bourdo, treasurer. The class secretary was Heather Klepper.

### CLASS of 2001



### CLASS of 2000



Class Officers for 2000 were, front row from left, Heidi Grantham, Student Congress Homecoming representative, Kevin Main, president, and Carrie Rau, secretary. Back row, Kevin Stanley, treasurer, Ryan Webb, associate trustee, Mike Stoneback, Student Congress Gelston Hall representative, and Ryan Jambau, vice president.

Class Officers for 2001 were, from far left, Amber Brand, treasurer, Jennifer Gibson, secretary, Elizabeth Weber, vice president, and Rob VanTongerloo, president.



# Our Fellow Americans

## Inside and Out

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The Alma Young Democrats and the Model United Nations team took on very different roles within the campus community.

The Alma Young Democrats found themselves less involved in the campus, as compared to years past. But, even though they did not sponsor quite as many campus events, they were still hard at work in their Bruske basement office.

They once again held their traditional debate with the Republicans on campus, allowing quality discussion

to arise on environmental issues addressing America. In addition, they sponsored a guest speaker to bring a voice from outside the campus to discuss the Democratic Party and its future plans.

One explanation for their inactivity was their preparations for a political conference to be held on the campus during the fall of 1998. They hoped to sponsor an enormous campaign day in which candidates could address registered student and community voters.

The Model United Nations team found themselves much more active than the campus democrats, competing in two conferences in New York and St. Louis, and taking home significant wins against tough competition.

In the home of world order, the United Nations Building in New York, Alma was named Outstanding Delegation.

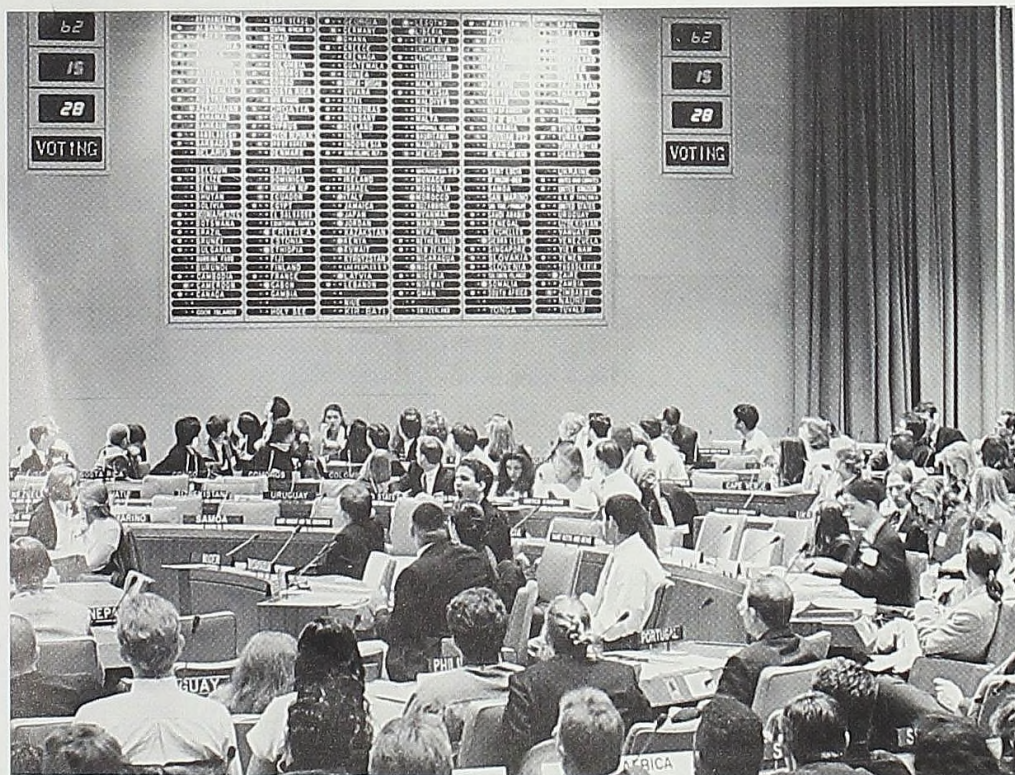
Team members looked at global issues from a new perspective, that of another country. Representing the Republic of Namibia, an African country north of South Africa, the team discussed, debated and drafted resolutions.

They dealt with ways to ensure human security in Africa and developed ideas for obtaining regional security and conflict resolution. They also reviewed the UN's 1992 New Agenda for African Development.

In the end, both organizations contributed to the campus community, atmosphere, and environment in their own unique ways.

By: Cindy Fiedler '99

Model United Nations team members watch the tabulation of voting in the General Assembly Building of the United Nations in New York. Alma's delegation earned Outstanding Delegation, the top honor in the competition, for the third time in four years



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### Politics

A guest speaker addresses the Alma Young Democrats. The Democrats frequently brought in speakers to talk about issues and activities of the local, state and national Democratic Party.

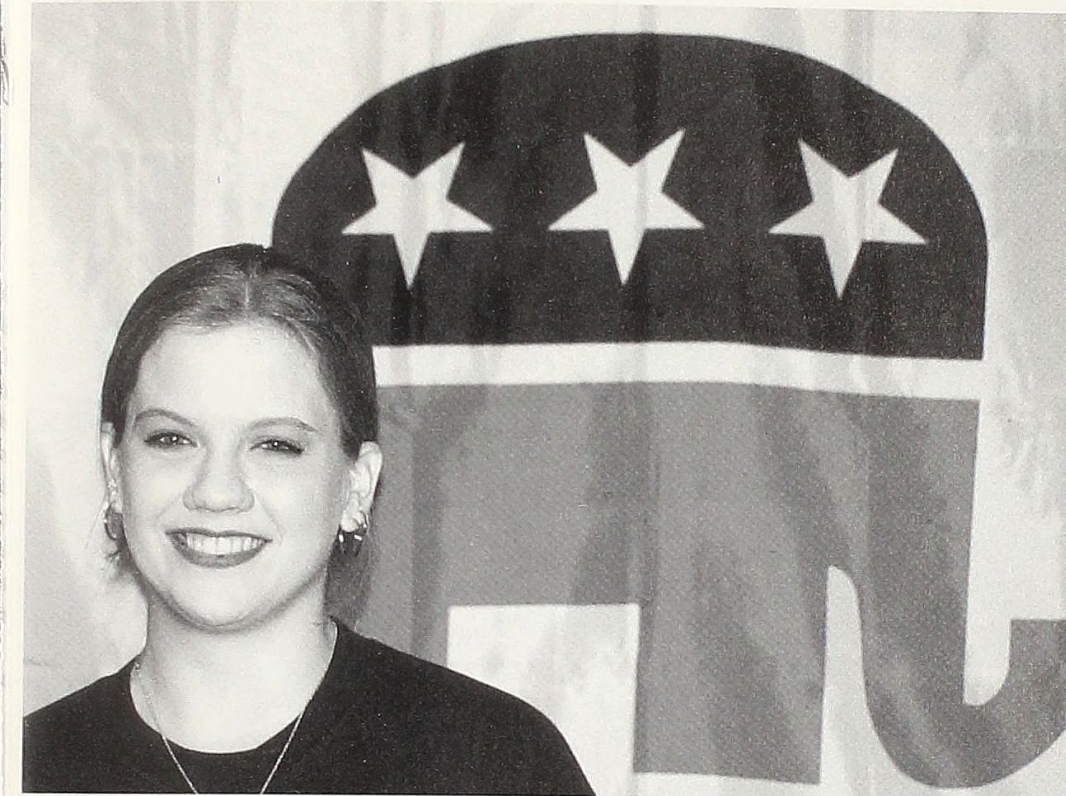


Alma's Provost Dr. Leslie Ellen Brown, far left, and Model UN faculty advisor Dr. Sandy Hulme discuss the performance of Alma's delegation while watching from the General Assembly gallery.



# Hot Topics

## A Political Stance



*Look at this symbol!*  
Left, Second Vice President Lindsay Robinson '00 stands in front of the oh so famous republican symbol, a conservative elephant.

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**1997-1998  
Executive Council**

President  
Shannon Casey '00

1st Vice President  
Kent LaCroix '00

2nd Vice President  
Lindsay Robinson '00

Treasurer  
David Vink '00

Secretary  
Heidi Kerr '99

Public Relations  
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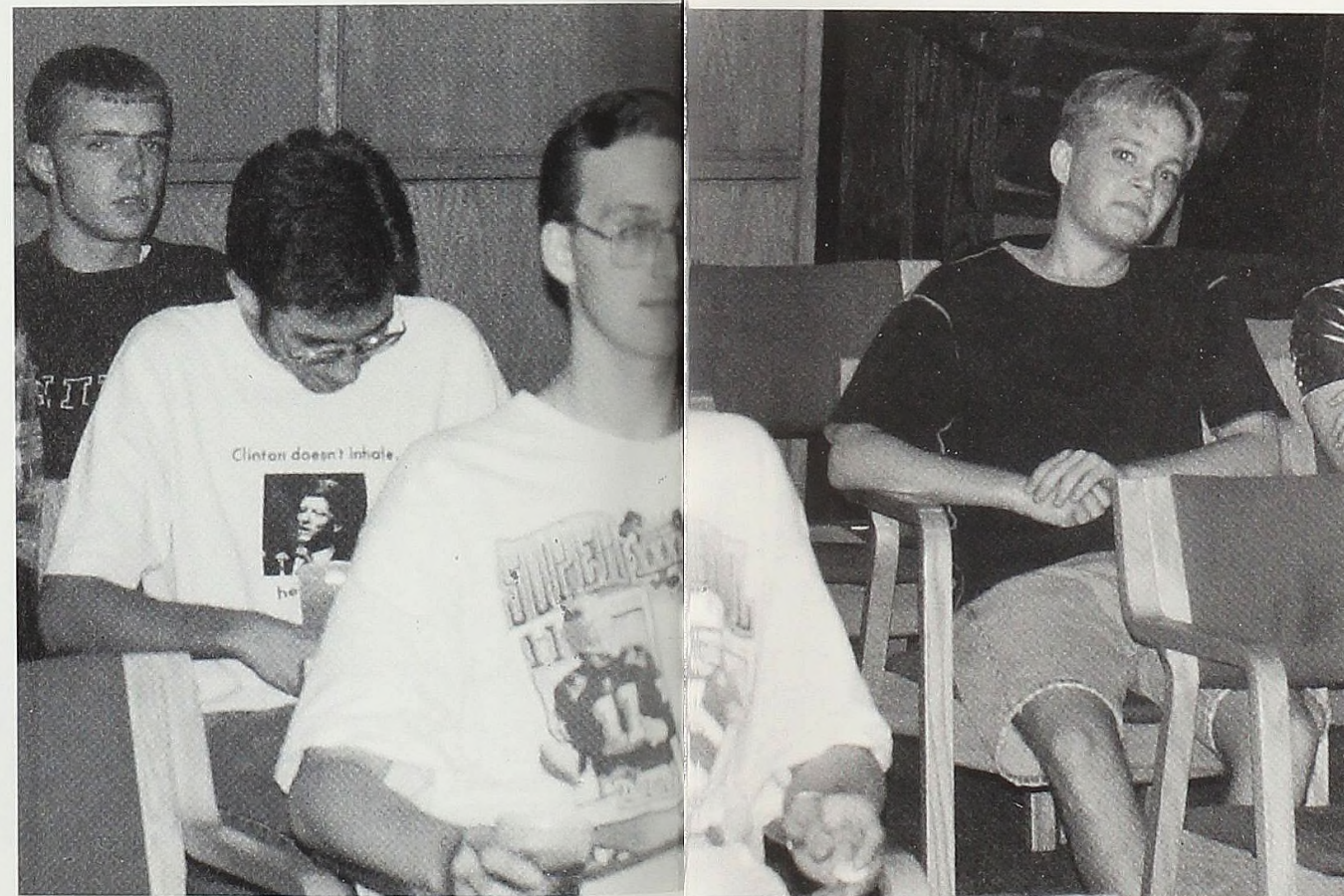
Within the campus' many organizations were the Alma College Republicans, or ACR, as it was commonly known. Buried deep within the basement of Bruske Hall, the campus' two political offices resided. ACR was busy during the year on campus. They brought many speakers to campus, traveled to many conferences, and developed a new method "to spread conservative beliefs!" The group began a program that took officers beyond the basics. They developed hall reps as well as several other representatives.

Shannon Casey '00 said, " Our goal is to promote politics on campus, spread the conservative message, and help to get republicans elected at all levels of government. We have been very successful this year. We have been the most active group on campus. We have had a strong series of speakers, US representatives, the lieutenant governor, state representatives, and state senators. We met John Engler at the State of the State address and we also toured the capitol."

ACR has plans in the future to bowl with Alma Young Democrats and to conduct a voter registration sign-up with AYD.

By: Jason Cottrell '01

"I think it is important to have political groups on campus, both sides, because, you don't realize it but, everyday politics do affect you."  
Shannon Casey '00



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**Stand Proudly!**

Executive Council members Kent LaCroix '00; Shannon Casey '00; David Vink '00; and Lindsay Robinson '00, pose for a picture in front of a freshly hung banner.



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**He's important.**

Above, The Alma College Republicans pose with Governor John Engler. Pictured are Front row from left, Tonya Schafer, Sara Bickler, Lynn Seaton, Governor John Engler, Tuco Jakubowski, Heidi Kerr. Back row, State Representative Larry DeVuyst Adam Molden, Paul Vitantonio, Louis Schultz, Shannon Casey, and Brian Geiger.

**Interesting thought.**

Left, Brad Walworth '01, Brian Geiger '01, Mike Staton '00 and Michael Baysdell '01 pay close attention.

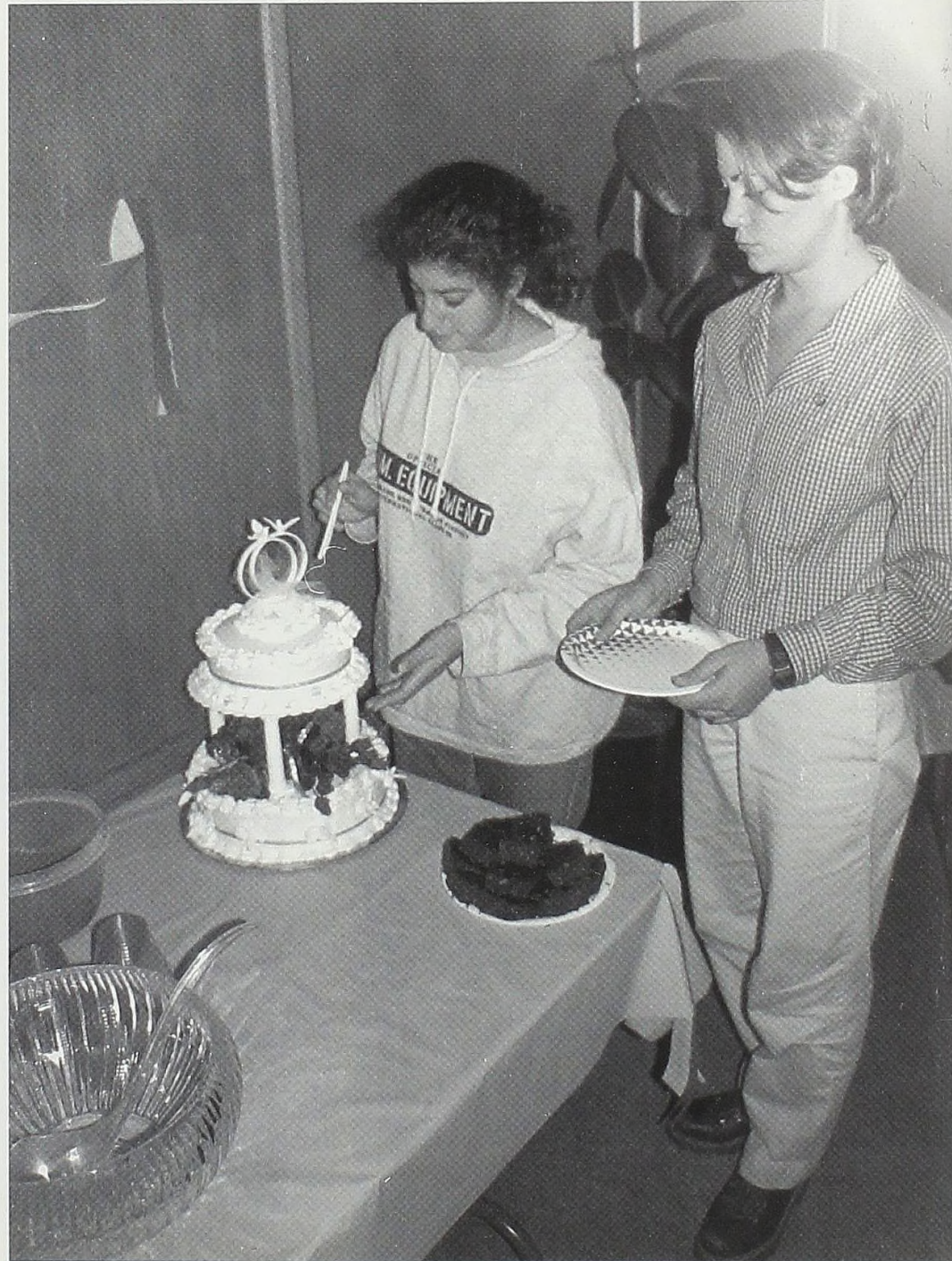


# Sparkling Interests

## Topics of Discussion

### Is that too big?

Right, Alicia Sanchez '98 cuts a piece of cake for Colleen McGrath '99 at a Womens Issues Advisory Board potluck dinner.



### Smile and say cheers!

Left, Alicia Sanchez '98 makes a toast at the WIAB potluck banquet. Everyone is happy to agree with her.



### Smile and say cheers!

Left, Amy Pickelmann '98 pours beverages for the WIAB potluck banquet. WIAB members worked hard during the year to address women's issues. They arranged panel discussions and built displays to make the campus aware of women's contributions to society during Women's History Month in March and throughout the year.



# Keeping the Campus from Burning

## S.O.S. and BACCHUS Support and Serve

BACCHUS and S.O.S. were two service organizations that supported and assisted the community and campus. Through their support, these two organizations inadvertently effected everyone.

BACCHUS, named after the Greek God of wine, was dedicated to teaching people to use alcohol safely.

BACCHUS was not advocating abstinence of alcohol, but reinforced responsible use. Mocktails, non-alcoholic drinks, and speakers were on BACCHUS' agenda.

S.O.S., Students Offering Services, worked to provide services and assistance to the community. The organization's members volunteered

their time to help agencies like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, local shelters, and many other groups.

Organizations were supported by the college, because they were support for the college. S.O.S. and BACCHUS more than proved this.

By: Jason Cottrell '01

"BACCHUS is an organization that wants to make a difference in students' choices dealing with alcohol. It is not anti-alcohol, but it is there to sway people in using their heads if they do drink."

Kathy Reed '99

### A Non-Alcohol Brew...

During BACCHUS' Mocktails event, this poster, left, was used to advertise several of the drinks available.



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### What's in this stuff?

Left, Arminta Rapson '01 tries to serve another drink while Dr. Bob Perkins, a.k.a. Dr. Bob, and Dean Kridler oversee the annual Mocktails.

"S.O.S. likes to work with other organizations on and off campus."

Heather Hodgson '00



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### Gettin' Jiggy Wit' it

Above, Two Mocktails attendees boogie down on the dance floor while Arminta Rapson '01 serves up a few mixed drinks in the background at December's Mocktails. Mocktails, an annual event sponsored by Alma's BACCHUS organization, was one of the groups' biggest events.



# March Madness

## Burning up the Field

As a part of school spirit came the need for a school band. In 1922 the Kiltie Band was created. The band celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a bang. Playing at the football games was only part of the festivities. The band had performances in the Heritage Center and several city parades. Students spent large percentages of their time in practice sessions preparing for their big debuts. As people knew "practice makes perfect" and it showed. The band received several standing ovations at its performances on and off the field.

The band was directed by David Zerbe and had two drum

majors, Dan Scripps '98 and Melinda Towns '98.

Kathy Reed '99 said, "I enjoyed being in the Kiltie Band this year. I continue to play in the band because, it is a great experience to work with all of the talented musicians. To have this common goal while marching across the field or while playing in a concert. The season was excellent. We came in under a new director who chose formations that were totally different than we are used to. It was a lot of hard work but, I enjoyed it all the more."

With the band came the color guard. The color guard was surprised to find it was the first to

wear the new school tartan. The new kilts were being made by a seamstress in Scotland. The color guard was able to show off seven of the new kilts during the season.

Color Guard was also very strenuous work. They practiced daily for their performances. The group performed in all of the field shows using different talents: flags, guns, and batons.

These two organizations were very popular amongst the students. The band could have been taken for credit and the Color Guard was an extracurricular organization. They added a lot of school spirit to campus.

By: Jason Cottrell '01



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### And ONE...

The Kiltie Band begins its march across the football field during one of the late fall football games.

"Playing in the Kiltie Band pays off. It was a great enjoyment working with everybody in it."

Kathy Reed '98



J. Cottrell

### Boom!

Kevin Metz '01 hits a beat as the band plays after a home score. The band would play immediately following any score. This was one of many for the year.

"Color guard was a great opportunity to partake in the games. Shows, especially the parades, were a lot of fun. Our hard work paid off and showed in the end."

Erin Glomski '99

### Concentration

Christina Penfold '01 and Emily Weston '01 play the "pit" music on the field during a football game. This section of the band played on the immobile instruments.



J. Cottrell

### With Flying Colors

Stacey Beyer '00 swings her flag proudly while expressing herself with her new kilt. The kilts were created by a seamstress in Scotland.



J. Cottrell

### Marching on Beat...

The Kiltie Band is led by the color guard during the start of the Homecoming Parade entitled "Where the Wild Things Are."



J. Cottrell



# Sheets of Music, Sheets of Fire

## Music Variation

Members of two organizations on campus went beyond having fun and serving the community while they showed the public their talent. The Alma Symphony Orchestra and The Alma Percussion Ensemble practiced to have one of the best years ever. Performing a variety of concerts they came together with "many moments of ear-pleasing music," said Kelly Boeneman '01.

The Alma Symphony Orchestra, the Alma Choirs and the Alma College Dance Company came together for several performances. The orchestra added the music to ACDC's performance of *The Nutcracker* and participated in *Carmina Burana*, the choirs' spring concert.

In several concerts of their own, the ASO performed music ranging from an opera, *Billy the Kid*, to pieces written by Mozart.

The Percussion Ensemble was also busy this year. Members of the group spent a large amount of time playing in other organizations including, The Kiltie Band and The Alma Symphony Orchestra.

By: Jason Cottrell '01



Tuning up.  
Members of the Alma Symphony Orchestra tune up during a rehearsal for the second act of *The Nutcracker*.

"I felt privileged to have Marc ask me to work with him for his Senior Recital. Out of the five group members involved, I was the only freshman in the group. What better way to end your first year at Alma than by having a talented person ask me to join in his Senior Recital."  
Kevin Metz '01

Rap. Tap. Tap.

Below, Brock Kramer '00 and Kevin Metz '01 of the Percussion Ensemble play during a Spring music performance.



K. Reed

Playing together.

Below, During the spring choir concert, the Alma Symphony Orchestra joined with the Men's and Women's Choirs for a performance of *Carmina Burana*.



K. Reed

A cultural experience.

Kevin Metz '01, Erin Eames '98, Marc Alderman '98, Christopher Stapels '98, and Kevin Kosch '00, members of the Percussion Ensemble, contribute to the festivities during Marc Alderman's senior recital.



# Blazing Forth in Christ

## United Campus Ministries

Three of the many organizations which encompassed the Christian population were the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Trinity Bible Fellowship, and Chi-Alpha (XA). These groups lead the way in encouraging young Christians to flourish.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes celebrated its re-establishment as an organization. FCA was involved throughout the year providing a religious base for young athletes. The group sponsored the Young Church Band out of Mt. Pleasant. Young Church was a great way to praise and worship while enjoying great music," claimed Matt Robertson '98. FCA helped many students through their year here. Monday nights the group could be seen in the Chapel with the FCA fellowship Bible studies. Todd Francis '00 responded, when asked why he

joined FCA, "I love to worship the Lord and learn more about my Creator. I wanted other people to have the same opportunity."

United Ministries, which is comprised of Trinity, FCA, and XA, began a new ministry to the students. Every week, a different movie was featured as the topic for the study. *Contact* and *Titanic* were two of the themes that were applied to a real life situations. There was drama, video, and live band to celebrate the Christian aspect of life.

Trinity Bible Fellowship held weekly meetings Wednesday evenings. The group canvassed the campus dormitories with information about themselves and an invitation to attend church services. Not only were they involved with their Bible studies and promotions, they also knew how to have fun while spreading the Word. The "Who is this God?"

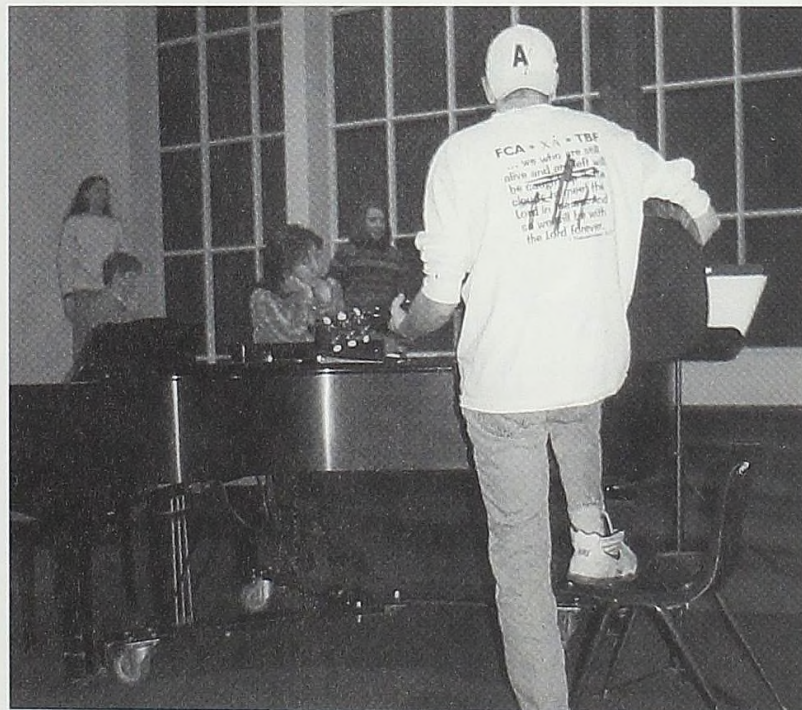
program featured a live band, among many other activities. The most touching aspect of the evening were the personal testimonies of several students. Elizabeth Paterson '01 said "hearing other students talk about their relationships with Christ was awesome and awe-inspiring."

The Chapel Committee met to help lead the worship services held in the Chapel every Sunday. The group planned songs, games, and stories along with XA. In keeping with their title as "Christ's chosen ones," which is what XA stands for, this group represented a portion of the Christians on campus. They also had the "100 Portraits" concert, a husband and wife band that played guitar and percussion, respectively. These groups proved that although they were doing a religious service, they could still have fun.

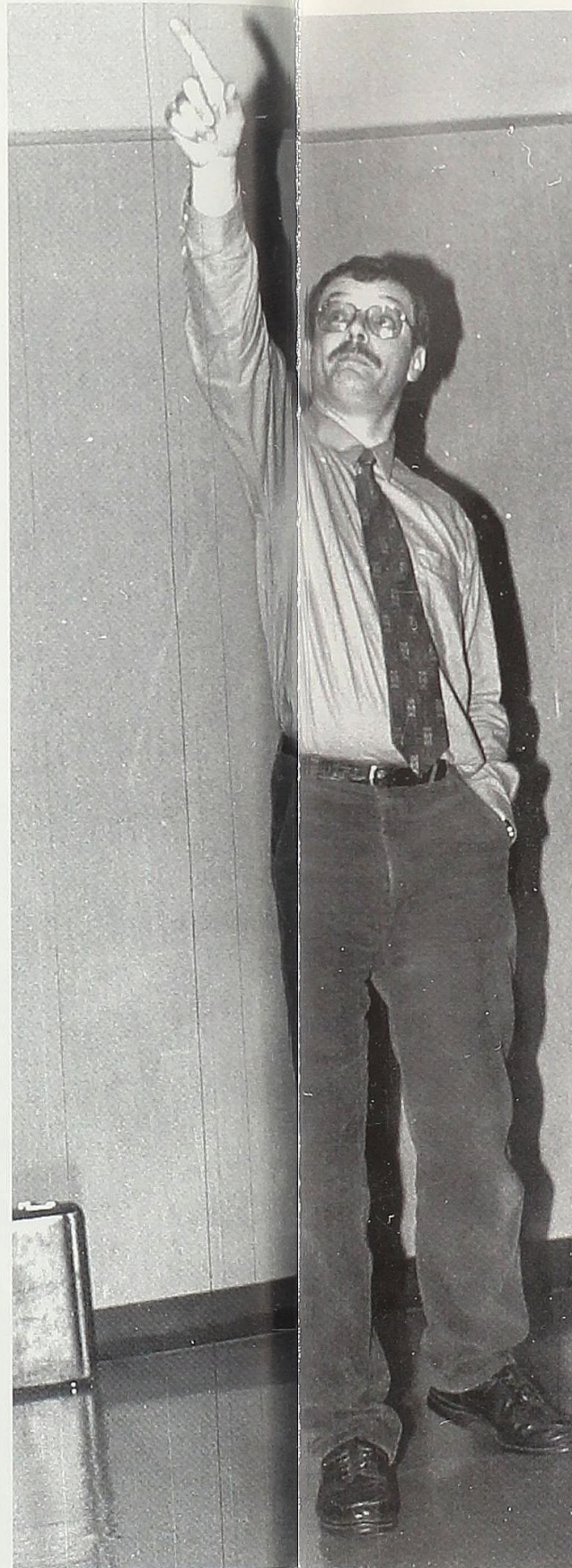
By: Sara Vaughn '01

### Sing! Sing! Sing!

Ben Cable '00 plays the guitar as Heidi Kerr '99 sings along. Chi Alpha sponsored many activities with singing and drama.



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### Drumroll, please...

Together, this husband and wife sing "King of Creation." The "100 Portraits" concert sponsored by XA was held in the Chapel in early March.



C. Washko

### Alleluia!

Lonna Lutze '00 and Robin Johncheck '99 sing together in worship and praise. Lonna said, "XA is very important to me. It really helped me through the year."

### Ladies and Gentlemen

Chapel Committee sponsored Wally Pleasant in concert for a night of music, laughter, and fun. Pleasant is from Lansing and appears at many different colleges around the state.



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### Pointing the way

Glenn Kerr addresses Trinity Bible Fellowship and other students. He spoke about his travels in Chad and his job as a Bible translator.



Delicacies

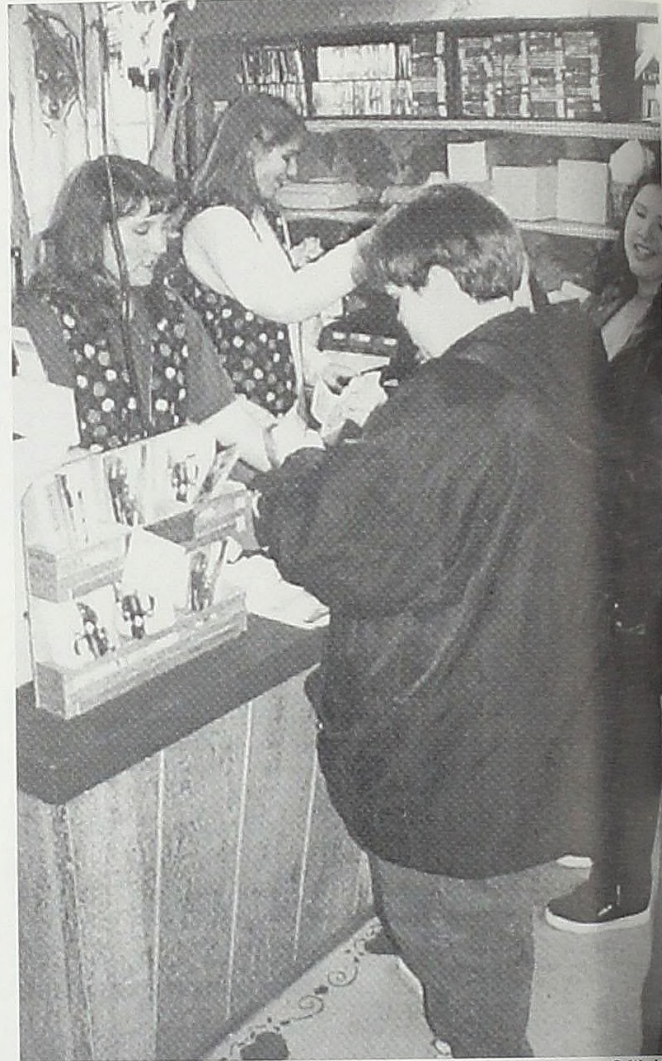
Below, Ji Park '01 enjoys some of the specialties Chef Eric prepared for Mardi Gras, celebrated by many campus organizations.



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Memories

Right, Carrie Kaminski '99 purchases a souvenir from Jennifer Dunham '99 at Uncle John's Cider Mill. Mentoring Enhances Growth at Alma (MEGA) gave students the opportunity to visit places off campus.



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March

Right, The MEGA Kazoo Band proudly displays their banner in the Homecoming Parade. The organization's band was quickly becoming an annual tradition.



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A howling night...

Sue Cook '01 and Aaron Decker '01 socialize at the MEGA Halloween Party. There were many other activities open to MEGA students throughout the year.



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# Piery First-years

## MEGA

Mentoring Enhances Growth at Alma (MEGA) eased the adjustment from home to college for many first-year students.

"Being there for my two mentees was very important to me. I wanted them to feel as if they were welcome from the moment they moved in," said Kari Patchkowski '99.

Mentors arrived during Pre-term to help mentees move in. Many mentees were grateful to see mentors. "My mentor was great! She was a friendly face among strangers. My mentor is cool!" Melissa Koch '01 said.

A Pine River canoe trip, Christmas shopping at the

Meridian Mall, ice-skating, a Winter Fun Day, Mardi Gras at The Hole, and many more activities were planned for the mentors and the mentees.

The best attended event, the Opening Picnic gave mentees a chance to hook up with mentors they had not yet met. Everyone played ice-breakers, talked, and ate hamburgers and hot-dogs.

Most mentees had an easier adjustment period thanks to their mentor's commitment. "I think MEGA is a great program. It really helps, you know?" Danialle Wiltsie '01 said.

By: Sara Vaughn '01



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Pumpkins

Aminta Rapson '01 and Jessica Johnson '99 admire the pumpkins at Uncle John's Cider Mill. Many students enjoyed playing in the pumpkin patch that day.



# Vibrant Vocals

## Choir and Glee

### Yes! Michigan

The Mixed Choir traveled around Michigan and to Chicago, Ill., to perform an eclectic mix of songs. The Choir Tour took in eight different cities during the nine-day Winter Break.



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Alma's vocal groups — mixed choir and the men's and women's glee clubs — required a big investment of extracurricular time and effort, but paid large dividends.

"Choir is a great activity to bring people together. Music is a good outlet for stress," said Sara Snow '98. "My favorite thing about choir is the performances, though."

Performances like the Homecoming concert, "The Howling" Halloween Concert, "The Festival of Carols" at Christmas, the Spring Concert, and "Carmina Burana" required devotion and time commitment. In addition to evening rehearsals and regular class times, many weekends were spent entertaining crowds of people in Presbyterian Hall of the Heritage Center.

For the mixed choir, this commitment went a step further. The vocalists spent

Winter Break touring Michigan, with a final performance in Chicago, Ill., sharing their talents with audiences.

"The tour was a good chance for me to get to know people, especially since I was new," said Lindsey Ricci '01. Joey Martin '99 agreed, "Tour was fun! I got to know a lot more people and the choir as a group. It made a lot of new friends."

The tour allowed parents and friends typically unable to attend students' performances the opportunity to experience the choir's music. Many alumni were in the pews of the churches visited by the choir. The tour not only benefited those who came to enjoy the performances, but also the choir and the music department with donations collected during performances.

By: Sara Vaughn '01 and Cindy Fiedler '99



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### A Change of Scenery

During the Michigan Tour, the Choir impresses the audience at First Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, one of many stops on the tour.

### Women's Glee

Elizabeth Anderlick	Barbara Knust
Amanda Armour	Heather Koutz
Alexis Behm	Jamie Koutz
Sara Bickler	Meredith Lawrence
Terra Blanford	Tanna Lounds
Dana Boyer	Kathleen Mc Crudden
Melissa Bridges	Cynthia Miller
Moon-Jung Choi	Judith Morre
Angela Clark	Anne-Marie Nelson
Margaret Colingsworth	Janitza Ocasio
Susanne Cook	Ji Young Park
Rebecca Cunningham	Allison Peters
Jennifer Dulz	Kirstin Porter
Bethany Emery	Alyson Richmond
Tamara Godfrey	Leslie Russel
Meredith Gray	Beth Siewert
Andrea Grover	Bethany Simmons
Valerie Harris	Kathi Svenson
Shaina Hewitt	Holly Townsend
Sarah Hogan	Erica Whichello
Elizabeth Jones	Jessica Williams
Katherine Jullieret	Danielle Wiltzie
Diana King	Adrienne Worrel
Jennifer Klaiss	Jennifer Zerba

### Choir

Sarah Adair	Nicholas O'Neill
Jennifer Brown	Neal Palmreuter
Tiffany Brown	Christina Papworth
Bryan Brunelle	Nicholas Paul
Katherine Bunker	Mark Petrocelli
Richard Buszek	Jamie Raden
Elizabeth Butcher	Carrie Reid
Ben Cable	Lindsey Ricci
John Chapel	Devin Ripmaster
Jeff Chowning	Joel Ritter
Jim Coe	Matthew Robertson
Jennifer Cornell	Lindsay Robinson
Jon Cullen	Nicole Robson
Marissa Cox	Katie Rodgers
Marcus Evans	Lori Romeyn
Jared Falkowski	Amanda Schafer
Todd Francis	Michelle Sharpe
Anne Galsterer	Julie Shier
Heather Grant	Michael Slater
Karl Griggs-Vinyard	Sara Snow
Mary Hess	Marc Stanley
Bethany King	Michael Stoneback
Matt Kunkle	Andrew Tallman
Rebecca Leonard	Alison Thayer
Kate Lowry	Melinda Towns
Joseph Martin	Rebecca Van Bruggen
Judith Mehney	Amalia Vander Beek
Tim Nester	John Zielinski

### Men's Glee

Humberto Bastos-Filho	Mason Kuffman	Daryl Showers
Eric Brands	Kent LaCroix	Aaron Simmons
Chevron Fickel	Kevin Main	Kevin Stanley
Timothy Haist	James Miller	Kale Stephens
Dr. Scott Hill	Adam Molden	Nathan Stephens
William Hill	Adam Musielewicz	Keith Suppes
Matt Hudson	Joshua Peterson	Ryan Swett
Ian Kennedy	David Piering	Neil Tallent
Aaron Kerr	Andrew Scanlan	Eric Wood

### Beware of the Full Moon

Volunteers emphasize the lyrics of "Them Bones" during the Halloween concert, "The Howling," presented by the Mixed Choir and the Men' and Women's Glee Clubs.



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### Deck the Halls

The choirs sing songs such as "Whose Woods These Are" based on the poem by Robert Frost, during the Christmas Concert, "A Festival of Carols." The annual holiday concert was a success again in 1998.

### So Long, Farewell, Auf Weirdersen, Adieu

The Mixed Choir waves good-bye at their Spring Concert. The concert featured highlights of the Michigan Tour and songs performed by the Men' and Women's Glee Clubs.



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# Life Outside the Classroom

## Resident Assistants and Hall Councils

College was twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. When students were not in class, most often they spent the majority of their time in residence halls.

Resident Assistants, screened and trained well in advance, helped provide a more enjoyable experience for hall residents. The RA selection process, long and tedious, ensured students capable of providing help.

The RAs devoted much of their personal time to their jobs. They listened to personal stories of residents, attended meetings, planned

and presented projects, worked at switch, and spent many evenings on duty.

An RA's job was filled with good and bad times, just like everything else in life, but hall programs were one of the more enjoyable experiences.

It was usual practice for RAs to join forces to help residents interact and make the college experience more enjoyable for all. Programs included, sledding, skiing, relaxation techniques, self defense education, dating education, and attending campus events.

Many RAs held monthly meetings to keep in touch with residents' needs and wants in students' living environments.

Often, Hall Councils were reaching for the same goal of making daily life more enjoyable. Gelston hall resurrected their council, established officers, rewrote their constitution, and become active in Student Congress. They made plans for the coming school year to make improvements to the hall and the campus.

Newberry hall was quite active this year. In addition to many other events, they sponsored a campus euchre tournament. South Complex held a rummage sale to help upperclassmen clean out their dorm rooms.

Both resident assistants and hall councils worked to make the daily living more comfortable and enjoyable for their residents. In the end, most residents agree the goals were accomplished.

By: Cindy Fiedler '99

### Bruske Hall Council

Front row from left, Joel Sanderson, Dana Cole, Jenn Brown, Sara Peel, Mat Dube and Brad Walworth. Back row, Lindsay Keegstra, and Kristin Lindsay. Bruske Hall Council and the hall councils in other residence halls made life on campus a comfortable, safe home away from home.



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### Bruske Hall Resident Assistants

#### North Tower

Sean Brown  
Rebecca Leonard  
Regina Kaufka  
Beth Schwalm  
Shannon Casey  
Eryn Hart

#### South Tower

Sarah Chambers  
Andrew Scanlan  
Rick Brands  
Sarah Christensen  
Karyll Groty  
Ryan Wilson  
Alyson Ferris



### South Complex Resident Assistants

#### Brazell Hall

Chad Wisniewski  
Julie Wilson

#### Nisbet Hall

Jim Inman  
Galina Martin

#### Bonbright Hall

Laura Ringle  
Holly Roten

#### Carey Hall

Nils Danielson  
Micah Scharer

### Newberry Hall Resident Assistants

Alicia Sanchez  
Amber Voorheis  
Katherine Rodgers  
Cathleen Arnold  
Sarah Green  
Michelle Colville  
Anne-Marie Hiltz  
Dawn Smith  
Melissa Crossnoe  
Danielle Sullivan

### Mitchell Hall Resident Assistants

Jeremy Williams  
Scott Hill  
Steve Crider  
Jim Coe  
Chris Tapley  
Kenny Warner  
Mike McHugh  
Ben Chasnis  
Peter Muccio  
Dan Holmes

### Gelston Hall Resident Assistants

Betsie Keeler  
Katherine Berry  
Mark Oberman

Renee DeGraaf  
Martha Schaefer

Ben Hondorp  
Greg McQuillan  
Sara Keinath



# Even We Could Prevent Forest Fires

## Organizations strived to save the environment

In an effort to create a better campus and local environment, many students joined Students United for Nature (SUN), United Coalition of Students (UCS) and Association for Intercultural Understanding. The Student Alumni Association took a new name, Alma Leadership Alliance (ALA), and worked to help students make the transition to alumni.

SUN worked on campus and in the Alma community on "Adopt-a-Highway" and the bi-annual Pine River Cleanup.

"The Pine River Cleanup helps me to feel better about myself because I know that someone, somewhere in this world, appreciates it" said Julie Grannis '98.

Even the most dogged workers got a break to relax. The group visited the Shiwasee Flats in October

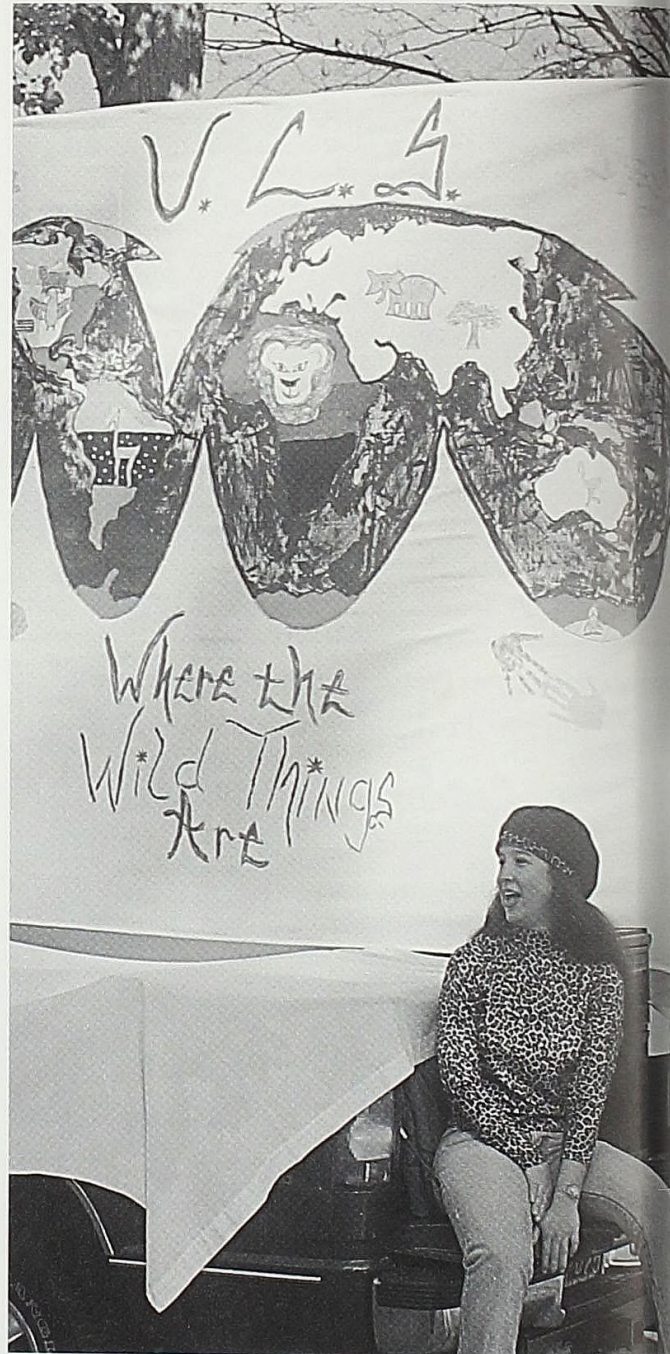
and took a whitewater rafting trip. "Just seeing this wonder of nature makes all the hard work to preserve it, more worthwhile," said Adrienne Worrell '98.

ALA is responsible for the bi-annual "exam treats." Working out of the Alumni Relations Office, members work with alumni, prepare current students to become alumni, and volunteer for several campus projects. Homecoming planning is one of the most important projects of the year.

Funding for ALA comes from the Alumni Relations Office and is not officially part of Student Congress.

All of these groups improved campus and community environments in their own ways. Accustomed to making people smile, they improved our world.

Jason Cottrell '01 &  
Sara Vaughn '01



Right, Ajasha Rodriguez '00 of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, rides the float built by United Coalition of Students for the Homecoming parade.



### SUN brightens the future:

Members of Students United for Nature (SUN) participated in several activities designed to make the campus and Alma community a better place environmentally. SUN members included Tim Black '99, Ollie Leiterman '00, Andy Scanlan '99, Carrie Kaminski '99, Bill Goetzinger '01, Beth Richnak '00, and Stephanie Lehnert '00.

"ALA is great! We are not part of Student Congress! Our budget is not as limited and it is fun!"  
Julie Tolles '00  
&  
Bryan Brunelle '00



### Absorption

right, One of many guest speakers addresses the campus community in Dunning Memorial Chapel, just one of the many locations where speakers often took the stage.

### Advancement

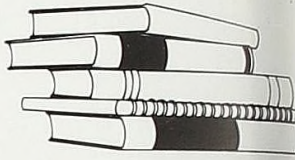
Below, A student discusses career opportunities with a potential employer at Career Explo. Sponsored annually by the Center for Student Development, the event assists students searching for internships and employment.



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### Feedback

Below, Dan Scripps '98 directs his curiosity to guest speakers from the news media addressing a Communications class. Most academic departments frequently sponsored visiting speakers.



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# Ignition

## Learning is Achieved

Academics were on fire this year. Campus activities always included something educational, whether it be related to campus jobs to just hanging out at the library. Many students took advantage of these learning opportunities, along with attending speakers, and

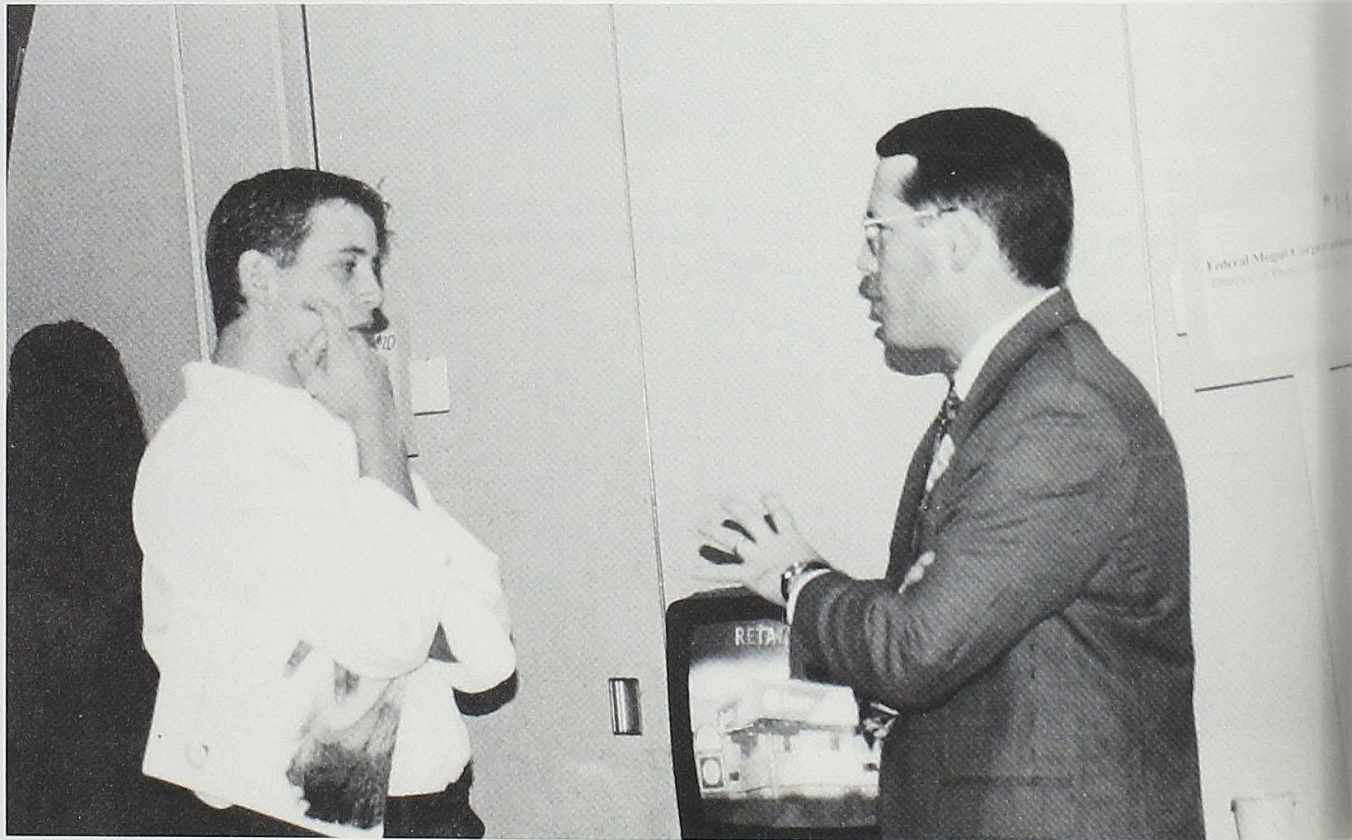
occasionally taking breaks from studying to relieve stress buildup from finals. Many students also developed relationships with their professors that will last a lifetime. "Dr. Palmer is one of the best professors a student poet can meet here at Alma. I

encourage anyone who is serious about writing poetry to get to know him," said Andy Goodman '98. Learning experiences were found everywhere, as students dove into academics and tried not to get burned.

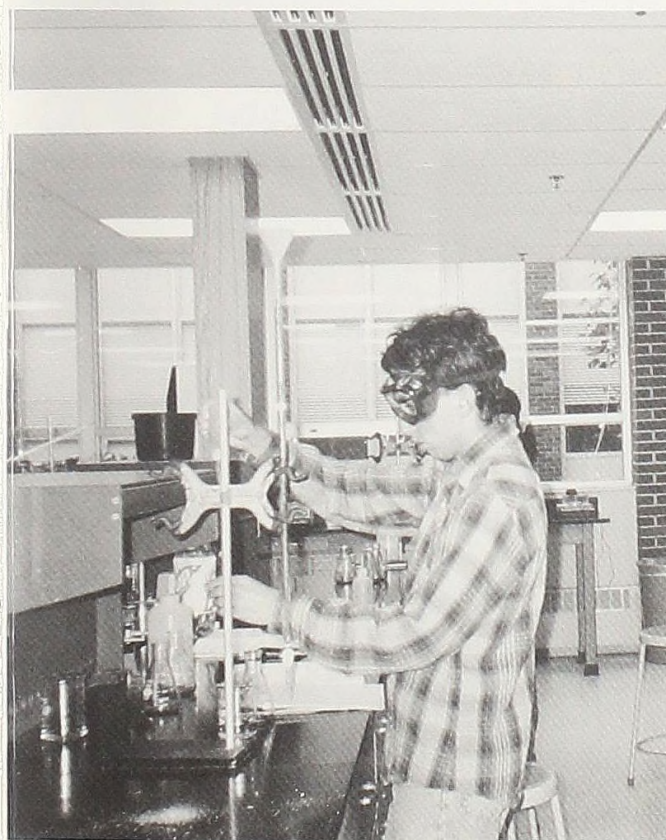
by Alexis Behm '01

I think what makes going to class fun is that the professors don't treat you like you're a little kid. You can disagree with them and joke around with them and it makes class exciting. It can open the door to some really good discussions. I also think it helps when professors don't try to talk above you. They can kick back and have a good time just like everyone else and they're not afraid to be blunt, open and direct. When they're willing to talk your talk and walk your walk and not take things too seriously, class can be a real riot.

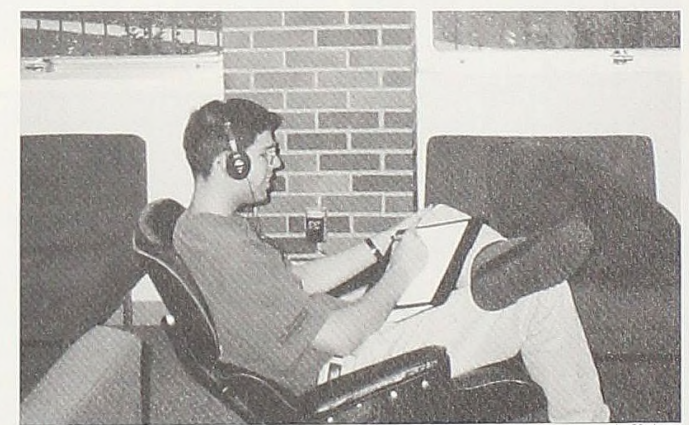
- Cindy Miller '98



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### Inspiration

Above, John Chasnis '00 enjoys lounging in the library with his headphones while completing his assignments. Many students found the library an environment conducive to learning.

### Hands on

Left, Zacchaeus Compson '01 works diligently at one of his experiments. Many students spent much of their time in the science labs.



# New Requirements Add *class*

by Susanne Cook

Starting with the Class of 2001, students have more distributive requirements to fill. At least two terms of a single foreign language and a computational/mathematical science class have been added. The foreign language requirement can be waived if a student took two years of high school foreign language.

Many students appreciate the new requirements and think they are necessary to a liberal arts education.

"This is an excellent requirement. The current

distributives are too easy and don't challenge students enough," Michael Baysdell '01 said of previous distributive requirements.

Students in favor of adding distributive requirements for a liberal arts degree must be well rounded. They also felt that as the world becomes more technology based, math and computer classes are essential.

Even though the skills and knowledge gained from these classes are important, some students feel the college must re-

fine requirements in the future. With additional requirements, students may have to extend their college experience to more than four years.

Students with double majors or education majors frequently take four and a half years to graduate. With the addition of distributives, many other students will have to be here longer.

"My required distributives did give me a well-rounded education. But, I'm afraid they will keep adding distributives

and not allow us to take classes we want to take," said Amy Hoffman '98.

In our society, being a diversely educated person is important, especially with new technological developments occurring frequently. Receiving a liberal arts education helped us become more knowledgeable on numerous subjects, and adding two new requirements, foreign language classes and mathematical or computer science classes, should help us even more.

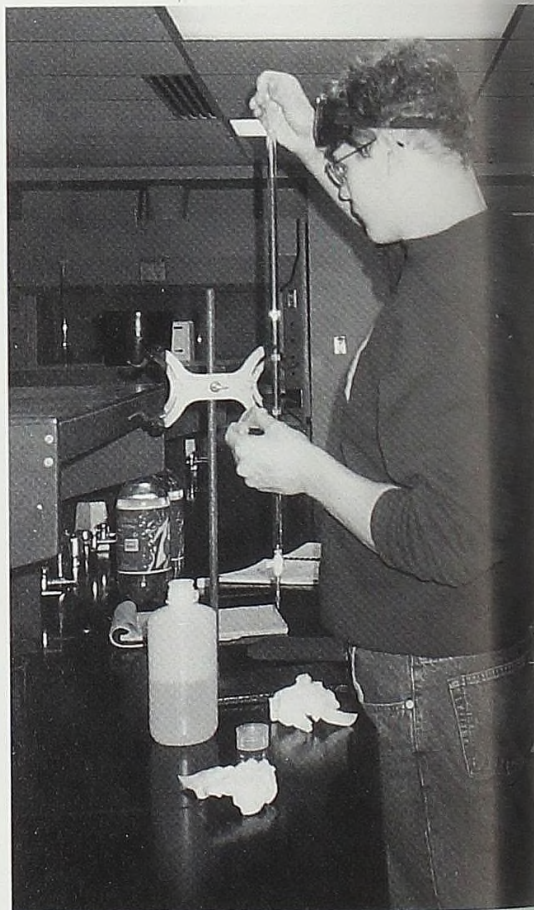
“They don't really affect what I have to take in college, but I still think [the new requirements] are a good idea. Math is SO important it isn't funny. And, the world is becoming all computers, so that is important too.”

-Aaron Decker '01

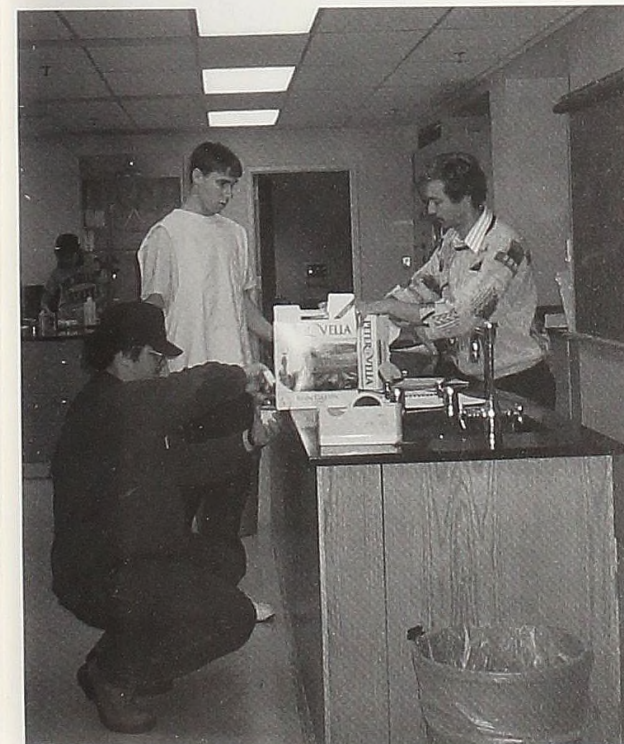
**Computation**  
Right, Matt Leighty '01 does a chemistry experiment in lab. Students were expected to take two labs in life or physical sciences.

“Having the foreign language requirement is very important. As the world becomes smaller, it becomes more important to use more than one language. And, a foreign language is necessary, especially in light of the future global economy.”

-John Meliska '01



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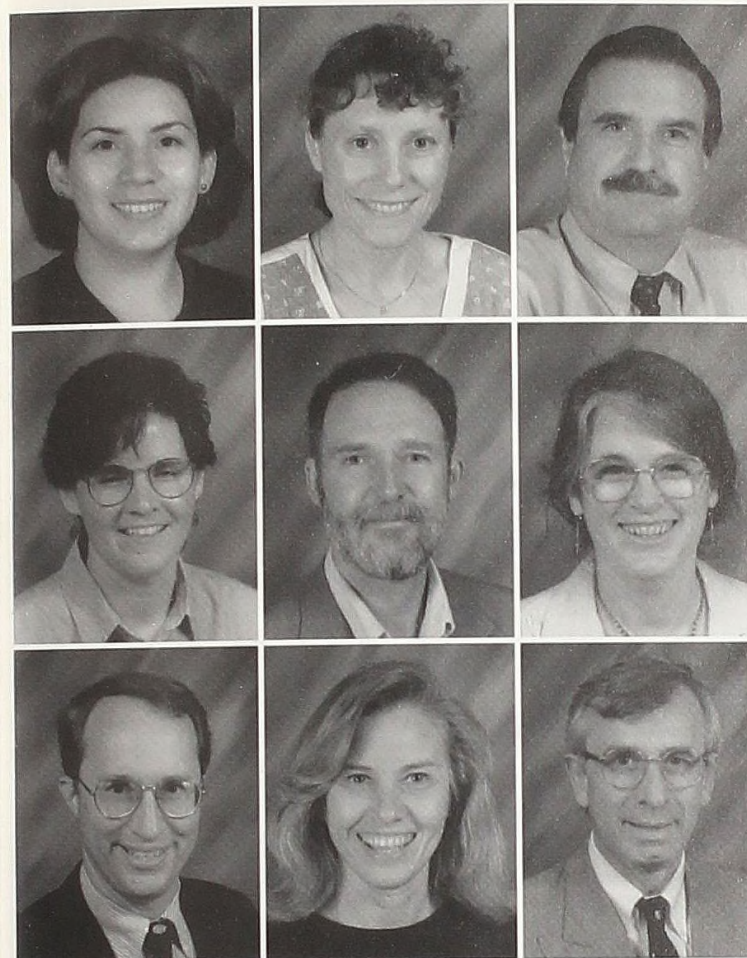


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**Experimentation**  
Left, Dr. Hansert helps Joe Peters '01 and Lewis Schultz '01 prepare a chemistry lab. Science students found labs often conflicted with filling distributive requirements.

“Being a science major, it would be hard for me to fit in more distributives. If I had had the foreign language requirement to fill, I would not have had time to take some classes I wanted to take and that would help me in the future.”

-Amy Hoffman '98



Fanny Osuna Acosta  
*Foreign Language*  
Dr. Julie Arnold  
*Foreign Language*  
Gregory Baleja  
*Business Administration*

Dr. Karen Ball  
*Excercise & Health Science*  
Tom Batchelder  
*Psychology*  
Dr. Gwyneth Beagley  
*Psychology*  
Dr. Verne Bechill  
*Sociology*

Dr. Joe Beckmann  
*Biochemistry*  
Dr. Carol Bender  
*English*  
Dr. Richard Bowker  
*Biology*  
Wei Tsun Chang  
*Music*



# Speakers Spread The Word

by Susanne Cook

Throughout the year, students attended guest speakers' lectures on many different topics. Alumni, faculty members, and researchers were sponsored by organizations, departments, and students who felt getting a broad prospective on different topics was important.

Students United for Nature (SUN) invited Stacy Urn, an Alma alumna, to speak about

her environmental work on a ship that explored the Great Lakes waters.

"Stacy's presentation was informative and interesting to listen to. It was something all of us could learn from," said Carrie Kaminski '99.

Dr. Bernard Greenburg, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois, Chicago, presented a very interesting

and different lecture titled "Maggots and Murder: Flies as Forensic Indicators." He introduced his audience to what was a remarkable and relatively new field of research.

Elaine-Tyler May, a recognized speaker and author on gender roles, came to the campus to discuss the "American family" and its values throughout history.

"Her presentation was very

informative and valuable. She effectively demolished the 'myth' that American 'family values' are currently in jeopardy," said Dr. Karen Garner.

The guest speakers gave interesting and informative views on their topics and gave students the chance to think in different ways.



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Above, Karla Greening '99 and Allyson Ham '99 listen to Stacy Urn's presentation. "Stacy's job seems very interesting. I learned a lot from what she talked about in her lecture," said Karla.

Right, Dr. Murray Borello at Stacy Urn's presentation.



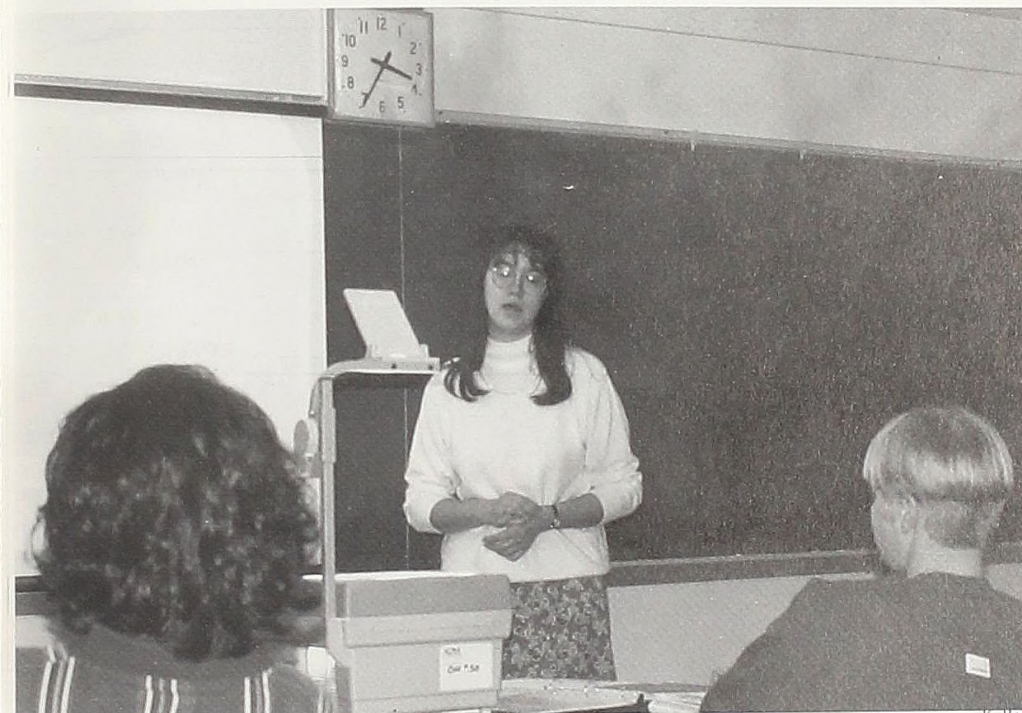
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"I think it is very important to hear as many guest speakers as possible. It is not every day in your life that you're going to have the opportunity to hear so many different speakers on so many different topics. The different points of view from the lectures help us grow academically, intellectually, and personally."

-Cindy Miller '98

"Guest speakers are important because they bring a sense of real world experience to the campus. They are in a position where you may be in a few years."

-Shannon Casey '00

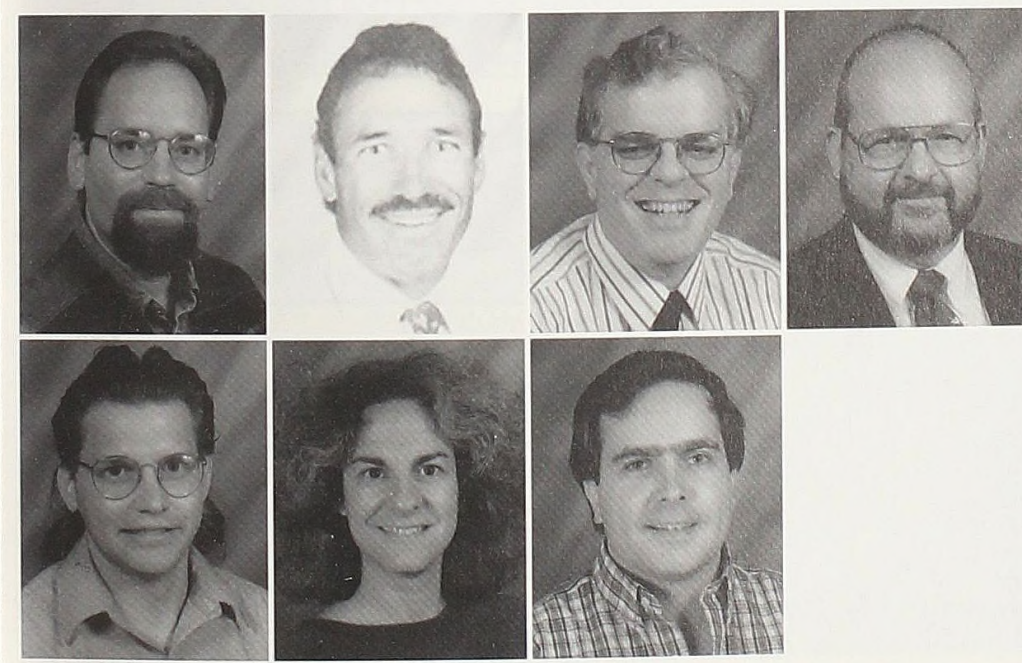


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"Guest speakers allow students to experience the world outside of the 'Alma Bubble.' Listening to experts in particular fields show students what they can achieve after graduation."

-Erica Bachman '01

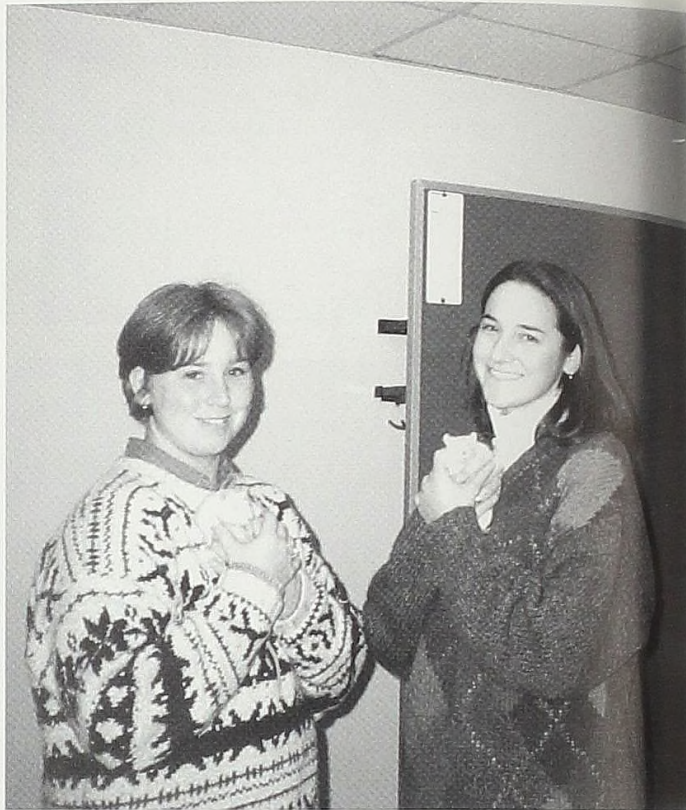
**Differences**  
Left, Melissa Desjarlais '00, discusses Boolean math. During spring term of her freshman year, Melissa learned about this type of mathematics while in England. In her lecture, Melissa showed students how different this type of math was compared to the math we learned.



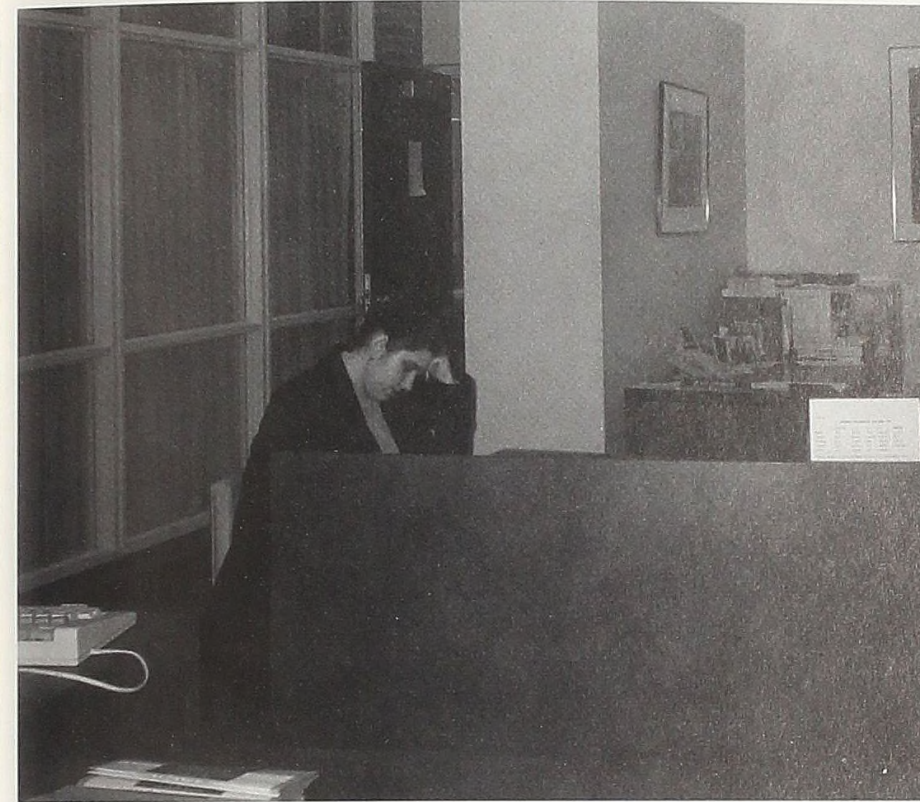
- Dr. David L. Clark  
*Biology*
- Jim Cole  
*EHS Instructor*
- Dr. Burnet Davis  
*Political Science*
- Dr. Eugene Deci  
*Physics*
- Steven Draheim  
*Theatre*
- Dr. Carol Fike  
*Dance*
- Dr. Patrick Furlong  
*History*



**RATS!**  
Michelle Colville '98 and Erin DeWaard '99 pose with their furry little friends from Psychology Lab. Teaching Assistants not only had the chance to work with other students, and faculty, but they were able to help with some really interesting experiments.



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**SHHH!**  
Rachel Carew '99 is busy at work in the library. As one of the many job opportunities on campus, the library served as an interesting and quiet place to work.

“Psychology Lab has a laid-back atmosphere and I felt really comfortable helping out. At first it seemed a little odd that students were coming to me, another student, but I certainly did not mind.”  
-Erin DeWaard '99

- Dr. Karen Garner  
*History*
- Dr. Joanne Gilbert  
*Communications*
- Tincy Goggin  
*Math/Computer Science*
- Dr. Kay Grimnes  
*Biology*



“I love working in the music office with Kathy Hill! It is fun getting to see everyone come in, and the professors are really cool to work for...You see one side of them in class, but then you see them in the office and it is totally different!”  
-Jennifer Brown '99

“Aside from working with other students, one of the best parts of my job is that it allowed me to keep in practice the knowledge that I learned in my courses at Alma.”  
-John Zielinski '98

- Alana Hansert  
*EHS*
- Dr. Bernhard Hansert  
*Chemistry*
- Kathy Hill  
*Music*
- Dr. Sandy Hulme  
*Political Science*



## Campus Jobs Pay

by Susanne Cook

When you got to college, did you ever wonder where all of your money went? Of course, picking up a job would help with your cash flow but, without a car, it's a hard thing to do. WRONG! Luckily for students, the college offered many jobs—so many that it wasn't possible to keep track of all of the different types. No matter what your interests and hobbies were, there was always a job relating to

them; you just had to find it. Jobs on campus covered a broad spectrum of work for students. It was possible to find students working for coaches, in the computer labs, in labs as teachers' assistants, at switch in the underclassmen dorms, doing secretarial work, serving as a house manager for the Heritage Center, and many other jobs. Who said a job had to be all work and no play?

Working on campus did have its perks. Of course, you did have to work, but students also had the chance to meet new people, work with and help other students and the community, and gain some great experience. Most students were happy with their jobs. Andy Goodman '98, served as a MEGA coordinator for three years. “MEGA was fun. I could write a book on that experience!” said Andy.

Erin DeWaard '99 worked as a recycling coordinator for South Complex. “In a way, I feel I am helping humanity in an indirect and humble way.” Whether you were stacking books, coordinating events, sorting mail at switch, or serving food for Marriott, jobs on campus were interesting, fun, and a great experience. Being college students, the money didn't hurt either.



“Bishop Makario’s brother, a priest, gave us a surprise one evening by stopping by to introduce himself and to offer to take us to meet his parents. They talked to us, but only in Malaya lam! They were very nice people!”

-Laura Gornicki '98

“The students volunteer as teachers in a small rural school in Bishop Makarios’ home town. They live in a house near the school and are often looked upon as major dignitaries in the community.”

-Patricia Landis  
International Education



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## Culture

Below from left, Luba Manko '98 and Laura Gornicki '98 meet the parents of Bishop Makarios, a member of the Alma College faculty. While on their trip, Laura and Luba met many different and interesting people.



Joseph Jezewski  
*Theater/Dance*  
Trisha Jurkiewicz  
*English*  
Dr. Kuldip Kuwahara  
*English*  
Dr. David Lawrence  
*Communication*

Frances Lichtman  
*Math/Computer Science*  
Dr. Edward Lorenz  
*History/Political Science*  
Howard Lubert  
*Political Science*  
Dr. Lynda Ludy  
*Education*

Bishop Thomas Makarios  
*Religious Studies*  
Dr. Ronald Massanari  
*Philosophy/Religious Studies*  
Dr. Myles McNally  
*Math/Computer Science*  
Dr. Robert Molina  
*Math/Computer Science*

# Teaching to learn

by Susanne Cook

Every year, one or two Alma students chosen for the Global Service Program are sent to a developing country to teach children. Laura Gornicki '98 and Luba Manko '98 traveled to southern India for their overseas teaching internship.

Laura and Luba taught 275 students, grades K-8, at the Mathon Mappillian Memorial Public School. They taught a

variety of subjects, even though they tried to stick to their majors.

While their main purpose was to teach, Laura and Luba participated in many other exciting activities and learned about India's culture and ways of life.

When making rice, Laura and Luba had to cook it in a clay pot over a fire for 1-2 hours. Also, they came in

contact with one of southern India's valuable animals, the elephant!

“They are an important part of the economy, and are often hired out as work elephants,” said Luba Manko '98.

How did these two students seize this wonderful opportunity? After filling out applications and completing an interview, the Global Ser-

vice Committee, a group of faculty and administrators, decided who would go.

“The selections are based on commitment to service and education (not necessarily education majors), international curiosity and experience, personal resourcefulness and flexibility, interpersonal skills, and self sufficiency,” said Patricia Landis, director of International Education.



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## Customs

Laura Gornicki '98 and Luba Manko '98 are drinking coconut water. Chief guests are often given tender coconut water to drink.

“We attended many Christmas programs throughout the holiday season. We were ‘chief guests’ at a primary school’s Christmas program. We sat at a head table at the front of an auditorium and were asked to say hello to everyone. We sang a song we learned in Malaya lam, which we have frequently done for various events.”

-Luba Manko '98  
Laura Gornicki '98

“It is a tremendous learning experience for the students to spend six months living and working in rural India on their own. It takes a unique person to be able to do it, but the rewards are tremendous.”

-Patricia Landis  
International Education



# A Link To The World

by Susanne Cook

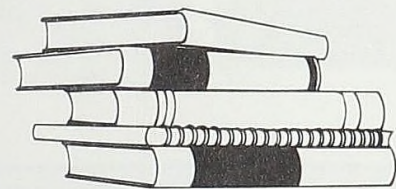
To many people, the college library became a second home during the four years at Alma. Because of students' many papers, presentations, speeches, and classroom assignments, the library always served as a great information center. If the library didn't have what you needed, through the Inter-Library Loan Service, it was possible to obtain

the materials from any other library in the world. In the library, you could always find students working on research for projects and classes. However, the library was also a great place to do many other things. With the quiet environment, students found studying and doing homework was an easier task. The classrooms in the library

served as a great place to get together with fellow classmates to do group work or to study. And, whenever you needed to relax, it was always possible to go and just sit down and read the newspaper, sitting in the comfortable chairs.

Of course, the library was always a resourceful place to go, but what made it so special? As students always found, the staff in

the library was always eager to help with problems and locating items. Help was never far away. "This year I have really come to appreciate the Inter-Library loan service that the library offers. Also, Mrs. Nyman is so helpful and friendly. Mr. Hall is also amazing. They have been of huge assistance to me in any of my library needs," said Jennifer Bade '98.

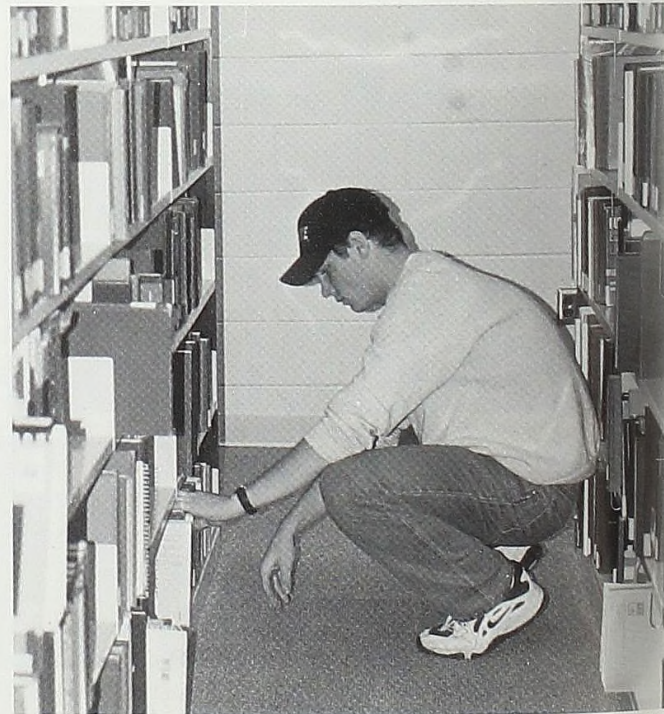


“The Alma College Library has a great selection of books, subscribes to a large and diverse group of magazines and has a friendly staff that is enthusiastic about helping anyone who asks.”  
-Kelly Battles '00

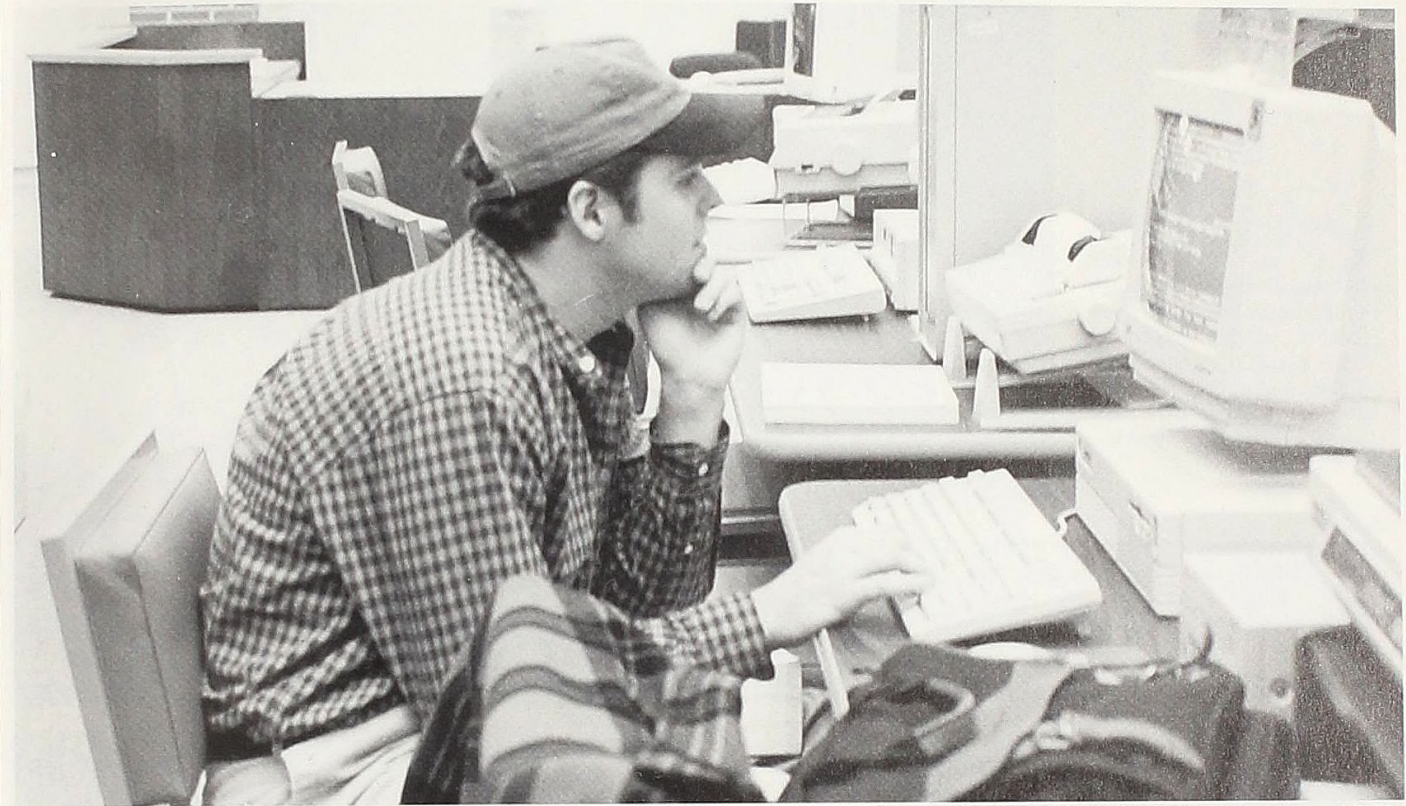
“The library is a great place to study because it is very relaxing and the staff is always very courteous and willing to help.”  
Caleb Putnam '99

## Books

Below, Ben Shoemaker '00 browses through the stacks to find the books that provide the answer to his question.



S. Bickler



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## Technology

Above, Kevin Carter '99 uses one of many computers in the library. With numerous computers available, students completed many tasks, such as typing papers, finding research materials, and e-mailing people they know.



S. Bickler

## Study

Left, With the library serving as a great place to study, Jim Bouchard '00 blocks out distractions by listening to music.

## Quiet

Left, Sarah Budnik '98 finds a quiet corner of the library, making it comfortable to study.



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## Scientific Method

Right, Andrew West '99 gets involved during Honors Day by presenting his lecture, *Developing Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAND) Techniques for Genetic Analysis of the Dimorphic Jumping Spider*, one of the many unique, informative presentations given by students.



K. Reed

“Being a presenter and a student who attended others’ presentations, I realized how much time was put into Honors Day. It was a great opportunity for students to learn about different topics and see the work and research their peers have done. Any person that did not attend at least one presentation really missed out!”  
-Carrie Kaminski '99



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Left, Elaine Gooding '98 uses her talent by performing works by Francois Devienne, her Honors Day presentation. With help from Sarah Keen '00 and Tony Patterson, Elaine taught her audience about Devienne's life, times, and music.

## Environment

Left, Sandy Richardson '01, Carrie Kaminski '99, and Mrs. Kaminski discuss Carrie's presentation, while others observe information from other presentations. A wide array of topics were found at the numerous presentations.



K. Reed

# Celebration of Liberal

# arts

by Susanne Cook



K. Reed

## Celebration of Music

Left, Marc Alderman '98, with the help of fellow percussionists Kevin Metz '01, Erin Eames '98, Christopher Stapels '98, and Kevin Kosch '00, celebrated the liberal arts by presenting an interesting and upbeat presentation on *The Rhythms of Africa*.

## Information Please

Left, Holly Roten '98 also gives a presentation on the jumping spider. Holly's presentation showed an Analysis of Intraspecific Signaling Behavior in the Jumping Spider.



K. Reed

“Honors Day was founded in 1997 as a means of encouraging intellectual interaction between faculty, students and their peers. Importantly, this day provides students with an opportunity to present their scholarly work here at home, at Alma College. Presenters give other students an opportunity to see the results of their work and to serve as role models for future scholars at Alma College.”

-The Honors Day Committee

To some students, Honors Day was a day with no classes, a day to relax and have fun. But, these students missed out on 108 informative and interesting presentations by 164 students presenting their research findings.

While Honors Day was a one day event, the entire schedule spanned three days. A Celebration of the Liberal

Arts began with a reception at President Stone's house. Dr. Martin E. Marty, a nationally known church historian and professor at the University of Chicago, gave the Honors Day Address.

The day that most students will remember began with Honors Convocation. Convocation honorees and Honors Day participants were treated

to separate luncheons. Later, the real "celebration" began with presentations made into the night. More presentations were held the next night.

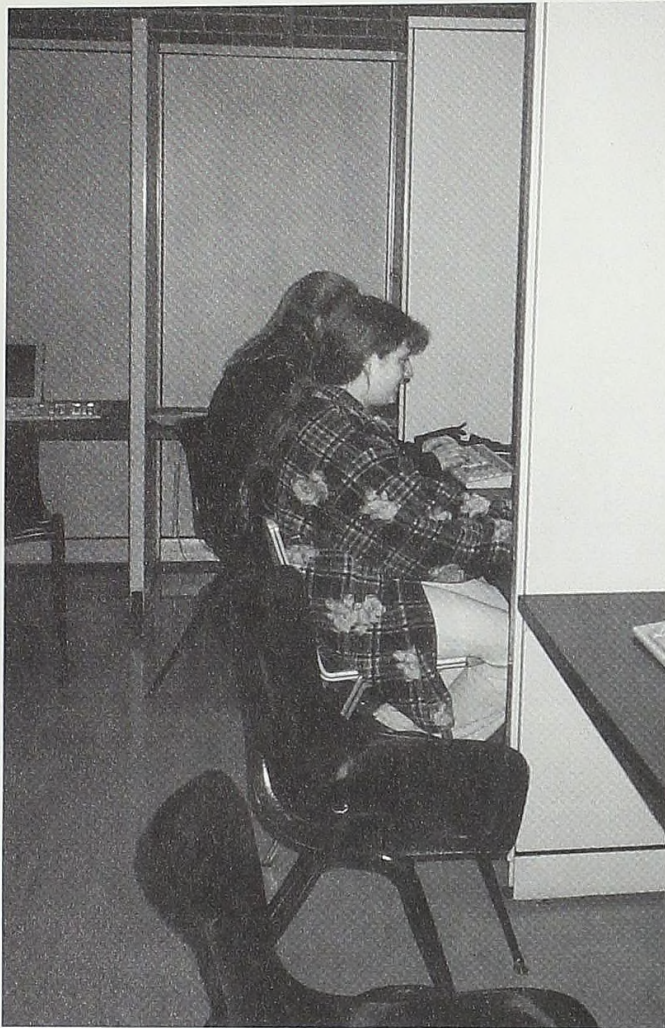
Students were encouraged to take advantage of cancelled classes to attend poster sessions, oral presentations, and performances.

"I attended a couple of them; *The Rhythms of Africa* was one

of my favorites. I went to listen to the different beats, and found that I wanted to hear more; it was very interesting and cool. My first experience with Honors Day was great," said Holly Townsend '01.

The work that went into Honors Day and the success of the presentations made every minute worth it.





Staff

## Break Time Hangin' Out

Left, Diana King '00 takes a break from her busy schedule to catch up on her e-mailing in Newberry Hall. E-mailing was just one popular stress reliever for students.

Below, Dana Weston '01, Jessi Ross '01, Amanda Armour '01, and Sara Rutz '01 relieve their stress by hanging out together. Talking or just hanging out was a good way to relieve stress.



Staff

# Stress Relievers

# 101

by Susanne Cook

"I get stressed out when I have so much to do. I get to the point where I don't want to do anything, which adds to the stress. Especially the times when it seems like I need at least 28 hours during the day," said Jennifer Corry '98.

Jennifer was just one student who felt there were not enough hours in the day.

Stress — a five letter

word students were familiar with. Papers, exams, jobs, relationships, lack of time, etc. Stress was always there. Unfortunately, this wasn't good for students' health or work, so many stress-relieving outlets had to be found.

Do you remember what you did to relieve stress? Because every person was different, some activities re-

lieved stress better than others. Some were really crazy and off-the-wall while some were common activities.

Many students found their friends to be good stress relievers. Friends always had their own stress to deal with, but it was nice to talk to someone about it, or just hang out together. Taking a walk, working out, playing sports, coloring, lis-

tening to music, doing e-mail, and taking naps were popular activities.

Stress was a big issue in students' lives, but so was relieving the stress. Luckily, there were many places to go, or things to do to relieve that stress. Whenever the week seemed like it would never end, relief was only a few feet away.

“When I feel the stress level rising, I just find somebody to hang out with to forget about classes and work. Maybe we will go to Joe's or just sit and talk about nothing. It seems to work.”  
-Dan Wilson '98

“As for relieving stress, I do it in one of two ways. Either I went to friends or I hit the door with my fist...two opposite ends of the spectrum.”  
-Sean Williams '98

## What do you do to relieve stress?

“When the weekend finally arrives, I do my best to do whatever it takes to get my mind off of school.”  
-Ryan Swett '01

“To relieve stress I usually go to visit people or go to Joe's to relax for a little while before tackling any more work.”  
-Jennifer Corry '98

“When I get stressed out, I sleep or I color in my coloring books.”  
-Liz Jones '00

Dr. Mahmood Monshipouri  
*Political Science*  
James Mueller  
*Economics*  
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*Math/Computer Science*  
Dr. John Ottenhoff  
*English*



Carrie Parks-Kirby  
*Art and Design*  
Dr. Eugene Pattison  
*English*  
Dr. Cameron Reed  
*Physics*  
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*Biology*



Dr. Tony Rickard  
*Education*  
Dr. Richard Roepert  
*Biology*  
Dr. James Schmidtke  
*History*  
Douglas Scripps  
*Music*





# What makes a professor unique?

- Dr. Michael Selmon  
*English*
- Dr. Marc Setterlund  
*Psychology*
- Dr. Carol Slater  
*Psychology*
- Dr. Melissa Strait  
*Chemistry*



“Dr. Walter Beagley was trying to explain the concept of lateral inhibition, where light receptors get excited about the light they get, and try to stop the receptors around them from being excited. He said it was something like this: ‘Oh! RED!!! RED RED RED!!!’ as he jumps around imitating a light receptor. ‘OH HHHH!!! RED RED RED!!! Shut up you guys! RED RED RED!’ showing how a receptor tells the others to stop their excitation. He did this for ...like two minutes, and none of us will forget lateral inhibition.”

-Jeremiah Lee '00

- Dr. Phyllis Swanson  
*History*
- Jane Thorsen  
*Math and Computer Science*
- Dr. Timm Thorsen  
*Sociology*
- Dr. Michael Vickery  
*Communication*



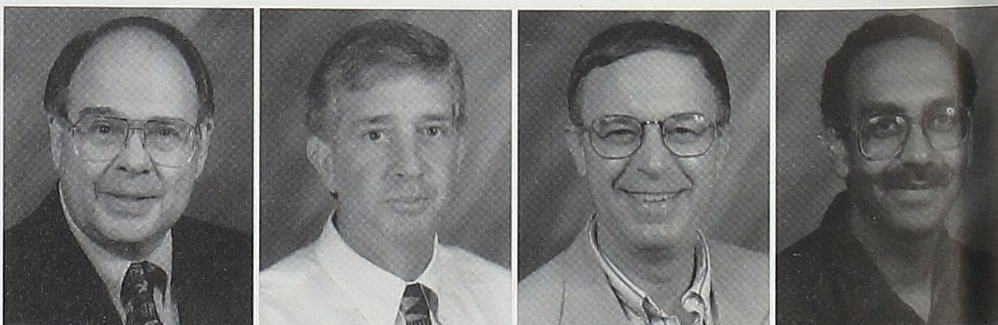
“My teaching technique is that I can instruct, I can guide, I can council, but I expect the highest effort possible by each and every student. I teach dance and I have a lot to offer- but it is a two way street- the student needs to give just as much to the class.”

- Thomas Morris  
*Theater and Dance*

“I will never forget the day Dr. Gilbert tied volunteers together to show how every aspect of a person's life affects all of the others. Eight of our classmates were tied together and then she told them all to pull on their strings, representing stress. People were being pulled back and forth and everyone was talking at once — but she got the point across!”

-Cindy Fiedler '99

- Dr. Joseph Walser  
*Religious Studies*
- Dr. Lawrence Wittle  
*Biology*
- Dr. Michael Yavenditti  
*History*
- Dr. Akililu Zeleke  
*Math and Computer Science*



# Unique Teaching Techniques And

# styles

by Carrie Kaminski '99

What makes classes unique? Students said it was the various topics covered and the instructor that makes a difference.

What makes faculty unique? The faculty said it is the techniques and styles used to teach material that distinguishes them from their colleagues.

“All professors have

different techniques and styles of teaching. Students learn best from those professors with unsurpassed styles, such as giving student “real-life” problems to solve. Students have a hard time learning from those professors that just stand there and read off their notes,” said Dave Meinhart '98.

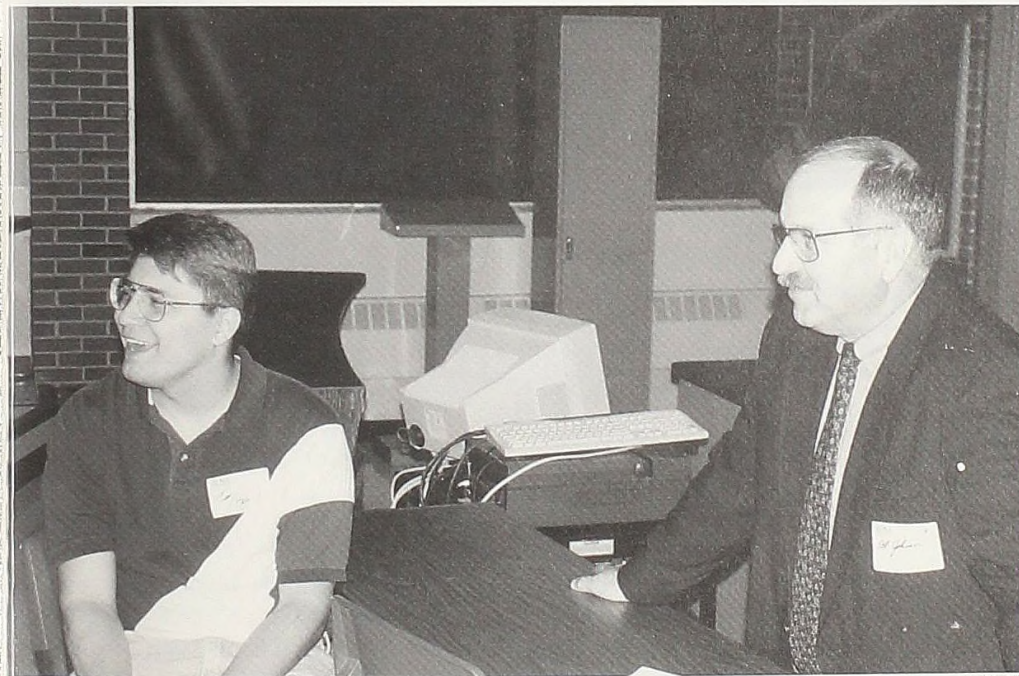
There were mixed opinions about the benefits and the

downfalls of each faculty member teaching differently.

“As a student I have a hard time adjusting to a new style for every class,” said Nicole Shumway '98. In contrast, Jessica Greig '98 said, “It's good that there are different styles of teaching, not a solitary one adopted by all the faculty. Every student has their unique style and technique of learning

and respond to teaching styles differently.”

One fact remained constant amongst the faculty. They all expected students to give their best to the class. “The students are why we are here. We work hard in leading them in their quest for higher education. They need to work just as hard, if not harder,” said Murray Borrello, instructor of geology.



A. Kuiper

## Boundaries

Tim Black '99, far left, and Al Johnson, a teacher at Ithaca High School, respond to comments made by the Youth and Their Problems group at the Community Conference. The event was constructed and run by the Public Affairs 180 class in November and allowed students to learn through actual experience. The conference was one example of a teaching technique used by the faculty.

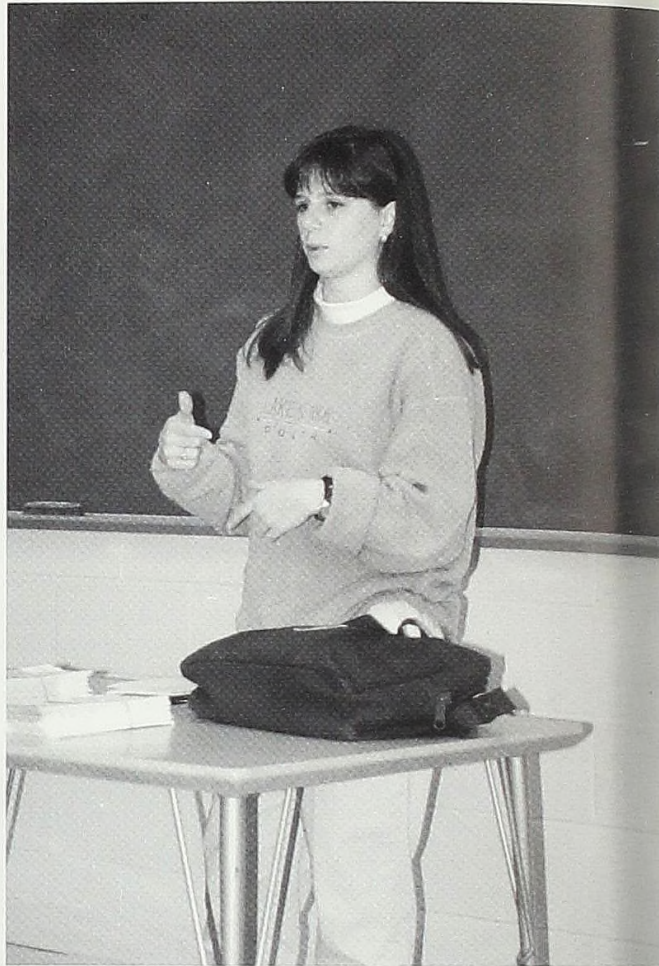
“I teach using as many different media as possible- computers, videos, overheads, chalkboards, current events, examples, and anecdotes. In my international business courses, I draw extensively upon my own experiences living and working abroad. In my 400 level courses there is an emphasis on class participation and group work. This is an effort to replicate conditions in most managerial work environments.”

- Dr. Susan Anne Kadlec  
*Business and Administrations*



## Results

Right, Stacy Erndt, Alumnus of 1996, describes her marine technician job on a boat that surveys the Great Lakes. The students and faculty enjoyed seeing how former students had progressed in their careers.



A. Kuiper

“My most remembered moments are probably when I see alums and I am told what an impact dance had on their lives. They may not have realized it while they were at Alma, but in hindsight it has had an impression on their lives.”

Thomas Morris  
Dance and Theater

## Helping Students Reach

# goals

by Cindy Fiedler '99

Students come and go, but education is always a part of everyday life.

With education, students set career goals, personal goals, academic goals. By reaching for goals, students learned about themselves, who they were and who they wanted to be.

It was the professors who helped guide them through

this process of discovery that they will always remember. But have you ever considered that students affect professors lives just as much?

“My most memorable moment of my professional career occurred when a student came up to me at the end of a term and told me she was changing her

major based on my teaching. It really brought home the effect I could have on the lives of my students,” said Dr. Susan Anne Kadlec, Business Administration professor.

Most incoming first year students did not arrive with a chosen major. Many who believed they knew their major often changed their

minds before they had to declare. How did they arrive at such important decisions?

The answer was in the classroom, each classroom specific to each individual student. Into classrooms walked students ready and willing to learn; Out walked tomorrow's generation of leaders.

## Professors Not Pictured:

Al Amstutz	Education	Dr. Scott T. Hill	Chemistry	Dr. Gina Petonito	Sociology
Dr. Robyn Anderson	Exercise and Health Science	Dr. Roseanne Hoefel	English	Dr. John Putz	Math and Computer Science
Dr. John Arnold	Foreign Language	Aaron Howald	Business Administration	Melinda Putz	Education
Dr. Walter Beagley	Psychology	Dr. James Hutchison	Chemistry	William Reader	Foreign Language
Scott Beld	Archaeology	Randolph Jacques	Business Administration	Dr. Raymond Riley	Music
Murray Borrello	Geology	Dr. Denise Johnson	Economics	Dr. Donna Ronan	Psychology
Mary Ellen Brines	Foreign Language	Dr. Jarek Joseph	Geography	Dr. Susan Root	Education
Dr. George Choksy	Economics	Dr. Susan Kadlec	Business Administration	Robert Rozier	Art and Design
Dr. John Davis	Exercise and Health Science	Timothy Lambrecht	Education	Dr. Doug Seelbach	Exercise and Health Science
Dr. Nicholas Dixon	Philosophy	Dr. Larry Lawhorne	Gerontology	George Showers	Education
Kathy Doran	Art and Design	Dr. Mary Lenard	English	Tim Sipka	Math and Computer Science
Dr. Deb Dougherty	Foreign Language	Sandy Lopez-Isnardi	Art and Design	Barbara Spartz	Chemistry
Dr. Arlan Edgar	Biology	Leslie Love	Psychology	Paul Splitstone	Physics
Kathy Francis	Dance	Mary McDowell	Exercise and Health Science	Dr. Ute Stargardt	English
George Gazmararian	Business Administration	William McKinstry	Education	Dr. Jonieta Stone	Education
George Gibbs	Education	Dr. Scott Messing	Music	Cynthia Struthers	Sociology
Dr. John Gibson	Physics	Donald Metcalf	Music	Dr. Catherine Tobin	History
Martha Gilchrist	Chemistry	Thomas Morris	Dance	Michael Trebesh	Business
Wendy Gordon	History	Dr. Olivier Nicaise	Chemistry	Rhonda Todoroff	Art and Design
Charles Gray	Exercise and Health Science	Dr. William Nichols	Music	Elizabeth Weaver	Dance
Rene Hernandez	Biology	Dr. William Palmer	English	Keith Wise	History
Cheryl Herr-Rains	Art and Design	Tony Patterson	Music	David Zerbe	Music
Theodore Hertzog	Math and Computer Science	Linda Peterson	English	Dr. Thaddeus Zolty	Political Science



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I won't remember the scores of games or who got goals, but I will remember the friendships I have made over the past four years. I will miss the road trips that we take, doing team activities outside of practice and games, and each and every one of my teammates.

—Lesley McDougall '98

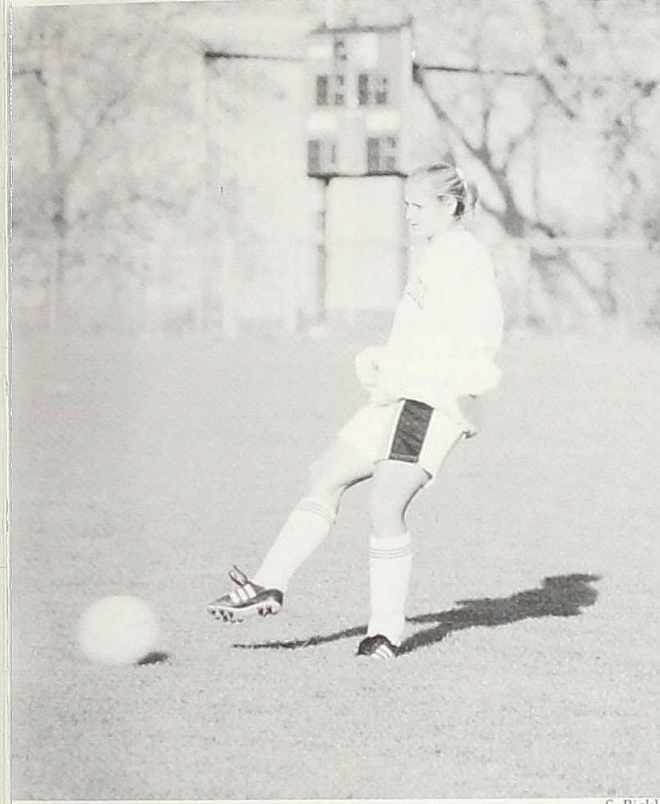
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**Preparation.**

Chris Dawson '99 contemplates his performance in the day's golf match. Golf was just one of many sports that enjoyed a successful season by many different definitions.



S. Bickler



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**Practice.**

Heather Klepper '99 warms up for a soccer game. The women's soccer team not only improved their record this year, they also gained an increase in team unity.



S. Bickler

# Too HOT to Handle!

## Competition Isn't Everything

The athletic program was a force to be contended with in virtually all MIAA sports each year. This year, however, the program enjoyed an especially distinguished year, with many different teams enjoying historic accomplishments or making great strides toward a stronger program. From the field to the course to the courts, the student athletes continued to make a statement to the rest of the league. Among the many feats of the year, the men's soccer team became conference champions and reached the regional finals for the first time in school history, while women's golf recaptured the title after temporarily losing it

last year. The women's soccer team drastically improved their record over last year, and the football team was knocking on the door of an MIAA championship. Those were just the fall sports; it fails to mention the numerous accomplishments of the many spring and winter athletes. It seems during every season there is more than one sport in which our athletes are a highly competitive or even dominating force among their opponents.

When it comes right down to it, though, you can ask virtually any athlete what matters most to them, and you may be surprised at the answer. Most will say that

while record and performance do matter to them, they place far more value on the aspects of teamwork, friendship, and hard work. "During the season, there are always down times, and you don't usually play up to potential every game out. I think it was the bonding and love for each other that helped us achieve," recalled Tom Jewett '98.

Stacy Turschak '01 agreed. She felt her team was "almost like we were family... many of my closest friends are team members. Partially because so much time is spent at practice, but mostly because they made me belong."

—Carrie Rau '00



K. Reed



J. Cottrell



K. Reed

**Patience.**

Angie Soltys '01 stands at attention during the action at a home football game. She waited patiently with her teammates for an opportunity to show off the cheerleading squad's latest stunt.

**Perfect.**

Meghann Devlin '01 and Sarah Anderson '01 celebrate a great play with Andrea Horton '01. The volleyball team consisted of many young, inexperienced players but still managed a great season.

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This season forced me to mature even more than last season did. It taught me that even though I might not agree with something, if I just do it the outcome will be more profitable for me and the team.

—Gavin McMacken '00

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# Cross Country

## Overcoming Obstacles

### *Pulling Together for Success*

The men's and women's cross country teams had to face numerous challenges on the way to successful seasons. Despite recurring injuries and changing rosters, they pulled together and worked harder.

"This season was a success for the men's team in terms of reaching our potential as a team," stated co-captain Pete Muccio '99. "We had to contend with several injuries and a lack of depth that compounded the injuries' impact."

The men overcame their problems, each runner's efforts contributing to the team's success. Many agreed that one highlight of the season was the Alma Invitational, running on the home course in front of many parents and fans.

"It was nice to have all the pre-season training and hard work pay off for our only home meet of the season," Pete recalled. "I believe we ran our best race as a team that day."

The women's team had to cope with nagging injuries and new faces. The team gained ten new athletes, seven of whom were upperclass students.

"It was hard for us to get our bearings with such diverse talent and newer faces. However, as we all were able to gauge our own capabilities then we were able to move on to the next step, competing as a team," said co-captain Katie Rodgers '98. "Looking in from the outside, it might be easy to say that cross country is individual, but with-

out every person giving their best, we don't achieve success."

The women placed fourth in the MIAA and two runners earned all-conference honors. Joy Enghlade '98 in her first season earned first-team honors. Anne Grimaldi '00 was named to the second team.

"I'm bummed that I waited this long to go out. I'm very glad I decided to do it," said Joy about her season. "The sacrifices didn't seem like sacrifices because everyone was in it together. I learned about myself."

When the cross country runners look back on this season, they will find many memories waiting. Pete remembered the team's performance at the Alma Invitational, where he broke the school record with a time of 25:26 for 8 kilometers. First-time member Eryn Hart '00 recalled "the excellent camaraderie, the level of fitness that I was able to achieve, but above all I value the relationships I formed."

Sarah Fossati '00 will always recall the togetherness. "We went out as a team and came back as a team."

Stacy Turschak '01 felt that some of the season's highlights came from co-captain Sarah Kampf (98)'s motivational tactics. "The yellow 'BE AN EAGLE' t-shirt was the best."

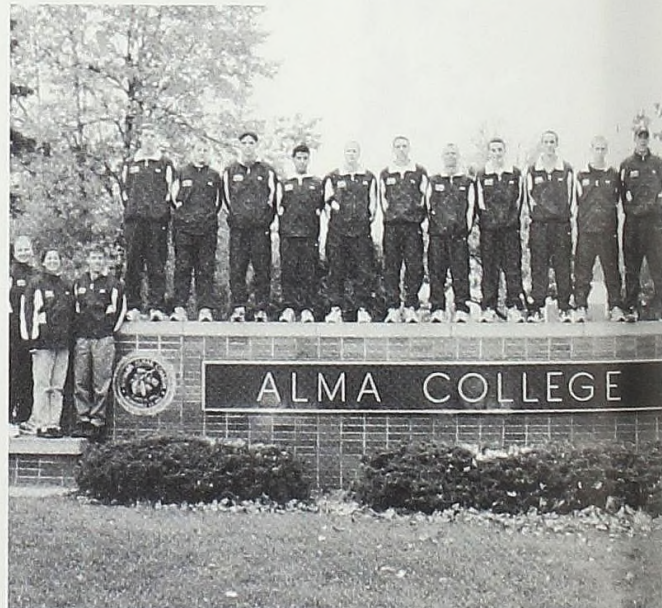
Anything else? "Oops... I forgot to mention what an excellent water boy Coach Skaggs was," said Sarah Isaacson '98.

—Carrie Rau '00

**Women's Cross Country.** Front (l-r): Sarah Kampf, Amy Burns, Kerrie Simpson, Joy Enghlade, Anne Grimaldi, Robin Johncheck. Middle: Sarah Isaacson, Christina McGrain, Sarah Fossati, Stacy Turschak, Carrie Rau, Carrie Reid. Back: Cheryl Lenard, Holly Bailey, Sara Fisher, Katie Rodgers, Eryn Hart. Not Pictured: Rebecca Walter, Coach Kevin Skaggs, Trainer Melissa Strikulis, Coach Dan Gibson, Crystal Lee, Breanne Moeggenberg



**Men's Cross Country.** Front (l-r): Coach Kevin Skaggs, Melissa Strikulis, Coach Dan Gibson. Back: Mark Williams, Ian Kennedy, Jerry Howard, Kris Forsyth, Ben Witte, Brent Warner, Kyle Kristin, Chris Porco, Josh Wiggins, Pete Muccio, Steve Pickelmann.



K. Reed

**One More Down.** Below, Sarah Isaacson '98 flies past an opponent. Her favorite memory? "The distance runs and the great talks that we would have on them. You get to bond pretty well running ten miles!"



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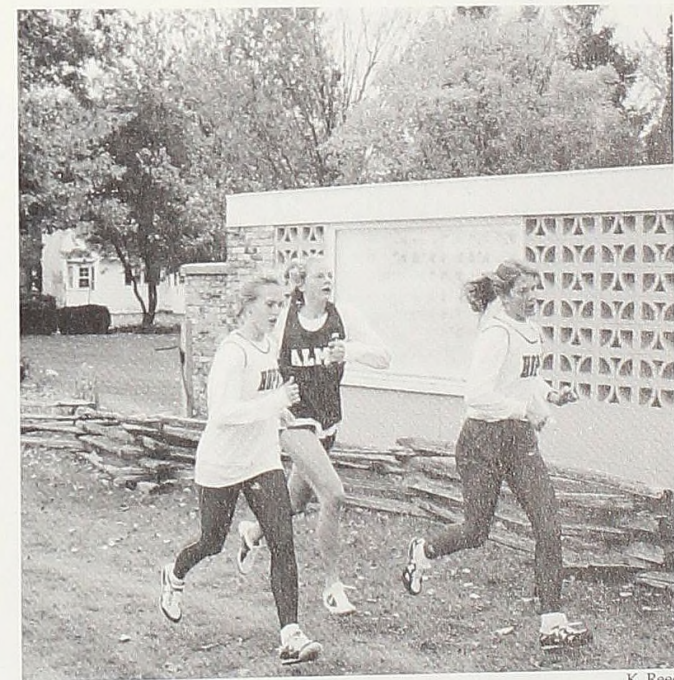


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**Out-of-the-Way.** Left, Ben Witte '98 passes a subdivision adjoining the home course. Teammate Pete Muccio '99 recalled, "outstanding support from fans... that day. The conditions were not optimum... but fans can have a tremendous impact."

**Off and Running.** Below, the men start the Alma Invitational. They placed sixth that day.

<u>Women's Results</u>	<u>Men's Results</u>
Huntington Invitational 3rd	Huntington Invitational 2nd
IPFW Invitational 4th	IPFW Invitational 3rd
Ferris State Invitational 2nd	Ferris State Invitational 4th
MIAA Jamboree #1 4th	MIAA Jamboree #1 5th
Earlham Invitational 8th	Earlham Invitational 4th
Spring Arbor Invitational 7th	Spring Arbor Invitational 9th
Alma Invitational 3rd	Alma Invitational 6th
MIAA Finals 4th	MIAA Finals 5th
Overall finish in MIAA 4th of 9	Overall finish in MIAA 5th of 8
Regional finish 14th of 28	Regional finish 18th of 28
<u>First team all-conference:</u> Joy Enghlade Anne Grimaldi	<u>New school record</u> Pete Muccio, 25:26
<u>Overall women's champion,</u> <u>Earlham Invitational</u> Joy Enghlade	



K. Reed

**Out of My Way!** Rebecca Walter '98 works her way in between two Hope College runners. Hope was a constant rival for the women in both conference meets and invitationals.



# Women' Soccer

## Growing...

### *Improving Along the Way*

Success had different definitions for many people. A common definition of success could make the difference between a group of individuals and a team. The Women's soccer players defined this idea consistently.

"I consider our season a success. When we worked as a team and everyone clicked, we were unbeatable," recalled Stephanie Craig '98.

From the start, the women were faced with something much different than anticipated. They had expected the new faces on the field, but a new head coach was a last-minute change of plan.

"Coming into the season was difficult because we didn't know what to expect," said Lesley McDougall '95, "but when we got here we relied on each other and everything worked out great!"

"We got 10 new freshmen, we had a new coaching staff and they were relatively inexperienced, but they encouraged us to really stick together through difficult circumstances," Holly Caraway '00 remembered.

Playing off last year's theme of building teamwork, the women took their play to yet another level.

"The idea of team was VERY important. The girls got along extremely well. In my four years this was the closest the team had been," commented Stephanie.

Katie Mack '01 noticed the same thing about her new teammates. "It was amazing how well everyone knew the playing styles of everyone else on the team. Our ability to know what everyone else on the team was going to do with the ball was a big advantage for us."

Last year, the team fought through a difficult season, ending at 2-14. This year, despite the shakeups in roster and staff, the women drastically improved, finishing at 8-10. They were unde-

feated in overtime, as compared to last year's winless overtime record.

"You could tell that we played with a lot of heart, and in each case wanted it more than the other team," said Lesley.

Melissa Bridges '01 agreed. "The team played with their hearts along with their feet."

Stephanie believed "to continue to play well especially after a tough loss, you've got to be able to get along and play as a team. What I will remember most about playing soccer at Alma is the friendships I have made. I really enjoyed this season and I enjoyed playing with all the girls on the team; they all have so much to offer."

—Carrie Rau '00

Flight. Kristy Hopper '01 sends the ball sailing across the field. Though the team has always emphasized teamwork, many players felt that this year the concept was taken to a higher level.



S. Bickler

You know you are successful when you can't tell whether what you're doing is work or play.

—Anonymous



Row 1(l to r): Rebecca Raus, Heather Klepper, Katie Mack, Jill Braun, Beth Stewart, Sarah Hayes. Row 2: Laura Keisogiou, Stephanie Craig, Anne Bolan, Kristy Hopper, Gretchen Craig, Holly Caraway, Melissa Bridges. Row 3: Coach Megan Owens, Joy Horton, Stephanie Yatch, Leslie McDougall, Kathleen McCrudden, Jaelyn Sauter.



C. Fielder

Wilmington College	0-5
Depauw College	0-5
St. Mary's College	6-1
Adrian College	2-0
Kalamazoo College	0-8
Northwood Univ.	2-1
Calvin College	0-1
Oberlin College	2-1
Olivet College	6-3
Albion College	1-0
Hope College	2-3
Adrian College	2-0
Kalamazoo College	0-7
Calvin College	2-5
Saginaw Valley St.	2-1
Olivet College	0-2
Albion College	1-2
Hope College	0-3
* Alma's score appears first.	



S. Bickler

Faster. Anne Bolan '01 leads the charge downfield. One of the highlights of the season for the team was an unbroken string of wins in overtime.



S. Bickler

Finale. Jill Braun '98 controls the pace of the game for the team. "We will really miss our seniors next year - they were great leaders, and they held us together through the season," said teammate Holly Caraway '00 of Jill and the other seniors.



# Men's Soccer

## Working Together

### *A Family of Champions*

Effort was the key to the success of the men's soccer team. The men got the job done, both on and off the field, winning Alma's first MIAA Championship in program history.

"All the dreaming, the weights, the running in the past four years finally paid off," said Tom Jewett '98. "I remember coming in as a freshman and believing in a dream. To do it with the four other seniors was really wonderful. We came together and believed in something. When it was all said and done, we five left together as champions."

Teammate Roger Pattie '98 agreed. "Team chemistry was better than I remembered it being in my four years. I think the motivation was placed on us because we didn't need much, other than the pressure we put on

ourselves to win."

Head Coach Scott Frey cited the leadership of the seniors as one of the primary ingredients in the team's success. "The seniors led by example. They did the things that needed to be done," said Coach Frey.

But the players took another perspective. "Personally, I have never had a better coaching staff in any sport I have ever participated in. Coach Frey has my utmost respect, not only as a demanding coach, but as the nicest person off the field too," said Paul Aceto '01.

Tom agreed. "You just can't say enough about Coach Frey. We proved a lot this season about our school, our players, but most of all our coach. He is the reason this program is successful."

But in the end it was every individual's contribution to the team that led to the men's success. "The word 'team' is an understatement to what I felt our team really was. I would call our team a family because of how close we were," said Paul. "The season was worth the sacrifice we had to make."

"It was an incredible season and, even more, a history making season," said Ryan U'Ren '01. "Now the standard of excellence has been set for the future of Alma College soccer."

In the end, the memories the players accumulated would last them a lifetime. Each individual took different emotions and moments with them in their hearts as the season commenced.

"I will never forget the celebration on the Hope soccer field after we beat them to win the championship," said Ryan. Paul said "The highlight of the season for me was scoring the game winning goal in our first meeting with Hope." But Roger believed, "There is no better feeling than to see the MIAA trophy with your name on it."

— Cindy Fiedler '99

"I'll remember this season just for the fact that we went further than any soccer team from Alma ever has."

— Roger Pattie '98

Preparation. The soccer team congregates on the field to prepare for a game. Efforts paid off when they accomplished many of their season and post-season goals.



A. Kuiper

Passing. Ryan U'Ren '01 kicks the ball around with his teammate as they warm up for their game. "There was a great mix of talent and experience on the team," said Coach Frey.



A. Kuiper

Projection. Tom Jewett '98 sends the ball back down the field. "I felt the season went very well," said Tom. "Coming into training camp, our goals included winning the MIAA Championship and receiving a bid to the NCAA tournament, which we did."



A. Kuiper



A. Kuiper

Men's Soccer. Jason Passalacqua, Nate Spang, Jim Bouchard, Jeff Bateson, Tom Jewett, Ben Hondorp, Cody Roose, and Sean Rice. Coach Frey, Brandon Stevenson, Brandon Klump, Kevin Guns, Ryan U'Ren, Joel Stewart, Matt Keller, Mark McClutchey, Jason Timer and Coach Fredricks. Randy U'Ren, Paul Aceto, Ryan Webb, Sean Byram, Todd Ruitter, Jon Cullen, Roger Pattie, Mike Lovati, Chris Alexander, and Max Leonard.

#### First Team All-MIAA

Jeff Bateson - Most Valuable Player  
Tom Jewett Jason Passalacqua  
Todd Ruitter Chris Alexander Matt Keller

#### Second Team All-MIAA

Randy U'Ren

Siena Heights	1-2
Messiah	1-1
Ursinus	1-0
Mt. Union	3-0
Adrian	4-2
Kalamazoo	3-2
Calvin	4-0
Wilmington	3-0
Tournament	1-2
Olivet	1-0
Albion	5-1
Hope	2-0
Adrian	3-0
Kalamazoo	3-1
Calvin	1-2
Olivet	1-2
Albion	5-0
Hope	4-3
NCAA Regional	
Oberlein	2-3
Ohio Wesleyan	0-1



# Football

## Up and Down Season

### *Enjoying the Ride*

"Have you ever been on a roller coaster?" Coach Jim Cole asked while discussing the football season. The team endured a roller coaster ride of a season, but most players seem to agree that it was still one fun ride.

"The season was filled with ups and downs, but we always seemed to prove that we could play in the big games. All-in-all I had tons of fun and made lifelong friends. That is what it is all about," said Mike Joslyn '98.

The team entered the season with only seven seniors. With such a young team Coach Cole wasn't sure how it would turn out. However, the team started off with some big wins, answering any questions posed about

their abilities. The addition of coaches Anthony "Dino" Folino and Aaron Brock also helped strengthen the team. Though the team didn't play up to expectations all the time, they more than proved their worth to Coach Cole. He felt that his team could compete with anyone in the MIAA, but the league proved to be tough for all teams involved. "Everyone

started knocking each other off," said Coach Cole.

"I felt the season was a plus in the fact that we had a very respectable season. What we wanted was an MIAA championship, so that put a little disappointment in the season. The experiences and the friends that I made throughout the season are far more important and definitely worth the effort

put forth," stated Mike Allison '01.

Almost everyone agreed that the highlight of the season was defeating Albion during Homecoming. "The whole team came to play and it showed. After losing to the Brits three years in a row, it was and is extremely memorable not only for us but for our coaches, previous players, other Scot athletes, parents, and fans," recalled Mike Joslyn.

Was all the extra effort beneficial to the players? "Of course," remarked Gavin McMacken '00. "I will always give up free time for a chance to knock somebody out on Saturday."

—Carrie Rau '00

**Football.** Row 1 (l-r): Tony Elliot, Scott Heymoss, Ray Dawood, Don Jess, Scott Goddard, Mike Joslyn, John Streeter, Todd Driver, Mason Converse, Nick Vartanian. Row 2: Shawn Grant, Terry Marek, George Clark, Chris Warner, Chris Hales, Dustin Armstrong, Jeremy TerBush, Kelly Gostlin, Mike Allison, Steve Alley, Dan Price, Dan Huggler, Jake Golden. Row 3: Trainers and Coaches: Denny Griffin, Melissa Klee, Jorge Livingston, Tim Haist, Aaron Brock, Jim Webb, Anthony Folino, Jim Cole, John Leister, Brian Zimmermann, James Farnum, Mike Zahn, Margo Greicar, Ian Schmidt. Row 4: James Oswald, Aaron Simmons, Josh Dukes, Tim McAleece, Greg Bowden, Rob Nelson, Zack Workman, Justin Harris, Scott Nemec, Craig Wasen, Marcus Dukes, John Brostrom, Rob Cooper. Row 5: Bryan Roberts, Todd Claerhout, Jeff Dice, Cory Dunn, Tom Rossler, Nick Paul, David Porlas, Brandon Kaput, Gavin McMacken, George Rebmann, Derek Brewer, Tim Webb. Row 6: Tom Danosky, Dan Sweetman, Phil Ochoa, Gabe Seibt, Les Newhouse, Mike Wenzel, Tom Comer, Jeremiah Haynie, Craig Calkins, Dave Durston, Ken Warner, Jeremy Stewart, Ross Kennerly. Row 7: Josh Wakefield, Ryan Huber, Adam Kern, Paul Downing, Brian Pierce, Brandon Wrobel, Shawn Priem, Steve Bouvy, Brad Fuzak, Matt Oesch, Jason Fritz, Rick Brands, Aaron Orlowski, Rod Barriger. Row 8: Chad Klopff, Matt Leighty, Keith Schall, Erik Johnson, Drew Broaddus, Mark Goedge, Jim Townsend, Jason VanDerMaas, Tim Mosey, Todd Francis, Brian Lassey, Greg Tulik, Mike Campbell, Aaron White, Bill Corkle.



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### Alma's Season

Valparaiso  
45-28

Olivet Nazarene  
39-36

Elmhurst  
48-7

Defiance  
24-29

Adrian  
24-27

Albion  
56-16

Hope  
13-51

Kalamazoo  
20-16

Olivet  
31-0

Alma's score  
appears first.



S. Bickler

**Everything's a Blur.** Ray Dawood '98 leaves Albion defenders in the dust. Fans remember the Albion game during homecoming as the highlight of the season.



S. Bickler

### WHAT'S THE SCORE

#### Homecoming '97

Alma	56
Albion	16

**Everything in Place.** Left, Tom Comer '99 prepares to snap the ball during a home football coontest won by Alma.



S. Bickler

**Everybody Up.** Once the play is over, everyone scrambles off the pile. When all was said and done, the Scots came up with possession.

To succeed in college athletics you don't start out at the top. It is up to you whether or not you want to keep on working to better yourself as an athlete and a student.

—Steve Bouvy '01



# Golf

## Rekindled Flame

### *Riding a Hot Streak*

The men's and women's golf teams continued a tradition of dominance in the MIAA with yet another successful season.

Both teams placed well in the final standing, reaffirming that they were constant contenders in their field.

The women's team recaptured the conference title, stolen from them by Hope the season before.

Leading the way was the MIAA's most valuable golfer, Jennifer Peters '00. Jennifer was named to the first team all-conference, along with teammates Carrie Hunt '98 and Mandy Bowler '98, the second time that the trio had received first-team honors.

Coach Charles Goffnett was very pleased with the season. He felt that his players came into the season ready to face the level of competition from the other teams in the conference.

The men, meanwhile, finished a solid fourth in the final MIAA standings. Leading the way for the men was Jon Chapel '00, who was named to the second team all-MIAA.

"Everyone is ready to play, but few are prepared. Championships are won not on the day of the match, but years before by players who commit themselves to championship principles. The harder we work, the luckier we get," said Goffnett of both golf teams this season.

— Carrie Rau '00

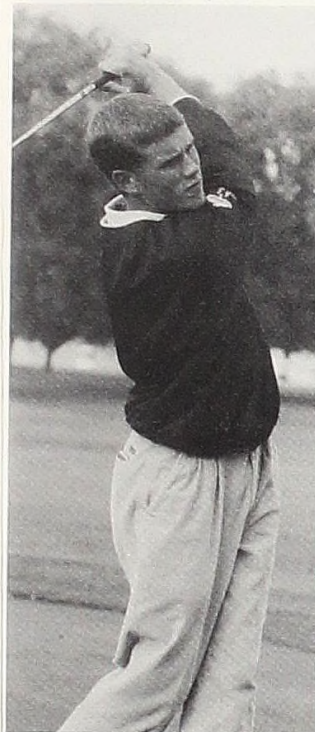
### Men's Scores

- MIAA Tournament #1 - 4th
- MIAA Tournament #2 - 5th
- MIAA Tournament #3 - 5th
- MIAA Tournament #4 - 3rd
- Aquinas Tournament - 8th
- MIAA Tournament #5 - 2nd
- MIAA Tournament #6 - 3rd
- MIAA Tournament #7 - 3rd
- MIAA Tournament #8 - 4th

### Women's Scores

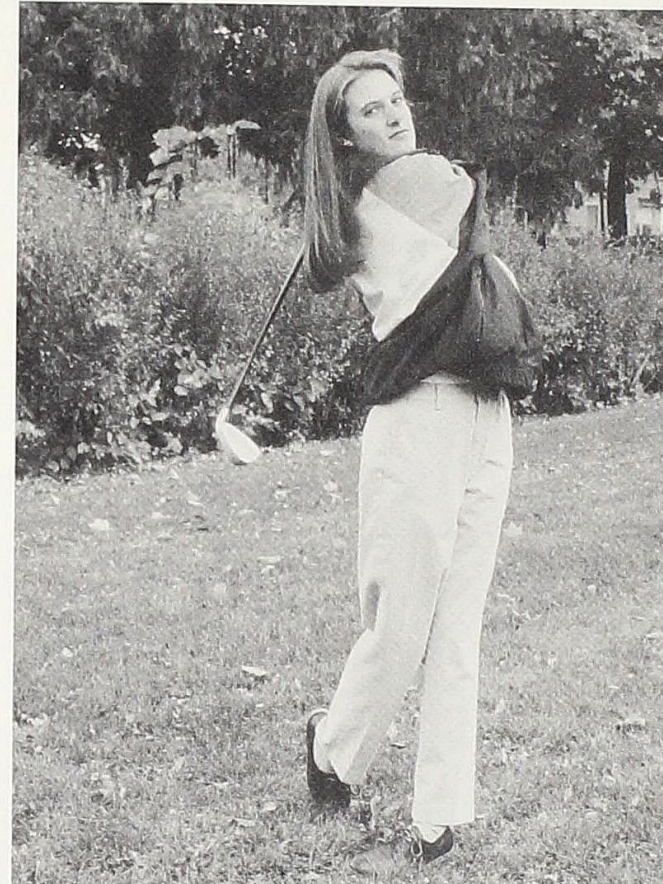
- MIAA Tournament #1 - 1st
- Michigan St. Tournament - 15th
- MIAA Tournament #2 - 1st
- MIAA Tournament #3 - 1st
- MIAA Tournament #4 - 1st
- MIAA Tournament #5 - 1st
- MIAA Tournament #6 - 1st
- MIAA Tournament #7 - 3rd
- MIAA Tournament #8 - 1st

Concentration. Jon Chapel's eyes follow his drive. The sophomore led the team in scoring, earning second team all-conference honors.



S. Traynor

A Champion's Poise. Jennifer Peters '00 poses for a publicity photo. Jennifer led the women's team, being named the Most Valuable Golfer in the MIAA.



S. Traynor

Smoke it. Tim Shunsky '99 prepares to unleash yet another powerful drive. Alma finished second on their home course.



S. Traynor

Women's Golf. Front (l to r): Carrie Hunt, Karly Schultz. Back: Coach Charles Goffnett, Jodi Taylor, Mandy Bowler, Jennifer Peters, Jennifer Bondy-Griffen. Not Pictured: Heather Myers.

Men's Golf. Front (l to r): Richard Harris, Mike McHugh. Back: Assistant Coach Kevin McKinley, Tim Shunsky, Kevin Degroot, Jon Chapel, Chris Dawson, Coach Brad Spathelf. Not Pictured: Dan O'Rourke, Ryan Fahler.



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S. Traynor

Completion. Tim Shunsky '99 finishes another tee-off. The men finished fourth overall in the MIAA.

### Women's First Team All-MIAA

Jennifer Peters, MIAA Most Valuable Golfer  
Mandy Bowler, Carrie Hunt

### Men's Second Team All-MIAA

Jon Chapel.



# Cheerleading Facing the Challenge

*Spirit Reaches a New Level*

The women of the cheerleading squads found a new addition to help them through the year: a coach. Lori Tulgetske '97 returned to the campus to continue her involvement with the cheerleading program.

"Lori Tulgetske did a great job as our advisor. She kept us pumped up during games, she told us when we looked good, and when we needed to improve," said Angela Soltys '01.

With the help of Lori, these two groups of girls took their cheerleading to a new level. Lori enjoyed the opportunity to work with the cheerleading program after her four years of contributions as an undergraduate.

She worked with both the football and basketball cheerleading squads to learn mounts and routines of higher levels of difficulty.

Angela continued, "I think that cheerleading is a very unique sport that requires people to work well together and we did that. Coming from many distinctly different high schools, we all pulled our styles together and showed how good we could be."

This increased challenge allowed the women to grow stronger as a team, resulting in a satisfying season for many of them.

"This is one of the best seasons that I have ever had cheerleading. We worked well together and we had great talent and mind set. The crowd was really great this year. They all really got into cheering with us for the team. I think that the highlight of our season would be

homecoming. We had a chance to show the fans a lot of our difficult stunts while we were in the spotlight," said Amy Jo Craig '00.

"There are so many aspects that I will remember about my first year as a collegiate athlete! The spirit of the crowd at all games, the enthusiasm of the band, the awesome attitudes of the parents of the football and cheerleading teams, but most of all, I think that I'll remember the team itself. I have never been a part of a team that could spend so much time together, and still have fun," said Angela.

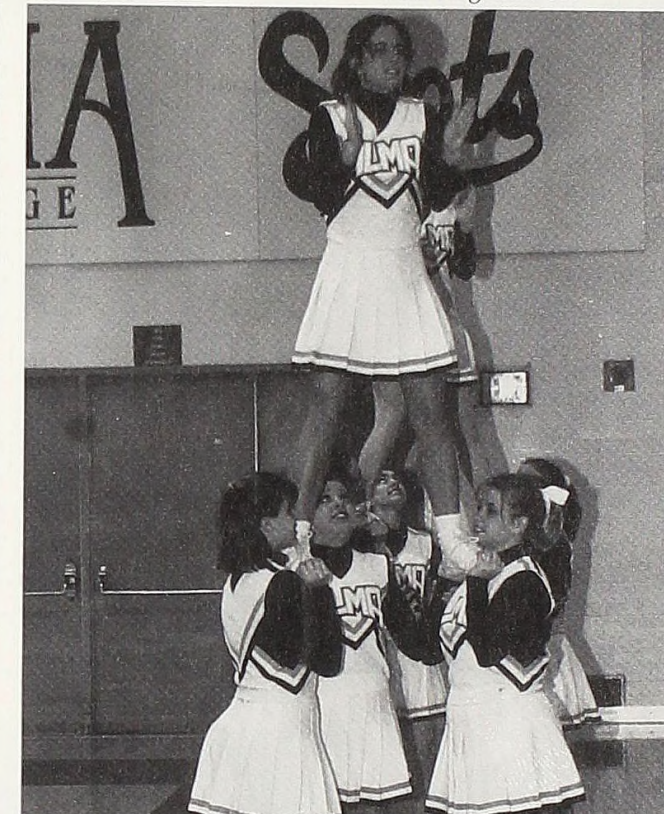
-Cindy Fiedler '99



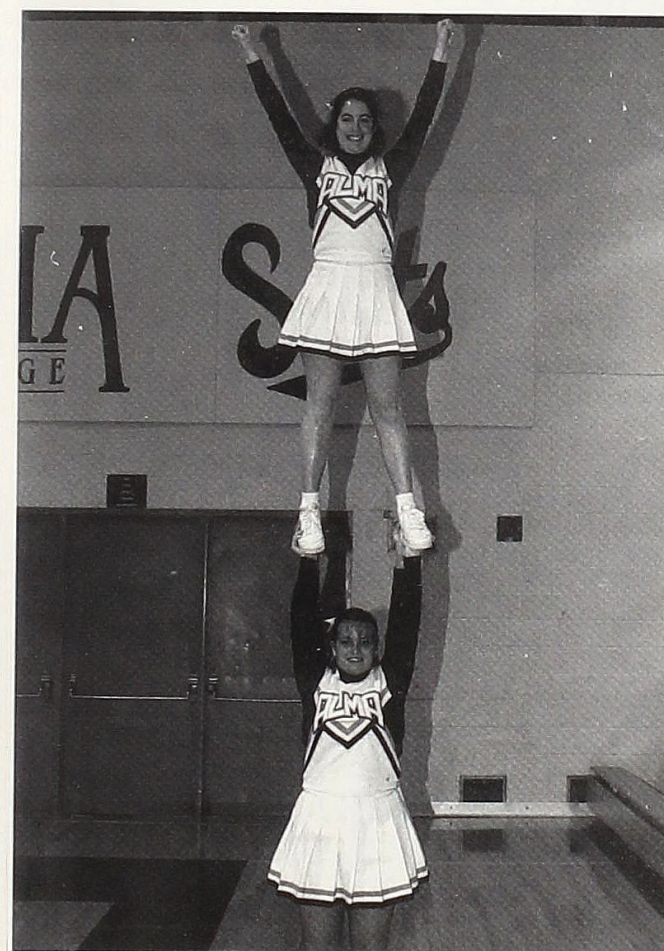
S. Nadeau

Basketball Cheerleaders. Amy Jo Craig, Jamie Kapp, Jackie Cowan, and Larua Baker. Missy Crossnoe, Amy Tcholak, Lonna Lutze, and Roxanna Pease.

Uplifting. Amy Tcholakh '00 is hoisted into a mount by her fellow cheerleaders. The cheerleaders took their routines to a new level thanks to the coaching of Lori Tulgetske '97.



S. Nadeau



S. Nadeau

Command. Jackie Cowan '00 raises Laura Baker '01 in one of their many new routines. The cheerleaders helped the loyal fans cheer their favorite basketball players on the court.



Football Cheerleading Squad. Anne Grimaldi, Martha Schaefer, Missy Crossnoe, Lonna Lutze, and Laura Baker. Jamie Kapp, Angela Soltys, Stephanie Maust, Amanda Schafer, and Amy Jo Craig.



J. Cottrell

Cohesive. The women of the fall cheerleading squad stand united as they lead the fans in a cheer. Rain or shine, these women took the field with the football team.

Cooperation. Jamie Kapp '01 and Laura Baker '01 stand atop the shoulders of their teammates. The women were able to travel with the football team to cheer them on during the season.



S. Bickler



# Volleyball

## Fresh Faces

### *New Additions On and Off the Court*

Coach Penny Allen-Cook agreed with Katie's assessment of the season. She saw in her players an "exciting young team" that leaves the "outlook great for next season," though they got off to a slow start this season. The team was extremely young; it was composed of only two juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen.

The team also had to deal with new faces off the court:

part of the season was played under the guidance of Assistant Coach Catherine Pechota, as Coach Cook left her team for a short time after the birth of her son, Anthony. However, the players felt they were left in capable hands.

"The coaching staff was great. We were always informed of 'goings on', and when Coach Cook had Anthony, Coach Pechota did a

wonderful job of stepping in as head coach and leading the team," recalled Katie.

Each person on the team took with her special memories at the end of the season. Katie will especially remember "the nail-biter against Hope," in which the women almost beat the nationally ranked team, as will Ellen Bradbury '99 and Sarah Anderson '01.

But Sarah will also take another fond memory with her of her first year on the volleyball team.

"I will never forget warming up with Chuck (Kristina Johnson) before every game and having her yell at me when I wouldn't talk.

— Carrie Rau '00

#### Volleyball Team Roster

Sarah Anderson  
Katie Beam  
Meghann Devlin  
Sara Duffy  
Julia Fielder  
Andrea Horton  
Jessica Oberman  
Heidi Sackett  
Katie Sloat  
Anne Thelen  
Kristina Johnson  
Kat Nordin  
Ellen Bradbury  
Nicole Markiecki

Head Coach  
Penny Allen-Cook  
Assistant Coach  
Catherine Pechota



#### MIAA Honors

##### First Team All-MIAA

Ellen Bradbury

##### Honorable Mention

Sarah Anderson

#### Team Awards

##### Most Valuable Player

Sarah Anderson

##### Team Most Improved

Katie Sloat

##### Top Defensive Player

Nicole Markiecki

##### Top Offensive Player

Ellen Bradbury

##### Hustle Award

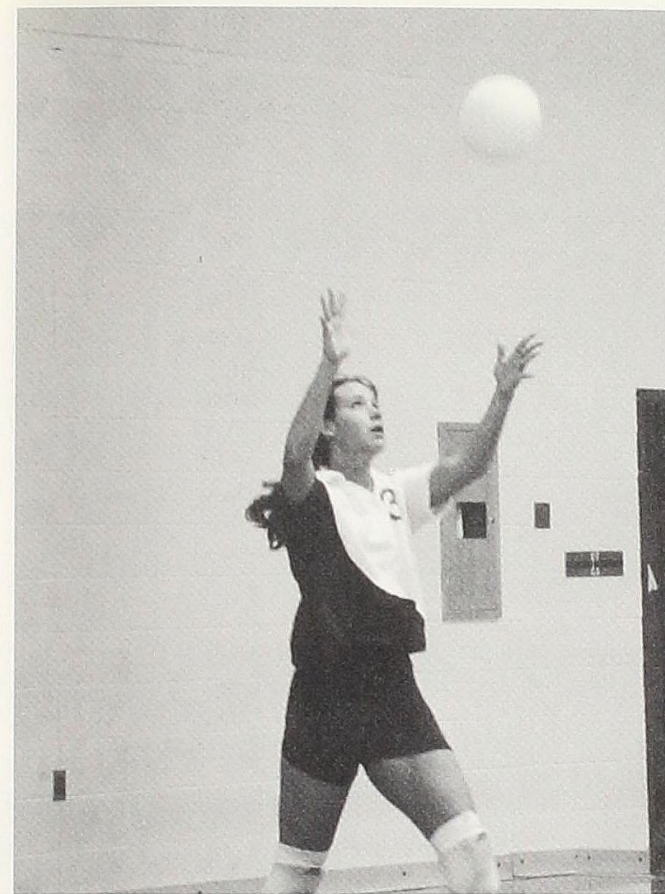
Kat Nordin

##### Spirit Award

Kristina Johnson

SVSU	0-3
St. Mary's	1-3
Hanover	0-3
Earlham	3-2
Depauw	0-3
Penn State-Behren	3-1
Marietta	1-3
John Carroll	0-3
Franklin	2-3
Kalamazoo	0-3
Albion	0-3
Calvin	0-3
Adrian	0-3
Olivet	3-2
Hope	1-3
Kalamazoo	0-3
St. Mary's	2-3
Albion	3-0
Calvin	0-3
Olivet	3-2
Defiance	3-1
Manchester	1-3
Adrian	1-3
Wittenberg	0-3
St. Mary's	1-3
Hanover	0-3
Hope	2-3

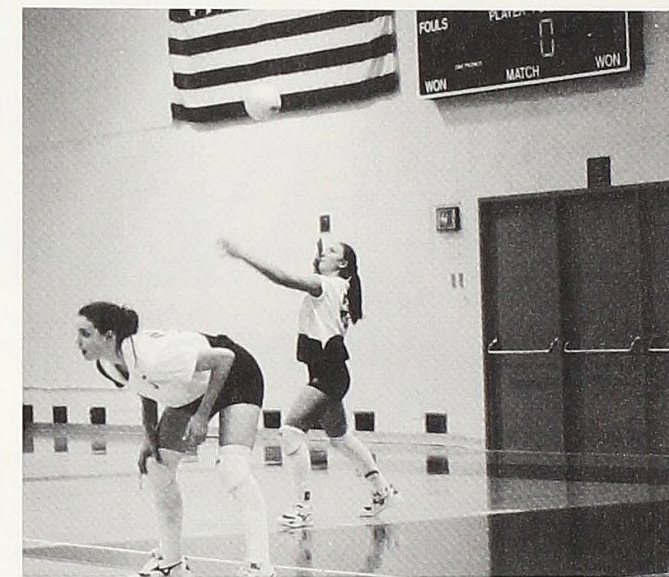
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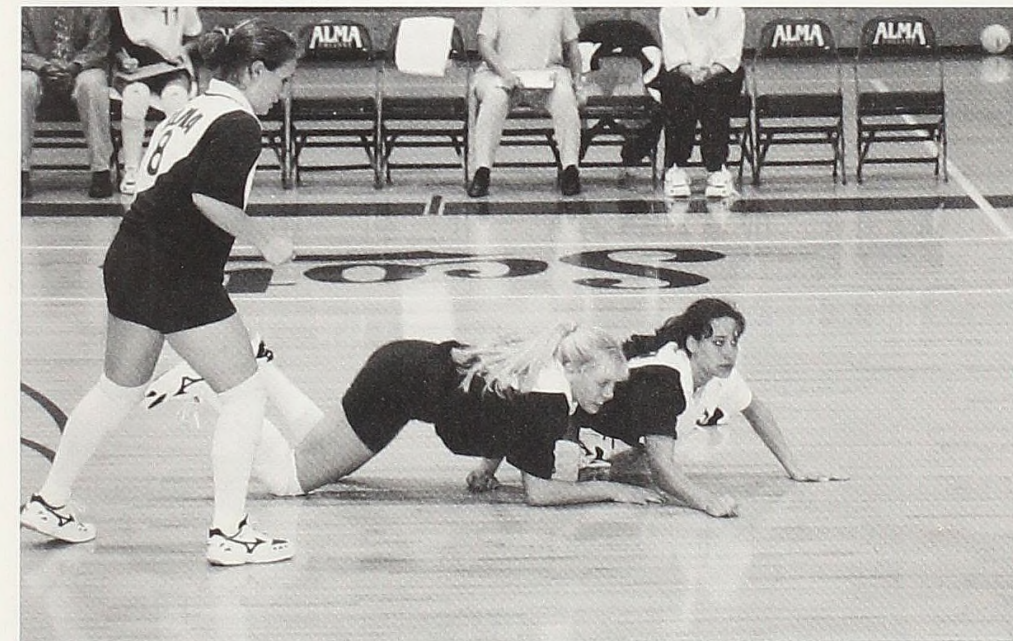
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What Goes Up. Anne Thelen '01 prepares to put the ball back into play. Anne averaged the most digs per game over the entire season.

Waiting. Ellen Bradbury '99 anticipates Andrea Horton's '01 serve. Ellen served as one of two captains on the young team.



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Which Way Up? Kat Nordin '00 watches as teammates Katie Sloat '01 and Anne Thelen '01 untangle themselves after a rough point. Katie Beam '01 thought that the team's attitude was always up: "We were young, we tried and we struggled, but we were always positive."



S. Bickler

Well done. Team members on the sidelines celebrate another successful play. Enthusiasm off the court ran high at every game.



# Swimming and Diving Head First

## Individuals take on team goals

### Men's Team

Matt Anderson	Fly/IM
Clare Abic	Free
Mike Cox	Back/IM
Eric Eppensteiner	Fly/Free
Ken Guillmette	Free
Mike Heyd	Free/Fly
Nick Holliday	Fly/Back
Jim Inman	Free/Fly/IM
Bill James	Free/Fly/IM
Joey Mead	Diving
Mark Oberman	Free
Josh Peterson	Free/Back
Keith Schall	Diving
Steve Taylor	Free
Chad Wisniewski	Free/



The men's swimming and diving team rallies around captains Bill James and Mark Oberman leading the cheers before a meet.

### Women's Team

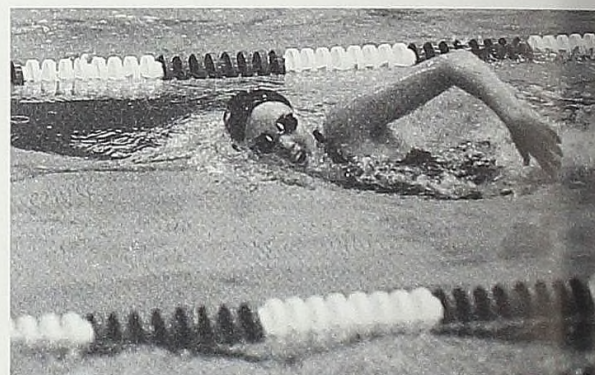
Amanda Barker	Back/IM
Libby Beckett	Back/IM
Jennifer Bondy	Free/IM
Melissa Bridges	Diving
Amber Bunting	Free/Fly
Laura Camann	Fly/Free
Andrea Carlsen	Fly/Breast/IM
Nicole DeFrance	Free/Fly
Renee DeGraaf	Free
Rachel Dowdney	Diving
Christy Doyle	Breast/IM
Nicole Gentry	Fly/Breast/IM
Elizabeth Grohs	Free/Fly
Katie Kanitz	Back/IM
Bridget Paulson	Free/Breast
Marisa Proctor	Diving
Jennifer Rocco	Free/Breast
Emily Seman	Free
Carrie Thomas	Breast/IM
Jenny Troyer	Fly/IM
Sarah Vandermeer	Breast/IM
Melissa VanWert	Free/Back
Katie Zellen	Free/Fly/IM



Mark Oberman '99 competes in his specialty, the 50-yard freestyle. He holds team records in all five relays and the 50- and 200-meter freestyle.



Above, Marisa Proctor '98 claimed two MIAA diving titles, two All-America diving honors and an Academic All-America award. She took a silver medal on the one-meter board and placed 12th on the three-meter board at the NCAA Division III championships. Proctor was named to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America second team.



Right, Sarah Vandermeer '01 swims to a record in the medley relay. She set team records in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke and teamed with Amanda Barker '00, Nicole Gentry '01 and Rene DeGraaf '98 to set a team record in the 200 medley relay. She holds the 400-meter medley relay record with Barker, Gentry and Katie Zellen '00.

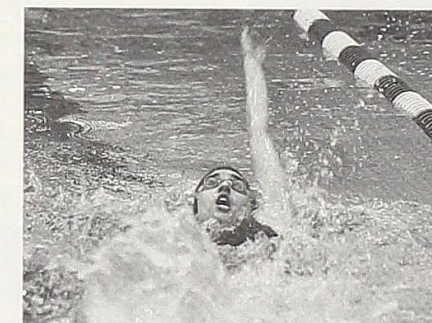


### 1997-98 Scots men's and women's swimming and diving teams

"The work ethic of this team was outstanding," said Coach Greg Baadte, "The conference meet was the best I have ever coached. Ninety-eight percent of the best swims of the season occurred during that exciting meet."

### Season Results

Opponent	Men	Women
GVSU Relays	2nd/132pts.	1st/174pts.
Ohio Northern	144-92	150-75
Grand Valley	95-122	133-111
Hope	105-137	102-137
DePauw Invitational	5th/267pts.	2nd/548pts.
Kalamazoo	72-157	135-110
Albion	108.5-128.5	132-110
Wayne State	132.5-91.5	136-95
Olivet	no meet	95-17
Calvin	89-146	139-101
Hillsdale	no meet	129-79
St. Mary's	no meet	129-70



Libby Beckett '99 slices through the water during the 100-meter backstroke. She also competes in the individual medley.

### Season Team Honors

Most Valuable Player	Mark Oberman, Mike Cox, Marisa Proctor
Rookie Award	Sara Vandemeer, Nick Holiday
Most Improved Player	Jen Rocco, Eric Eppenstiener
Coach Award	Nicole Gentry, Carrie Thomas, Joey Mead
Captains Awards	Marisa Proctor, Jennifer Bondy-Griffin, Renee DeGraaf, Bill James, Mark Oberman

### Men's 1997-98 MIAA Standings

Dual Meet Standings	League Meet Scores	Season Standings
Kalamazoo 4-0	1. Kalamazoo 605.5	1. Kalamazoo
Hope 3-1	2. Hope 560	2. Hope
Calvin 2-2	3. Calvin 330.5	3. Calvin
Albion 1-3	4. Albion 259.5	4. Albion
Alma 0-4.	5. Alma 220.	5. Alma.

### Women's 1997-98 MIAA Standings

Dual Meet Standings	League Meet Scores	Season Standings
Hope 6-0	1. Hope 527	1. Hope
Kalamazoo 6-1	2. Kalamazoo 433	2. Kalamazoo
Alma 4-2	3. Alma 414	3. Alma
Calvin 3-3	4. Calvin 279	4. Calvin
Albion 2-4	5. Albion 270	5. Albion
Saint Mary's 1-5	Saint Mary's 146	6. Saint Mary's
Olivet 0-6	Olivet 71	7. Olivet



# Women's Basketball

The Tradition Continues

## Bradbury burns up the conference

Ellen Bradbury '99 was named the 1998 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Most Valuable Player. An Alma College post player has earned the honor three straight years. Melissa VanDamme of Cornell/Gwinn won the 1996 and 1997 MVP awards.

Bradbury learned her position playing backup to VanDamme last year. "Missy beat up on me everyday to make me a better post player. She and (last year's power forward) Jaami McClellan were definitely a big part of my award. I can't think of two better players to teach the game," Bradbury said.

Basketball is not the only sport Bradbury has mastered. She was named first-team all-conference in volleyball in the fall.

Bradbury was second in scoring with 17.8 points per conference game and led the MIAA in field goal percentage with 53 percent. She tied for third in rebounds with 7.6 per game and was third with 10 blocked shots. She was one of three players to score season-high 32 points in conference games this season and was named MIAA Player of the Week twice.

### 1997-98 MIAA Standings

	MIAA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Calvin	12	0	23	5
Hope	8	4	16	11
Alma	7	5	13	13
Adrian	6	6	7	17
Kalamazoo	5	7	9	17
Albion	4	8	6	19
Olivet	0	12	1	24
Defiance			20	4
St. Mary's			9	16

Defiance and St. Mary's become members of the MIAA in 1998-99.



### 1997-98 Roster

Rebekah Barker, Fr.	Guard
Mary Barnhart, So.	Guard
Ellen Bradbury, Jr.	Center
Amber Corneillie, So.	Forward
Kristine DeBoer, Fr.	Guard
Meghann Devlin, Fr.	Center
Jenny Dulz, So.	Forward
Adrienne Fitzgerald, So.	Forward
Shannon Gross, So.	Guard
Joy Horton, Fr.	Guard
Erin LaCosse, Jr.	Guard
Sarah Lefke, Jr.	Guard
Kelly McDonald, So.	Forward
Leigh Miles, So.	Center
Melissa Thorndyke, Fr.	Guard
Alicia Vallad, So.	Forward

### 1998 MIAA Honors

#### MIAA Most Valuable Player

Ellen Bradbury '00

#### All-MIAA First Team

Ellen Bradbury '00

#### All-MIAA Second Team

Shannon Gross '00

#### All-MIAA Honorable Mention

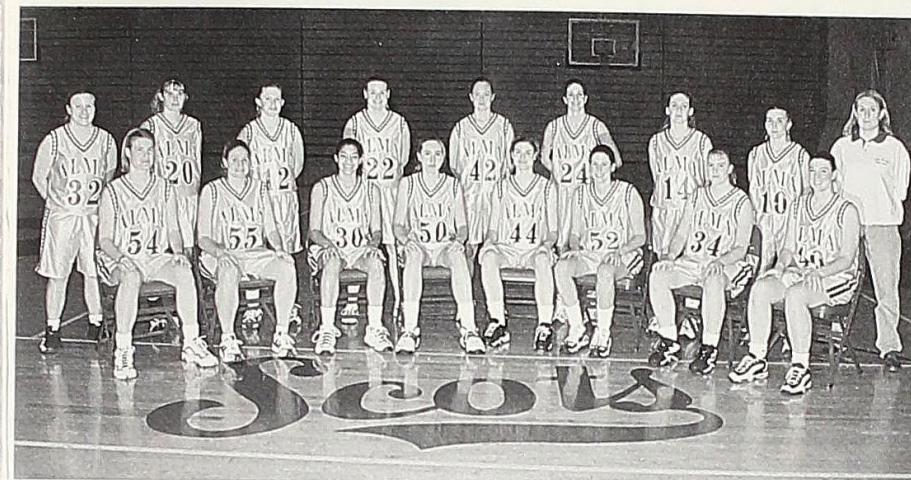
Rebekah Barker '02

Adrienne Fitzgerald '01



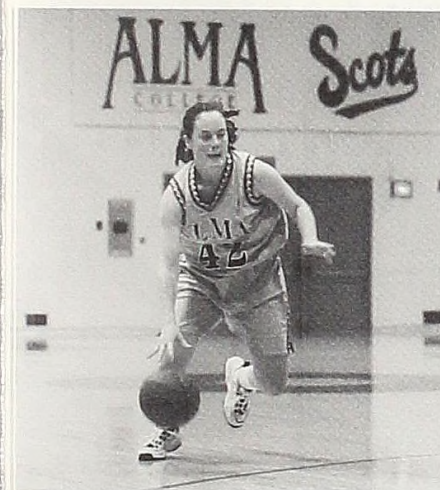
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Adrienne Fitzgerald was the third-leading scorer on the Scots (7.9 ppg) and second in rebounds (5.9 rpg), blocks (14) and steals (33).



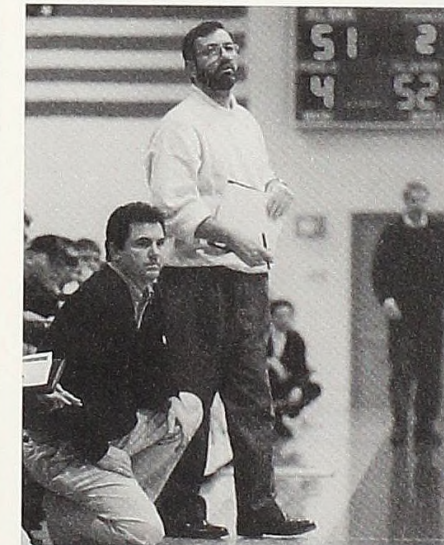
Front row left to right, Jenny Dulz, Amber Corneillie, Adrienne Fitzgerald, Meghann Devlin, Ellen Bradbury, Leigh Miles, Kelly McDonald, Kristine DeBoer. Back row, Sarah Lefke, Joy Horton, Mary Barnhart, Alicia Vallad, Shannon Gross, Erin LaCosse, Melissa Thorndyke, Rebekah Barker, Trainer Kathryn Nordin.

## 1997-98 Women's Basketball Team



Left, Shannon Gross '00 led the team in three-point percentage (39) and steals (48) and was second in scoring (12.2 ppg).

Below, head coach Charlie Goffnett, standing, and assistant coach Mark Guyette led the Scots to another successful season.



Above, Joy Horton '01 averaged 17 minutes a game of the bench. She hit 30 percent of her three-pointers and was fourth on the Scots in assists (43). Below right, Sarah Lefke '99 was second on the team in assists (59) and was the fifth-leading scorer (4.3 ppg).



Left, MIAA MVP Ellen Bradbury '99 led the Scots in scoring (16.8 ppg), rebounding (6.8 rpg), field goal percentage (54) and blocked shots (20).

Right, Rebekah Barker '01 led the team in assists (60) and was the fourth-leading scorer (7.6 ppg).





# Men's Basketball

## Hoops Heat

The 1997-98 Scots realized many successes, including a string of eight wins in the last 11 games and five victories in a row.

But, the heart of the men's basketball team beat strongest Valentine's Day when the Scots upset Hope at Cappaert Gym. In the grasp of a 10-game losing streak, Alma grabbed a thrilling 66-65 victory over the second-ranked team in the nation.

Despite three Dutch shots in the final seconds, Alma held on for the first win over Hope since 1994. After the win, Alma fans poured onto the floor to celebrate with the players and coaches.

Senior guard Eric Spielhaupter said after the game, "It feels like we just won the league. We came in thinking we could beat them. They're a great team, but if you go in thinking you don't have a chance or try to hang close, you're

going to get run off the court."

The momentum swung to Alma with two minutes to play and the Scots trailing 63-61. Senior Doug Austin, perfect at the free throw line in 30 season attempts at the time, hit two technical fouls. Spielhaupter drained a long three-pointer with 38 seconds left.

The men's team finished conference play in sixth place with a 4-8 record (11-14 overall).



T. Lounds

Coach Kevin Skaggs instructs his players with the game on the line and less than a minute left on the clock against Olivet. The Scots tied the game and won in overtime 93-90.



The basketball cheerleaders lead the crowd in congratulating the Scots after a win.



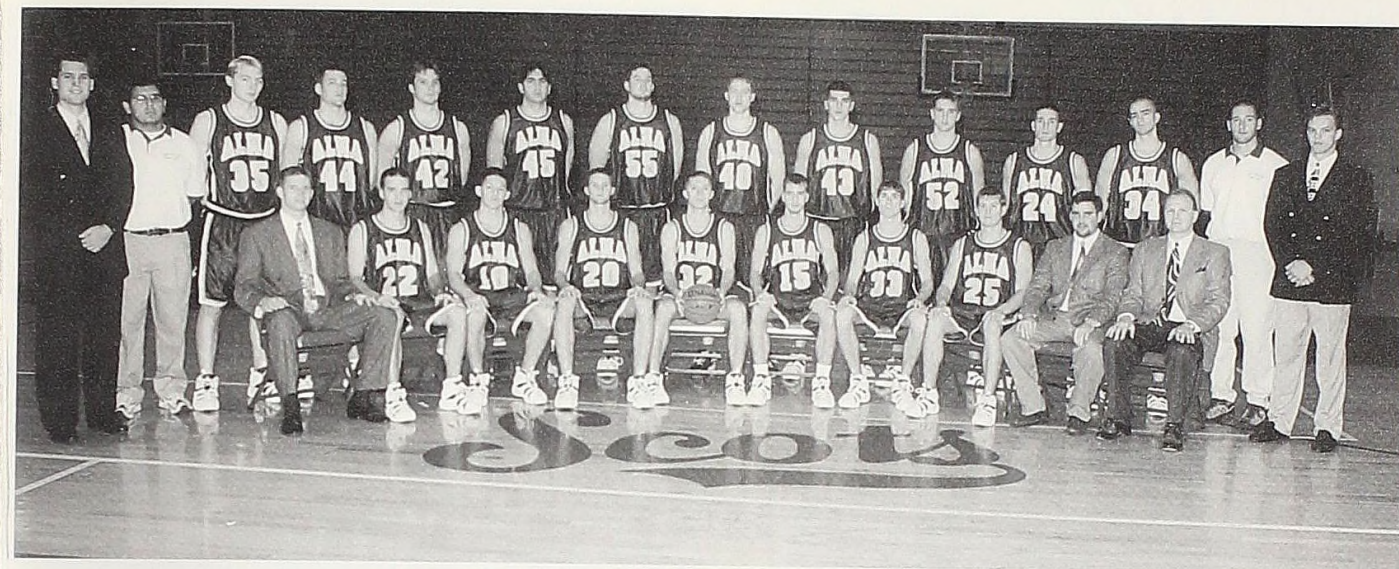
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The Scots show their spirit with a "Go Scots" cheer after a timeout.



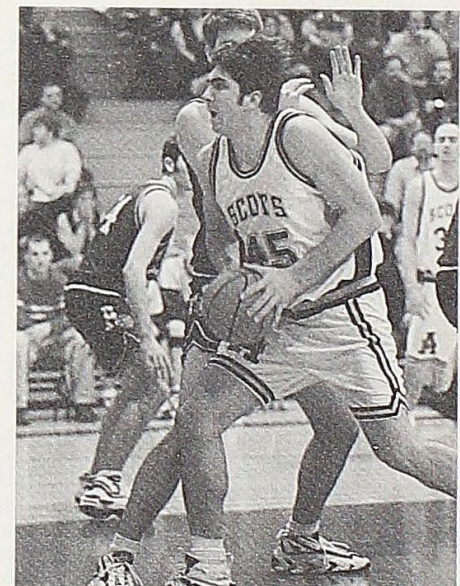
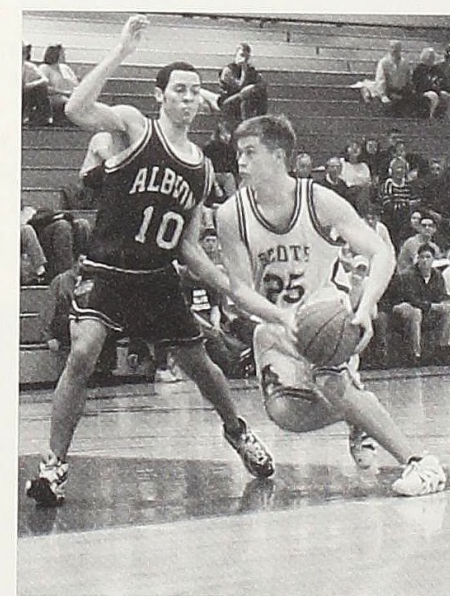
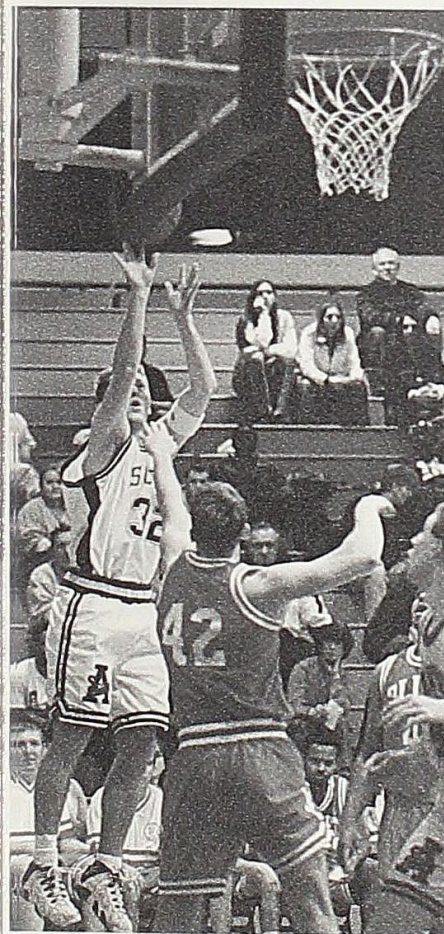
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Above, Seth Stapleton '00 was the third-leading scorer (8.3 ppg) making 50 percent of his three-point shots. Right, Jeremy Hyler '00 led the team in field goal percentage (54), rebounds (6.6 rpg) and blocked shots (37).



## 1997-98 Men's Basketball Team

Front row from left, student assistant coach Scott Goddard, Jason Huber, Tony Colucci, Cory Dunn, Doug Austin, Travis Plain, Joe Peters, Eric Spielhaupter, manager Steve Crider, and head coach Kevin Skaggs. Back row, assistant coach Joe Pechota, trainer Rick Villarreal, Pat Hoag, Jeff Curtis, Jason VanDerMaas, Chris Davis, Chris Seelbach, Jeremy Hyler, Dave Hanley, Kelly Sivier, Chris Shepard, Seth Stapleton, trainer Max Leonard, and assistant coach Ryan Cottingham.



T. Lounds

From left to right, Doug Austin '98 puts up two points. Austin led the Scots in scoring (11.6 ppg), steals (35), assists (51) and free throw percentage (98). Eric Spielhaupter scored 9.8 points per game, stole the ball 23 times and dished out 40 assists. Chris Davis '98 added 7.5 ppg and was the second-leading rebounder with 4.2 rpg.



# Women's Tennis

## Blistering Serves

### Dual Match Standings

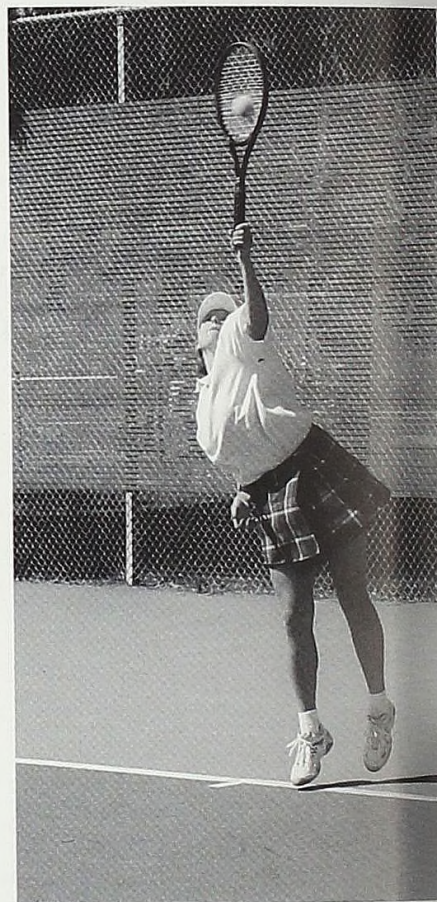
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Hope	8	0
Calvin	6	2
Kalamazoo	6	2
Albion	6	2
St. Mary's	3	5
Alma	3	4
Adrian	2	6
Defiance	1	6
Olivet	0	8

### Tournament Results

1. Hope	133
2. Albion	90
3. Kalamazoo	82
4. Calvin	79
5. Saint Mary's	60
6. Alma	51
7. Adrian	27.5
8. Defiance	24.5
9. Olivet	16

### Season Standings

1. Hope
2. Albion
3. Kalamazoo
4. Calvin
5. Alma
5. St. Mary's
7. Adrian
8. Defiance
9. Olivet



Kris Kuhna '98, above, leans into a fireball serve.

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### All-MIAA Honors

#### Second Team

Taylor Campbell '01  
Kris Kuhna '98



Kris Kuhna '98

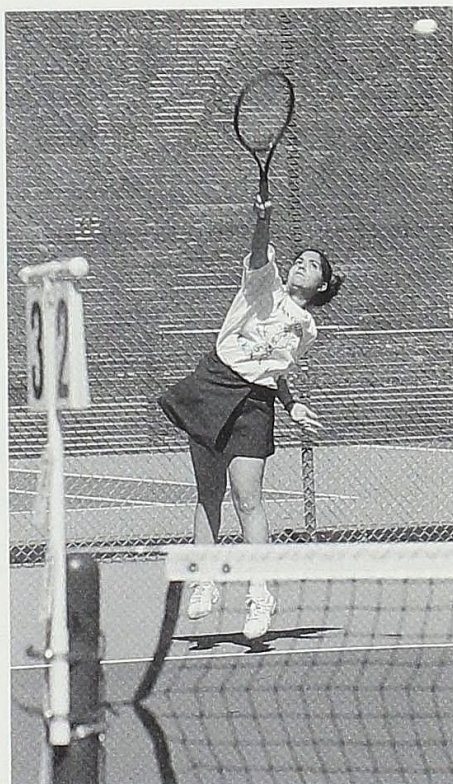


Taylor Campbell '01

### 1998 Individual Results

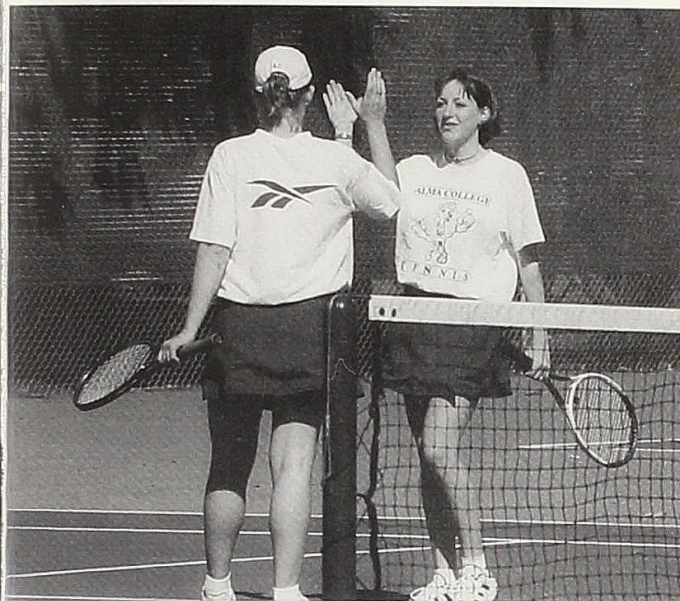
Singles	Player	Record
#1	Kris Kuhna	8-11
#2	Taylor Campbell	11-8
#3	Betsie Keeler	5-14
#4	Marisol Diaz	8-11
#5	Amy LaGuire	10-9
#6	Sarah Hypio	7-9

Overall team record: 7-11



Marisol Diaz '01, above, lets go with a blistering serve.

T. Lounds



Amy LaGuire '01 high fives a teammate.

### Scots' season best since '94

Veteran Kris Kuhna '98 and some talented newcomers lead the Scots to the best conference finish since 1994.

Kuhna and first-year student Taylor Campbell earned All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team honors. Kuhna, at number-one singles, finished the season at 8-11. Campbell ran her record to 11-8 at the number-two singles position.

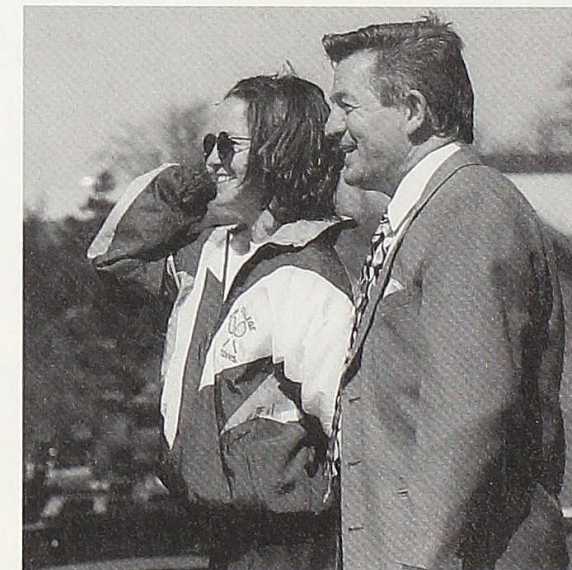
Kuhna and number-six singles player Sarah Hypio graduate leaving holes for a new coach to fill in 1999. But, with four veterans returning, the women's tennis future looks bright.



Taylor Campbell '01 is ready for a return volley.



Marisol Diaz '01 goes to the net for her point.



President Alan J. Stone and interim women's tennis coach Darlene Finnegan are pleased with the progress of the match.



# Men's Tennis

## Volatile Volleys

### Dual Match Standings

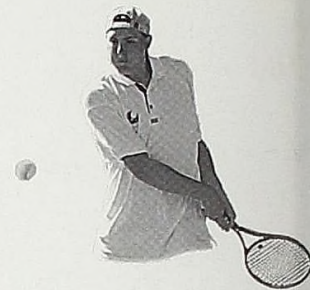
	W	L
Kalamazoo	6	0
Calvin	5	1
Hope	4	2
Albion	3	3
Alma	2	4
Defiance	1	5
Adrian	0	6

### Tournament Results

1. Kalamazoo	108
2. Hope	71
3. Calvin	63.3
4. Alma	21
5. Albion	20
6. Defiance	4.5
7. Adrian	0.5

### Season Standings

1. Kalamazoo
2. Calvin
3. Hope
4. Alma
4. Albion
6. Defiance
7. Adrian



### All-MIAA Honors

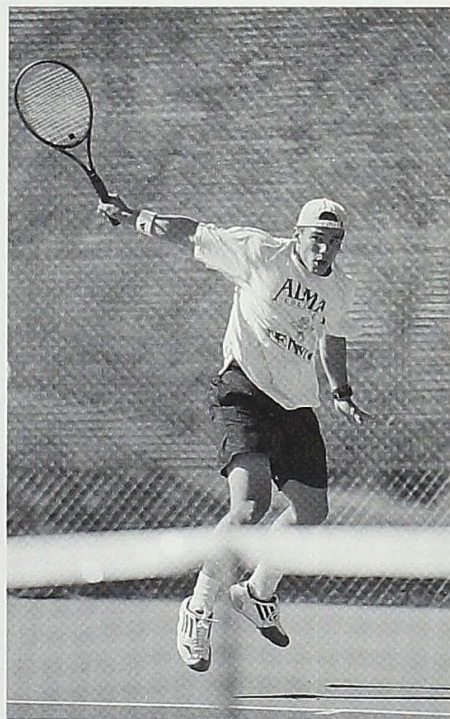
#### Second Team

Chris Ahn '98

### 1998 Roster

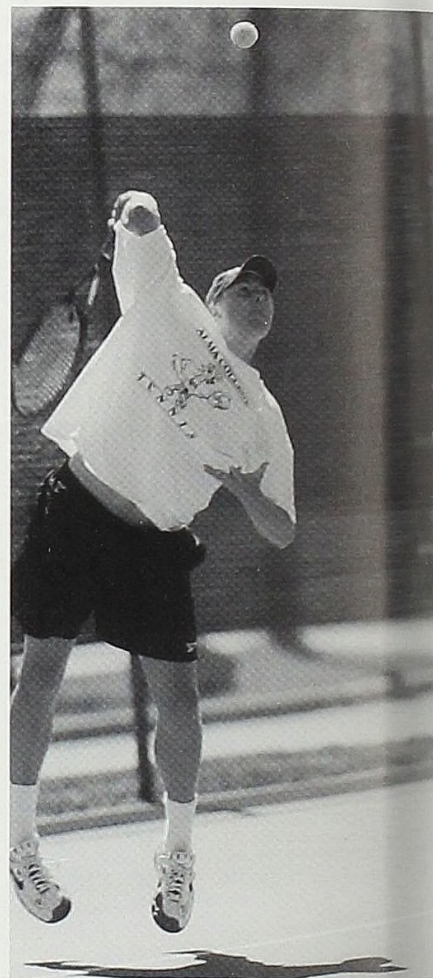
Singles	Player	Record
#1	Chris Ahn	8-11
#2	Bill Zeedyk	11-8
#3	Ryan Webb	5-14
#4	Tim Zeedyk	8-11
#5	Nate McFarren	10-9
#6	Adam Molden	7-9
	John Meliska	

Overall team record: 4-14



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Chris Ahn '98, above, gets involved in a blistering volley.



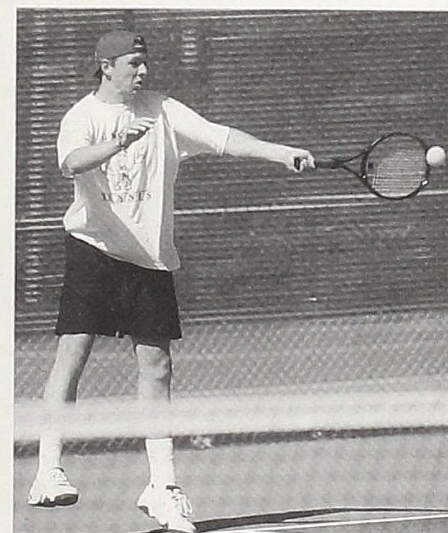
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Bill Zeedyk '99, above, leans into a fireball serve.



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Nate McFarren '99 returns a volley at number-five singles position.



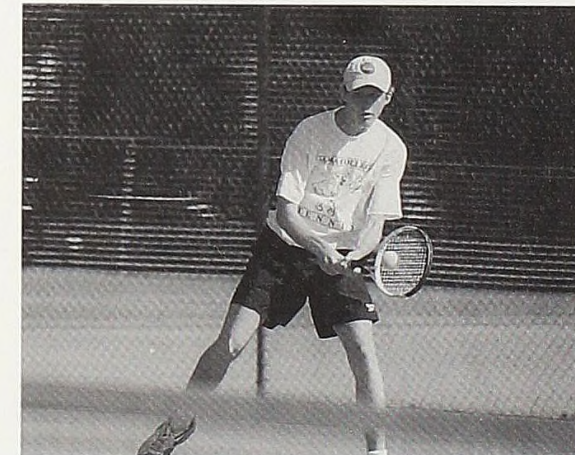
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Tim Zeedyk '01, above, returns a fireball serve at number-four singles.



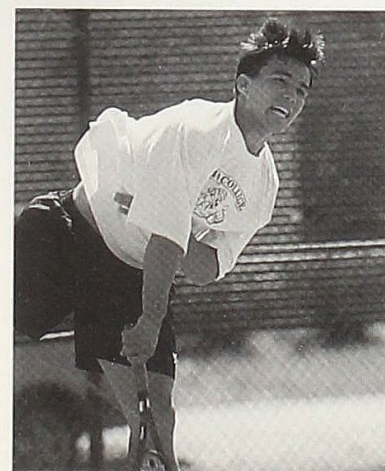
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Ryan Webb '99 shows good form on a forehand volley at number-three singles position.



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Adam Molden '01 returns a volley at number-six singles position.



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Chris Ahn '98 puts everything into a serve.

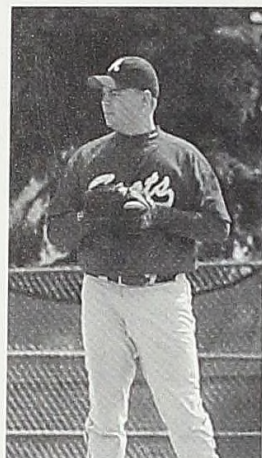


# Baseball

## Throwin' the Heat

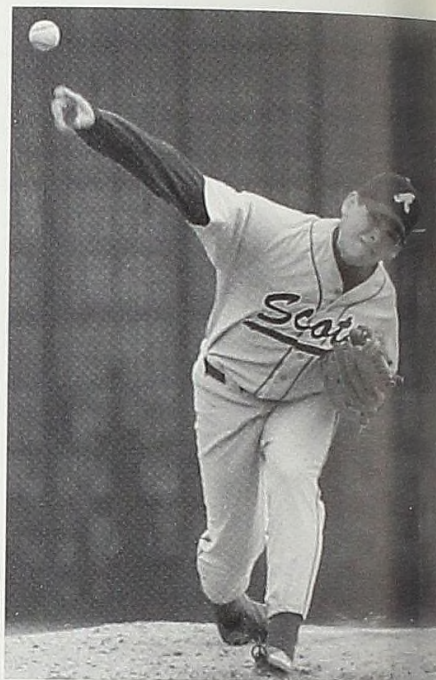
### Final 1998 MIAA Baseball Standings

League	Overall				
	W	L	W	L	T
Hope	16	5	25	10	0
Adrian	14	7	22	16	0
Defiance	13	8	16	16	0
Olivet	12	9	17	17	0
Albion	11	10	18	12	0
Alma	9	12	12	18	0
Calvin	8	13	14	21	0
Kalamazoo	2	19	6	24	0



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Above, pitcher Matt MacDonald '98 looks in for the sign.



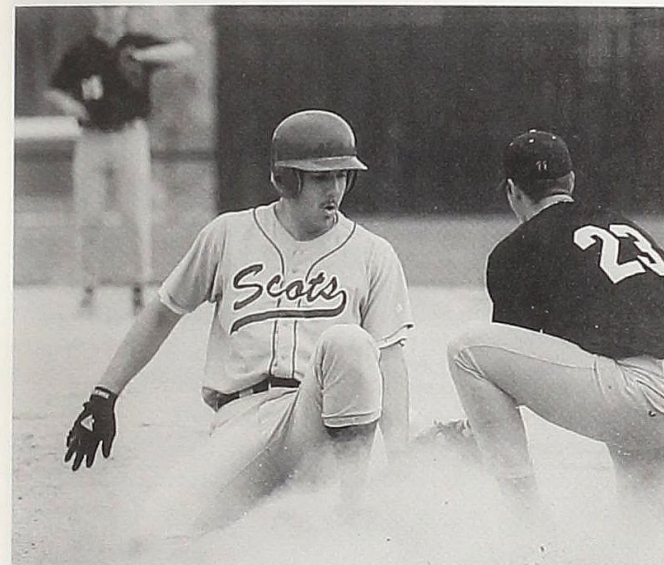
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Above, Ryan Holzinger '99 burns one to the plate. Holzinger was 5-3 with a 3.38 ERA.



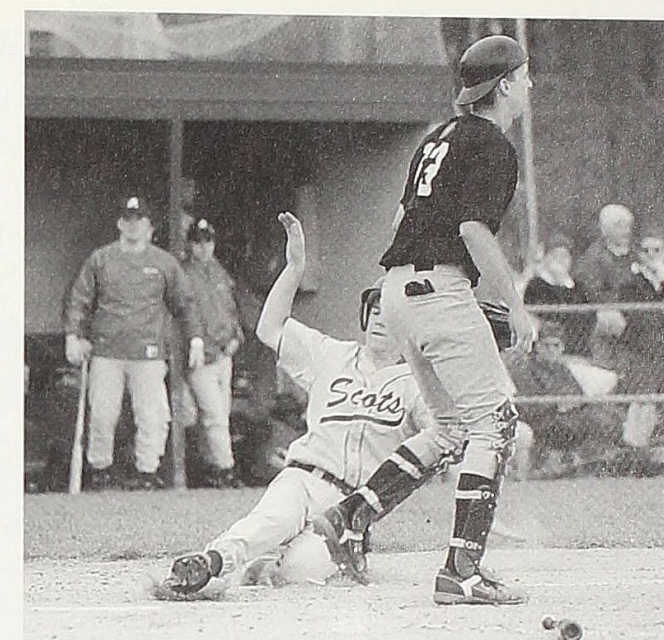
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MacDonald is congratulated by his teammates after pitching the Scots to a win. He was 3-2 with a 4.78 ERA.



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Ryan Janis '00 gets back to first base safely on a pick-off attempt. Janis batted .312 and scored 12 runs. As a pitcher, he saved two games.



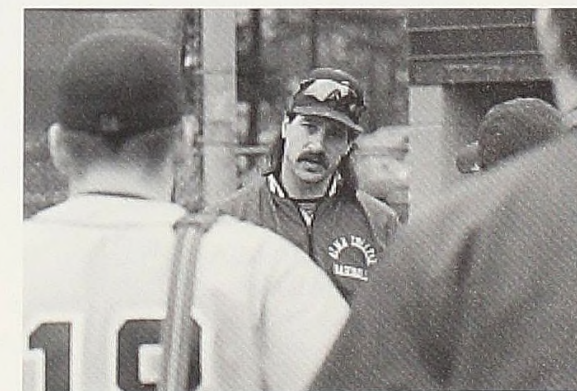
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Above, Jeff Lane '01 slides safely into home during a Scots' win. The freshman batted .260 and scored 14 runs in 29 games.



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Above, Art Klawender '00 watches the flight of a fly ball. Klawender batted .333, scored 13 runs and knocked in 11 runners. Left, Head Coach John Leister talks to his team between games of a conference doubleheader.



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### 1998 Honors

#### All-MIAA First Team

Scott Thomas '99

#### All-MIAA Second Team

Shawn Grant '00

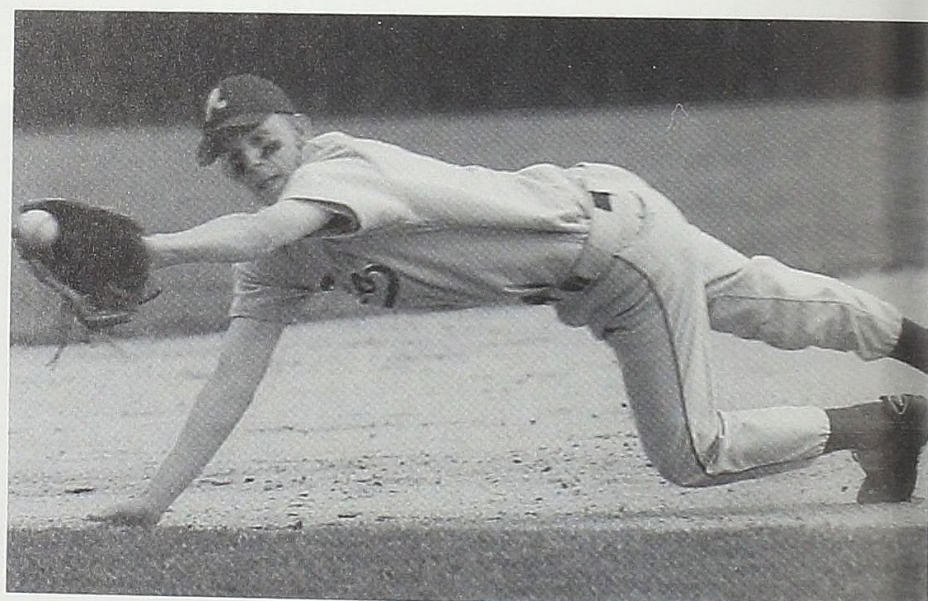
Ryan Holzinger '99

#### All-MIAA Honorable Mention

Scott Mantyla '99

Art Klawender '00

Jeff Lane '01



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Scott Mantyla '99 dives for a smash ground ball. Mantyla had 26 putouts and 60 assists and a .935 fielding average. He was among the batting leaders with seven sacrifice flies and 14 RBIs.



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Above, Scott Heymoss '98 was one of the Scots' leaders with a .333 batting average, 17 RBIs and two home runs.



# Softball

## Too Hot to Handle

### 1998 Honors

#### MIAA Most Valuable Player

Carolyn Whyte '98

#### All-MIAA First Team

Brandee Brower '00

Tracie Lentz '01

Danielle Pease '01

Becky Pierce '00

Carolyn Whyte '98

#### All-MIAA Second Team

Amy Czabala '00

Kristin Gardner '98

Stacie Vietzke '00

#### All-MIAA Honorable Mention

Jackie Cowan '00

Sarah Lefke '99

#### All-Central Region First Team

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Danielle Pease '01

Becky Pierce '00

Carolyn Whyte '98

#### All-America First Team

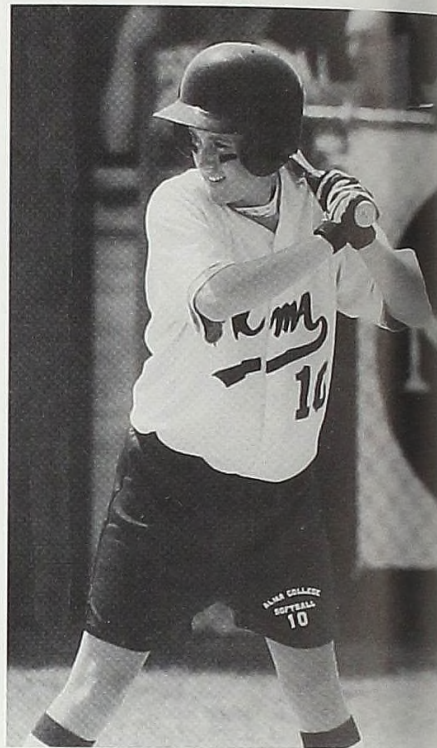
Danielle Pease '01

#### All-America Third Team

Tracie Lentz '01



Brandee Brower '00, All-MIAA First Team, All-Central Region.



Danielle Pease '01, All-MIAA First Team, All-Central Region, All-America First Team.



Carolyn Whyte '98, MIAA MVP, All-MIAA First Team, All-Central Region.



Tracie Lentz '01, All-MIAA First Team, All-Central Region, All-America Third Team.



Becky Pierce '00, All-MIAA First Team, All-Central Region.



### 1998 MIAA Champions

A good young team went a long way in 1998. The Scots finished the season 33-4, including 29 wins in a row. Alma won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a perfect 16-0

mark and went undefeated in the conference tournament. Hosting the Central Region Tournament, the Scots fell one game short of advancing to the College World Series.

Alma has been in NCAA tournament play four times in the past five years and has won the conference title three times since their College World Series appearance in 1994.



Head Coach Denny Griffin, above kneeling, and assistant coaches, from left, Phil Hansen and James Farnum were named NCAA Division III Central Region Coaching Staff of the Year by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. They were joined in the dugout by honorary faculty coach Joe Walser.

### Final 1998 MIAA Softball Standings

	League		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	T
Alma	16	0	33	4	0
Calvin	12	4	20	19	0
Hope	9	7	21	13	0
Kalamazoo	9	7	12	18	0
Olivet	8	8	13	14	0
Albion	7	9	10	20	0
St. Mary's	6	10	21	16	0
Defiance	3	13	9	16	1
Adrian	2	14	12	22	0



# Women's Track

## Winning Heats

### Dual Meet Standings

1. Calvin	7-0
2. Alma	6-1
3. Hope	5-2
4. Albion	4-3
5. Adrian	3-4
6. Defiance	2-5
7. Olivet	1-6
8. St. Mary's	0-7

### Field Day Results

1. Calvin	233
2. Hope	112
3. Alma	105
4. Albion	45
5. Defiance	22
6. Adrian	20
7. St. Mary's	18
8. Olivet	1

### Season Standings

1. Calvin	
2. Alma	
2. Hope	
4. Albion	
5. Adrian	
6. Defiance	
7. Olivet	
7. St. Mary's	

### Most Valuable Trackster

Jo Ann Brnjac '98

### All-MIAA Team

Jo Ann Brnjac '98  
Sarah Pettee '98  
Meredith White '98



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Becky Burkett '01 sprints ahead of her opponents in the 100-meter dash.



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Joann Brnjac '98 fires out of the blocks on the way to winning the 400-meter hurdles. Brnjac was the MIAA Most Valuable Trackster winning the shot put and placing in several other track and field events.



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Anne Grimaldi '00 receives congratulations after winning the 1,500-meter run in 4:59.4. At the conference meet, Grimaldi ran fourth.



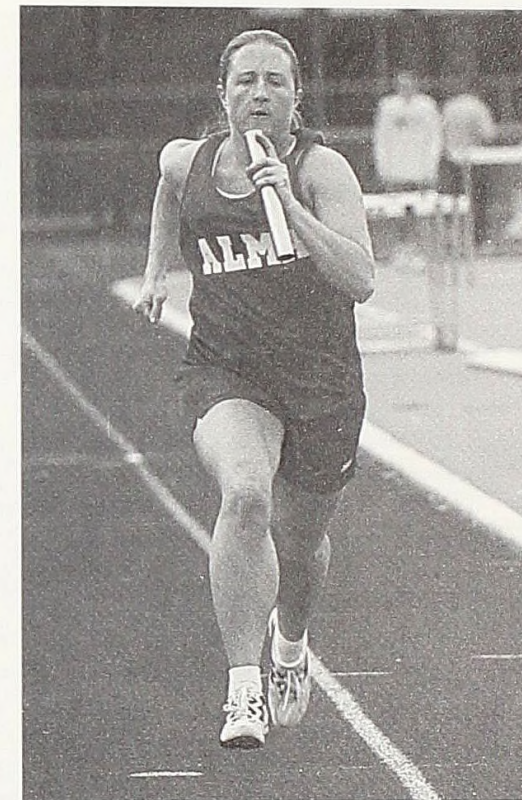
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Sara Pettee '98 sprints for the finish in the 100-meter dash. At the MIAA Field Day, Pettee took All-MIAA honors with a first in the long jump (16-8), second in the triple jump (33-7) and fifth in the 100 (13.37).



S. Traynor

Above, Anne Grimaldi '00 and Stacy Turshak '01 run one and two in the 3,000-meter run in a dual meet against Defiance. At the conference meet, Grimaldi finished sixth in the 3,000 (11:11.5). Right, Heather Venema '00 powers to victory in a relay against Defiance.



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Above from right, Sara Pettee '98 hands off to Andrea Horton '01 in the 4x100 relay. Left, Joy Engblade '98 leads teammate Rebecca Walter '98 in the 5,000 meters.



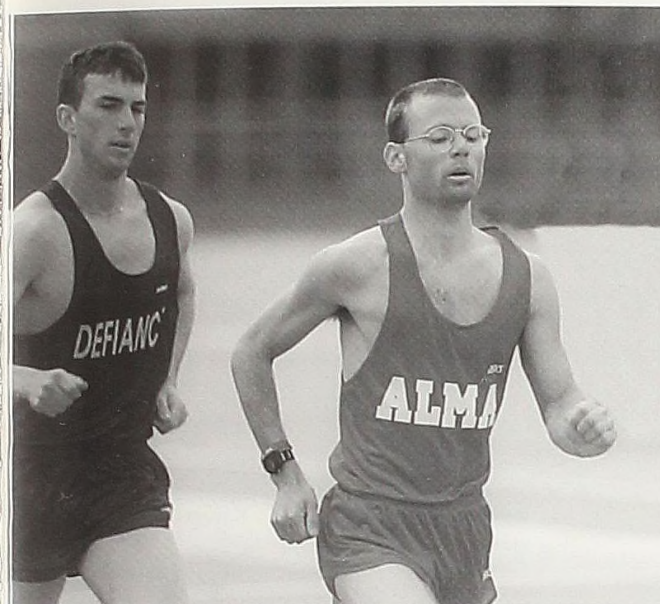
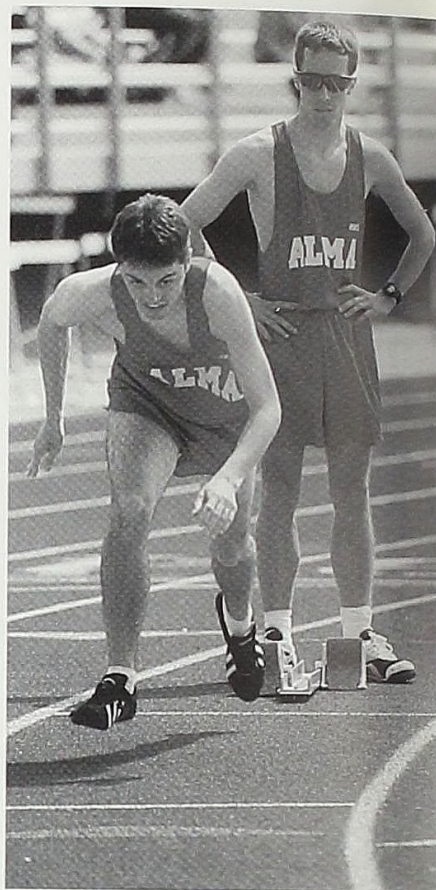
# Men's Track

## Chariots of Fire

### MIAA Standings

Dual Meet		Field Day Results	
1. Calvin	6-0	1. Calvin	237
2. Albion	5-1	2. Albion	105
3. Hope	4-2	3. Adrian	77
4. Adrian	3-3	4. Hope	54
5. Alma	2-4	5. Alma	48
6. Olivet	1-5	6. Olivet	26
7. Defiance	0-6	7. Defiance	11

All-MIAA Team	Final Season
Pete Muccio '99	1. Calvin
	2. Albion
	3. Hope
	3. Adrian
	5. Alma
	6. Olivet
	7. Defiance



Above left, Greg Bowden '00 was the Scots' co-leader in points (60), third in the javelin at the conference meet (158-5) and one of the team's top sprinters. Above right, Jim Alspaugh '98 steadies the blocks for Garth Cornwell '00 in the 400-meter hurdles race. Below, Roger Pattie '98 clears a hurdle in the 110-meter hurdles.

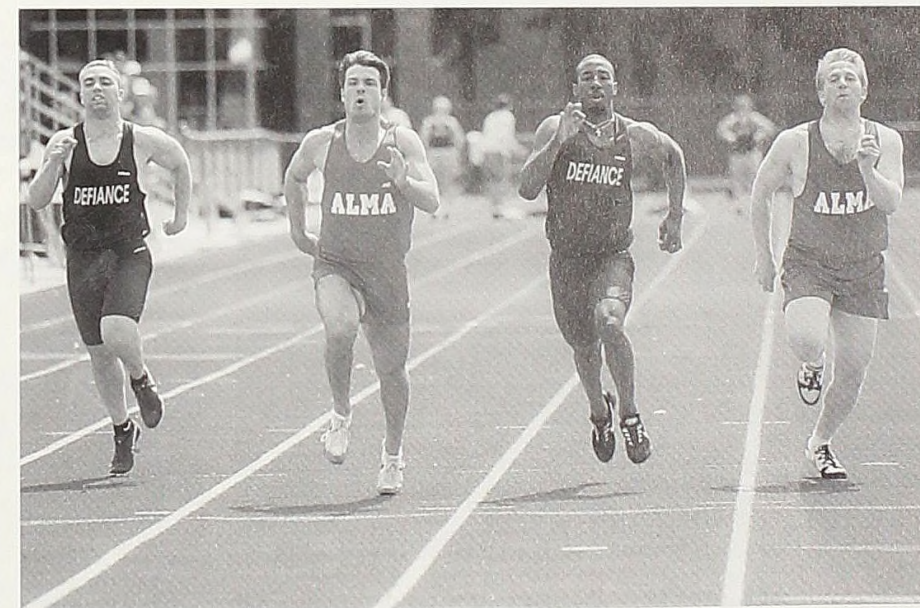


Above, Kyle Kristin '00 leads the pack in the 5,000-meter race against Defiance.

Above, Jim Alspaugh '98 hands the baton to Ben Witte '98 in the 4x400-meter relay.

### Team Honors

**Alma Athlete of the Meet**  
 Justin Stemple, SVSU Invitational  
 Greg Bowden, MIAA Field Day  
 Pete Muccio, Hope/Adrian  
 Drew Broaduss, Calvin  
 Rich Edgar, Macomb Invitational  
 Yaro Middaugh, Defiance  
 Tom Arbaugh, SVSU Invitational



Above from left, Tom Arbaugh '99 and Greg Bowden '00 run neck and neck ahead of Defiance runners in the 100-meter dash.



Above, Pete Muccio '99 was the MIAA 1,500-meter champion and set personal bests at 800 meters (1:57.3) and 5,000 meters (16:17.7) at the Hope/Adrian meet.



### Could it be the Village People?

Jodie Bannan '98, Amy Hoffman '98, Kelly Battles '00 and Michelle Colville '98 perform for their mock rock video at the ACUB All-Nighter. People became rock stars and had photos taken in many different places.



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### All Twisted Up

Roommates Paul Meek '00 and Brandon MacKenzie '00 get tangled up in a game of Twister. Twister and other games were sponsored as part of Homecoming Week.



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# Sparking Up a Fire Campus Happenings

College was an education in itself. What an individual learned outside the classroom was as important as what they learned inside.

Many activities were offered to students outside the classroom. These activities included the AIDS Memorial Quilt, events provided by the Alma College Union Board (ACUB), Homecoming, Songfest, and the different play and dance performances. These activities sparked enthusiasm in students to become involved in campus activities.

Many students participated in bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt to campus. Their activities ranged from monitoring to set-

ting up the Quilt or to just viewing the Quilt itself. "The AIDS quilt was really awesome, we had a small campus and it brought a world wide issue to campus. It was really moving to see it," said Laura Latham '01.

The ACUB All-Nighter brought the campus together in a fun way. "I think they did a good job putting things together, like the All-Nighter, it was pretty cool," said Laura. There were lots of fun and exciting activities to do; like make rock videos, see the comedian, play virtual reality games and much more. "I did the virtual reality game. I felt like I was actually going to fall when the guy shot me," said Kelly

Battles '00.

Besides uniting and having fun with other students, students got to participate in activities with alumni during Homecoming. The school came out in spirit for Homecoming, whether it was in the parade, making a banner for an organization or just having school spirit. "I was in the MEGA Kazoo Band. It was fun and nice being able to be in the parade," said Kelly.

All the extracurricular events sparked a fire of fun in every person who participated. The fire that was ignited will be remembered always by those it touched.

by Lynn Seaton '01



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### Music Please!

Heather Alverson '98, Carolyn Wyte '98, and Sarah Heyd '98 are waiting for their cue from guitar player Greg Feldkamp '01 before they begin their Exhibition performance. Marcus Evans '99 also performed Exhibition while the judges votes were tabulated for the other competing divisions.



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### Learning Outside the Classroom.

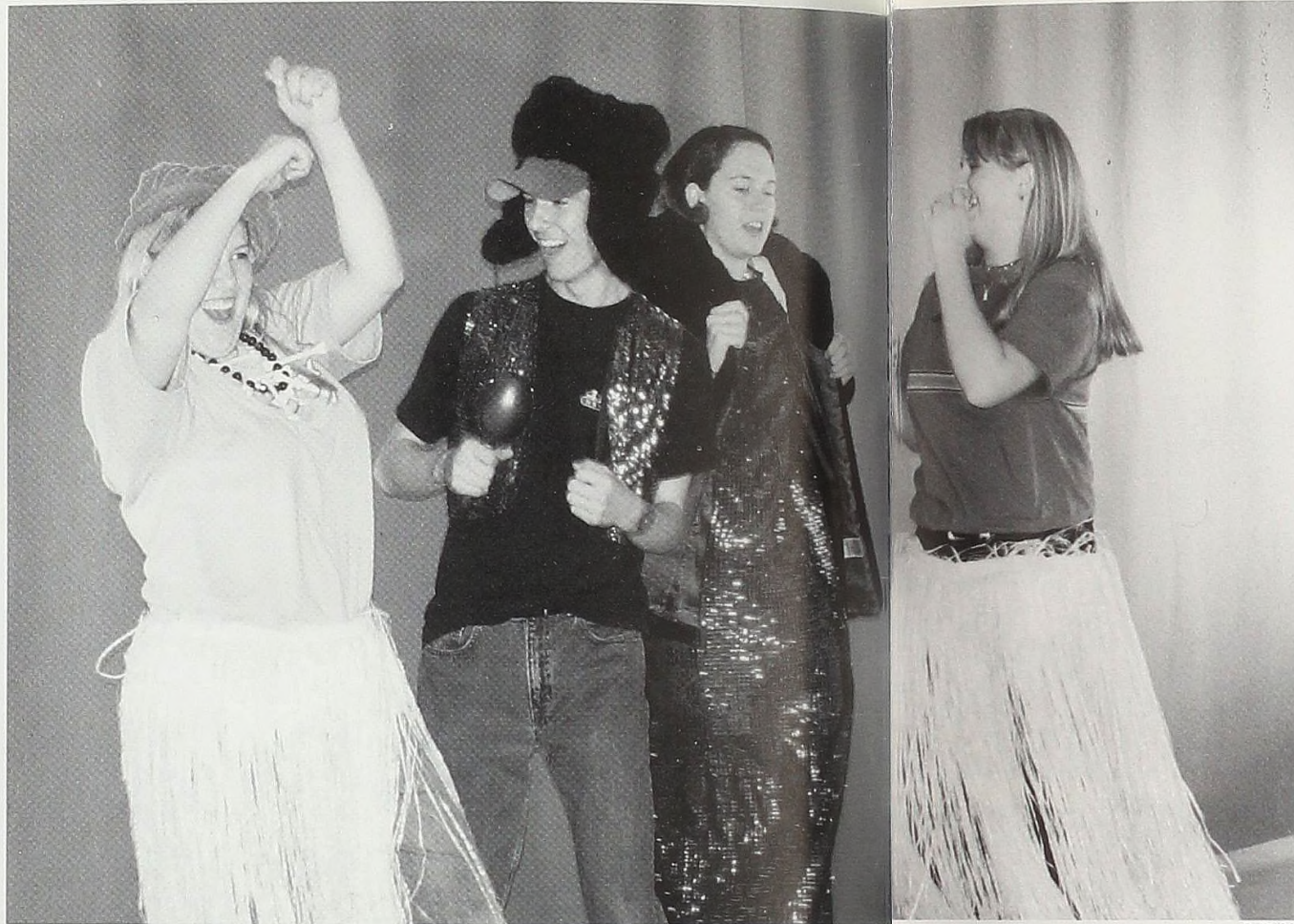
Adam Kern '00 visits the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Quilt and issues surrounding it were discussed as part of many classes.

### A Piece of Their Lives.

Reading intensely, Julie Beelman '99 learns more about the people who are on the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Quilt was brought as part of the NAMES Project and was displayed in VanDusen.



**Rock Stars** Kristen Schutt '00, Jason Cottrell '01, Sarah Adair '98 and Alison Burnett '00 dance in their rock video. Students showed off their singing and dancing talents in the mock rock videos at the All-Nighter.



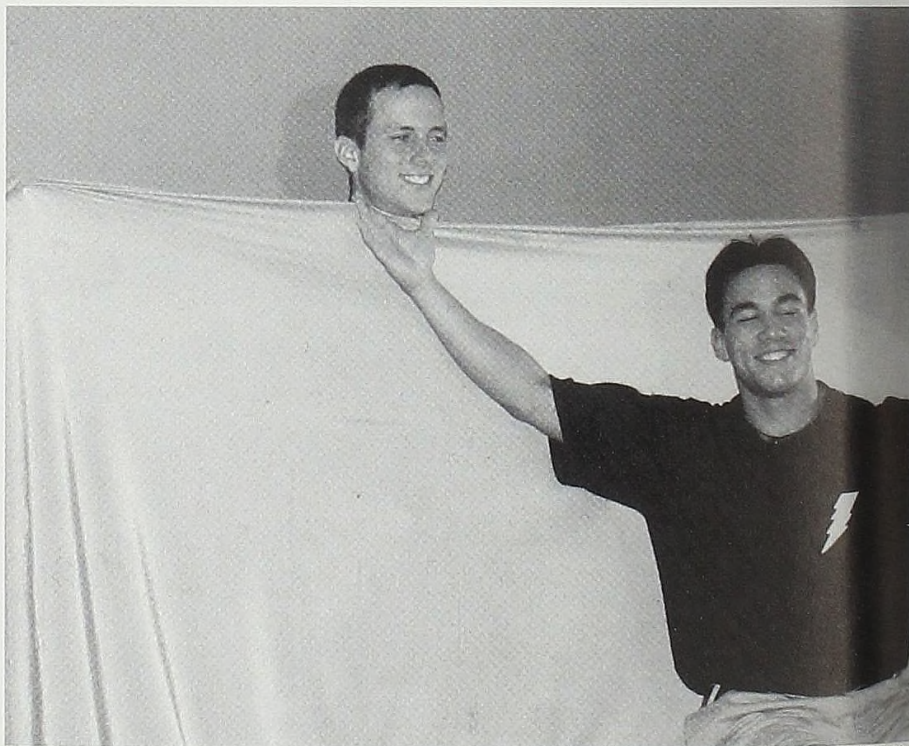
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**A Break** Heidi Kerr '99 takes a break from her ACUB representative responsibilities. It took a lot of ACUB help to put together the event for all the students who attended.

**Magic Carpet Ride** Ryan Webb '00 and Chris Ahn '98 pose for their ultimate picture to anywhere. ACUB offered the opportunity to have a picture of yourself floating above the City of New York, selling the White House, substituting your face on Mount Rushmore or posing next to President Clinton.



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# Fire up the Night

## ACUB All-Nighter

The ACUB All-Nighter provided an evening of fun at the beginning of the year. Students were able to play virtual reality games, hear a comedian, have ultimate pictures taken, produce an ultimate video or play laser tag. Students could find a wide variety of things to do all throughout Tyler-Van Dusen.

The event provided fun on campus for an evening. "The All-Nighter was fun and interesting, it gave us something to do on campus," said Jason Cottrell '01.

Students were given a night away from reality. The virtual reality games provided a chance for students to jump into a video game. "I thought the virtual reality game was very bizarre, it made me dizzy," said Heidi Kerr '99. The ultimate pictures and videos allowed

students to have their picture taken in a different place or even to be a different person, a music artist. "The most hilarious thing was watching the people do the videos," said Heidi. Laser tag provided a chance to go commando and shoot at each other. The night was a chance to forget about homework and school and jump into an alternate reality.

ACUB worked hard to put the evening of fun together for the campus. Laura Latham '01 said, "They did a good job putting things together, it was pretty cool."

ACUB sparked a night of fun with the All-Nighter. Students were able to step out of reality for one evening and be put in many different places.

by Lynn Seaton '01



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**Flash** Kristi Sedgwick '98 watches ultimate pictures being taken. Students attending the All-Nighter received commemorative cups.

**Your Hit, She shoots** Teams of students armed up in laser tag gear and shot at each other as part of the All-Nighter evening.





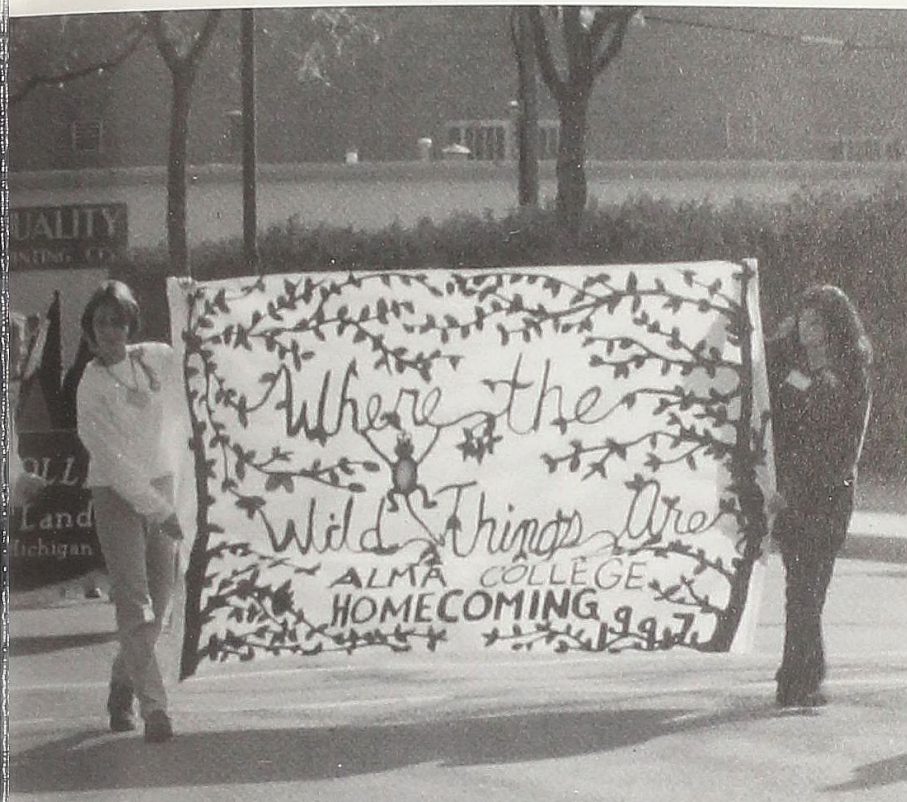
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**Spirit and Pride** Quintessa Duffield '00 rides on a float in the Homecoming Parade. To also raise spirit during the parade, some organizations painted the window fronts of downtown businesses.

**Is this boot camp?** No, its the Homecoming Dance. Annie Grover '00 and her boyfriend are ready for combat. Dress at the dance went from dresses to jeans to combat.



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**The March to Victory** Colleen McGrath '99 and Alicia Sanchez '98 lead the Homecoming parade down the streets of downtown Alma. Students, alumni and the community attended the parade, showing their support.



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**Reaching Out** Heidi Grantham '00 plays Twister with other students to get into the spirit of Homecoming. Homecoming was more than a game, it was a week of pride for the school.

**Hammer and Nail** Margaret Czachor '99, Kristine Pintar '98, Rhonda Smith '98 and Angie Clark '99 help to put together the AGD float for the Homecoming parade. "I think not only the floats themselves but also the excitement and pride of those that helped build them gave quite a boost to the overall Homecoming spirit this year," said Kristine.



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**Dance Fever** Bryan Brunelle '00 and Julie Tolles '00 dance the night away at the All-Alumni/Student Dance. The dance was a time to celebrate the Homecoming game victory.

## Fire UP

### Homecoming

Were students wild? Well, Homecoming was where the wild things were. Homecoming brought out the wild things on campus. The theme, "Where the Wild Things Are," created a jungle out of the campus.

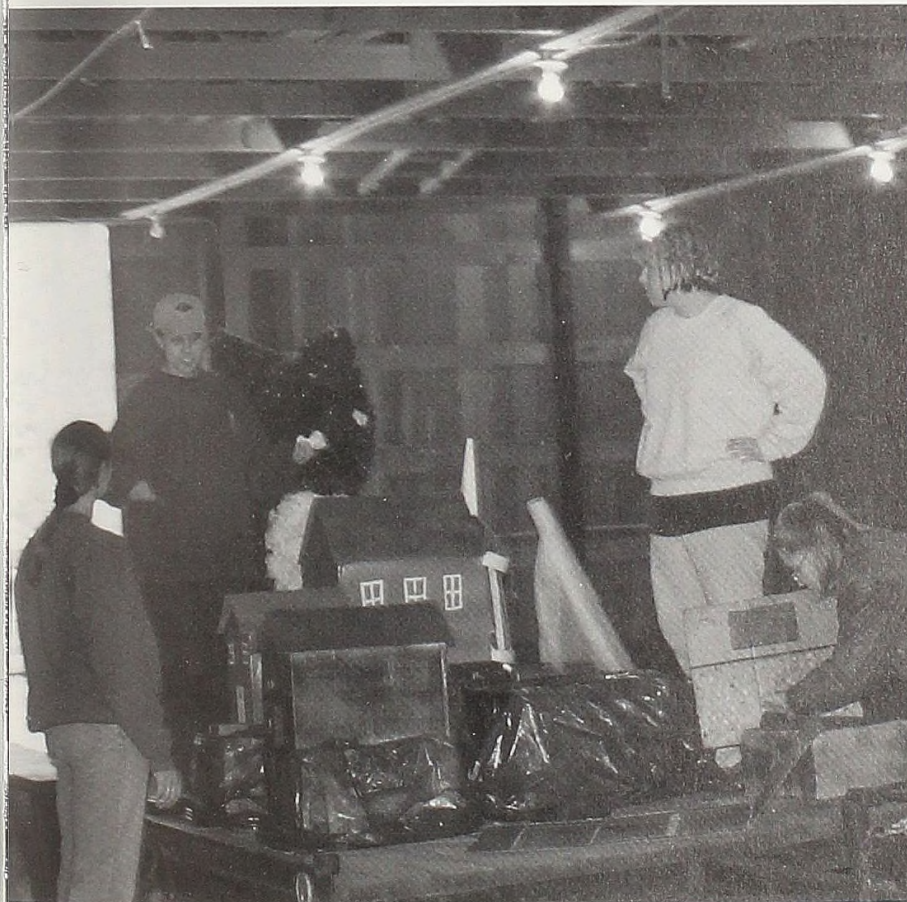
Students decorated floats, banners and businesses all with that theme. Some groups built floats for the parade and others made banners that were displayed all throughout campus. "I think it was a really great idea for the Homecoming Committee to encourage float building. It was a fun, relaxing activity that gave everyone involved a great study break," said Kristine Pintar '98. Along with the hard work that went into these projects, a lot of fun came out of it.

The whole week was filled with

events for students. There was "Name That Tune" and "Twister" was played during the week. A bonfire and pep rally got the weekend started. "They Might Be Giants" put on a concert, the parade, "Where the Wild Things Are" took place before the game and the week ended with the Homecoming Dance. "It was the coolest parade I've ever been to, you got a lot of free stuff," said Jen Klaiss '01. The concert brought out a lot of people. "It was good, I enjoyed it, but it was really packed," said Janitza Ocasio '00.

All of the events on campus enflamed students' spirit for the game. The fire that was inspired raised the football team to victory over Albion 56-16.

by Lynn Seaton '01



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# A Spark of Spirit

## Homecoming

**If you could be any animal you wanted, what would you choose?**

"I'll be a dove, because I could fly and see the world from another perspective and dove's inspire peace and I would like to inspire peace," said Janitza Ocasio '00.

"A black panther, because they are sleek and deadly," said Jessica Ward '01.

"Kangaroo, because I could hop around," said Kristy Hopper '01.

"A cheetah, because I could run fast," said Sarah Hayes '01.

"Dolphin, because I like them and their smart," said Ami Fanjoy '01.

"I would want to be a cat because I can just sit around and do nothing all day and no one will expect anything from," said Ollie Leiterman '00.

"We'd be swallows, because their cute and have good attitudes," said Karen Naile '01 and Maggie Keegan '01.

"I would definitely be a turtle, because I'll bet anything that they have cool things like hot male turtles and video games and stuff under their shells," said Rozanna Weisenbach '00.

"I would be a Siberian tiger," said Ryan Fahler '99.

"I would be a giraffe, because they are interesting and somewhat charming creatures. They are sleek, fast, herbivorous, and not in much danger from the other predators on the land," said Jacquie Cole '98.

"I would be a turtle, because then anytime I wanted to crawl in a shell and hide I could," said Jenni Cherniak '99.

"I would be a rattlesnake because I could strike anyone at any time," said James Hintz '98.

**What music!** Sue Cook '01, Amy Hoffman '98, and Michelle Coville '98 join the MEGA Kazoo band. All organizations were able to walk in the parade or build a float.



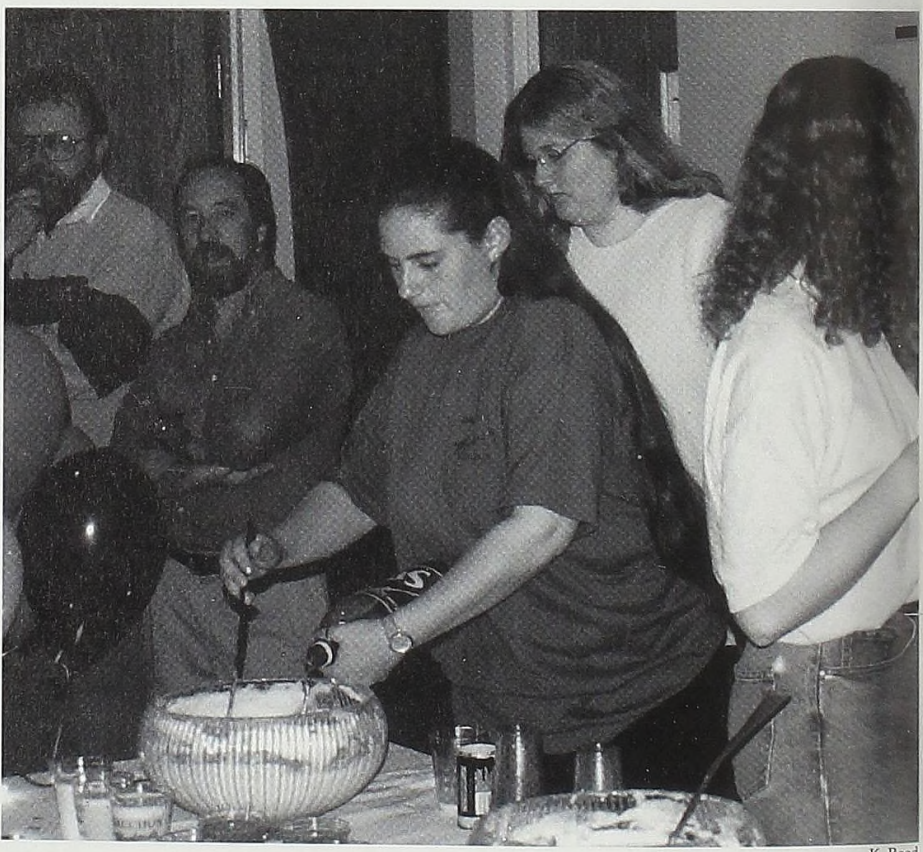
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**Dance the Night Away** Steve Nadeau '01 and Michelle Colville '98 dance at the Student / Alumni Homecoming Dance. The dance was held in Van Dusen Commons.

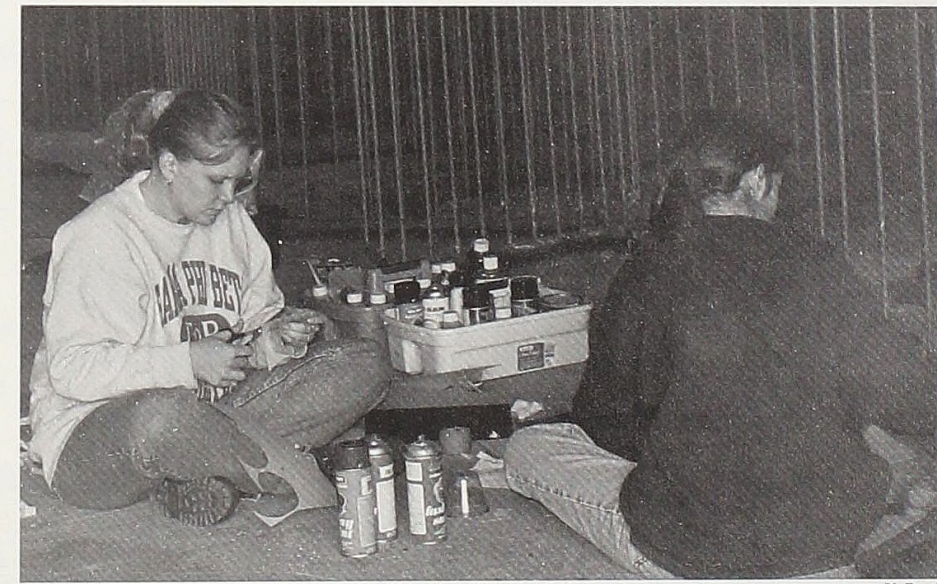
**All goes Well** Dr. Bob Perkins, Amy MacLellan '01, Teresa Dunn '00 help to make the Homecoming Dance a success. BACCHUS served Wild Rumpus Punch, Jungle Jolt and Mischievous Monkey mix at the dance.



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**Wave those arms** Continuing with the spirit, students danced the night away at the Homecoming Dance. The excitement of winning the game continued through the night.

**Being Creative** Carrine Miller '98 helps with the building of the Gamma Phi Beta float. The floats in the parade followed the theme of "Where the Wild Things Are".





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**Flowers** Jenni Mayes '01, Melissa Cox '01, Suzanne Dulong '00, Jessica Marheineke '01 and Anastacia Clapper '99 perform for the Prince and Clara. The dancers from the college and community dancers participated in this piece.

**Are we in Russia?** No, Deborah Chosczyk '98, Matt Wandrie '98, James Kuhl '01 and Amanda Vogel '99 perform the Russian dance. This was one of many different performances that depicted different countries.



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**A Piece of the Puzzle** Leslie Krol '01, Sarah Webb '00, Meredith Yost '99, Holly Cyrus '98 and Kelly Martell '00 perform as Marzipan dancers. The Nutcracker is made up of different dance pieces that fit altogether to make a show for the Prince and Clara.



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**High Up** Dr. Strait performs with local dancers in the Nutcracker. The local dancers were the Gingerbread dancers who came out onto the stage from underneath Dr. Strait's large skirt.

# Break a Leg

## Hot L Baltimore and the Nutcracker

Putting together the *Nutcracker* and *Hot L Baltimore* took a lot of work from the cast to make such great performances. "The *Nutcracker* was a large undertaking, the second act was dances from different lands; it was a lot of work," said Katie Wibby '01.

"For me working on it was great because it was my first college play," said James Kuhl '01. Along with all of the hard work came new experiences for the cast in *Hot L Baltimore*. "I got to experiment with things on stage that I have not been able to do before," said Matt Singletary '00.

The new experiences and the hard work also provided a little fun for the performers. "Performing the *Nutcracker* was a blast. The fun times and getting to know everyone made the late nights, hard

practices, and injuries well worth it," said Jenni Mayes '01. The fun made the work all worth it for both the cast of *Hot L Baltimore* and the dancers of the *Nutcracker*.

The performances allowed for students to see their own talents. "Having the chance to perform the *Nutcracker* again has been a very enriching experience. I have to thank Tom Morris for allowing me the opportunity to discover what my capabilities are especially since this is a challenging ballet to perform," said Meredith Yost '99.

Through the challenge, hard work, new experiences and fun, the performers were able to present a good opportunity for others to see a quality play and dance performance.

by Lynn Seaton '01



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**Welcome to China** Kelly Bannow '99 and Heather Klepper '99 perform the piece depicting China. The different cultural dances provided an added cultural experience besides just attending a dance performance.

**Welcome** The Fairies bring the Prince and Clara on stage. The Fairies provided a chance to mix the community into the dance performance, since they were not part of the college, but from local dance studios.



# A Spark of Home

## Parent's Day and Little Siblings Weekend

When students came to college, it was not often that their family came to visit, but the days they did were Parents' Day and Little Siblings Weekend.

Parents and siblings could come to visit their favorite student and participate in everyday events of a student's life on campus. Parents came and enjoyed an outdoor picnic and a football game. It gave parents the opportunity to visit their student's dorm room and see campus. Little siblings were given the opportunity to come and stay with their older brother or sister and see what it was like to be at college. "It was a very unique weekend, I am glad I got to spend it

with my brother," said Brad Walworth '01.

During Little Sibs Weekend, a variety of activities were put together for big and little sibs alike to participate in. These included an ice cream social and pizza party in Hamilton. They were able to attend the ACUB Casino Night. On Saturday morning they were able to enjoy their favorite cartoons in the residence hall lobbies. "It was a lot of fun being with my sister," said Jen Klais '01.

Students were able to have a little piece of home on campus; That piece was their family.

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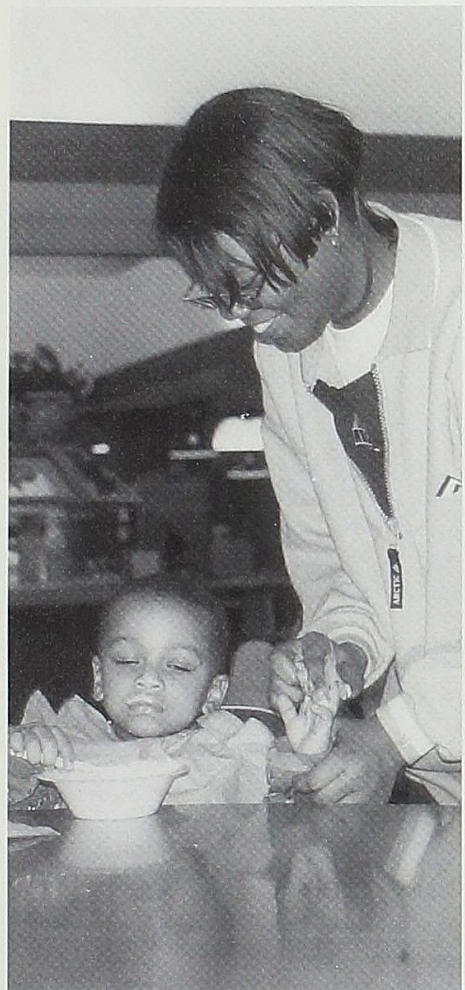
**How Cute!** Tanna Lounds '00 enjoys a little conversation with one of the little sibs. Little Sibs Weekend was a chance for siblings to come and see what living at college is like for one weekend.



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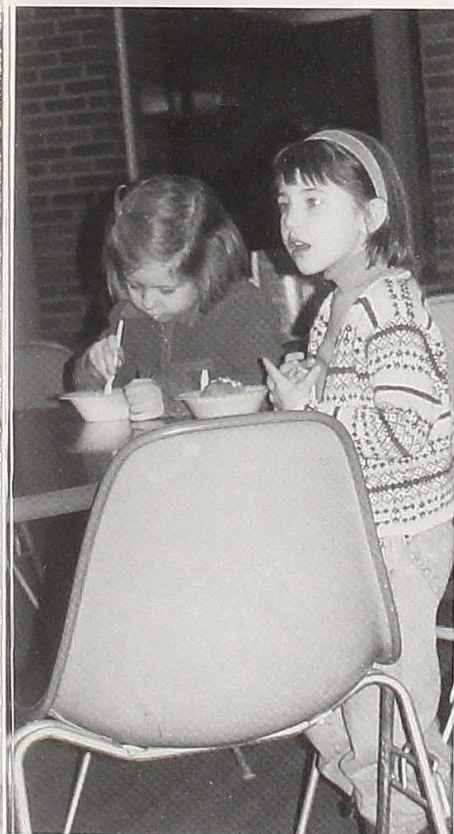
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**Ice Cream Mustache** TaKeyla Massie '00 cleans up a little sib. The Little Sibs were given the opportunity to even go to meals in Hamilton to experience what students experience everyday.

**Being Social** Dina Slakovic '99 and Mary Beth Stewart '99 join in some social conversation at the Ice Cream Social. A variety of activities were put together for the Little Sibs during their weekend stay.



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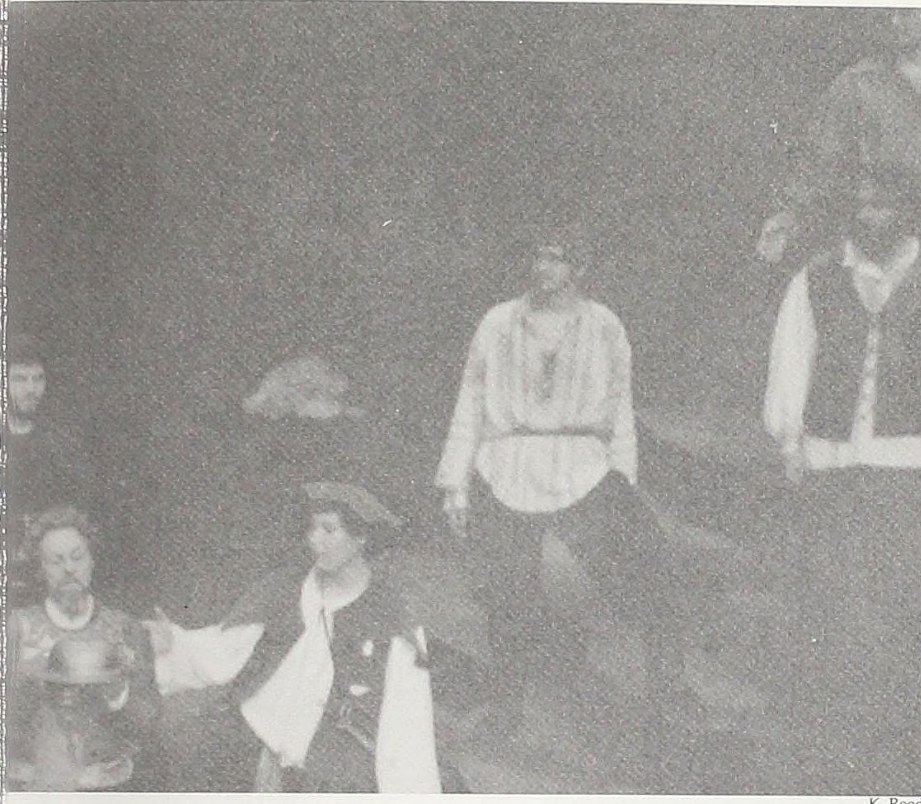
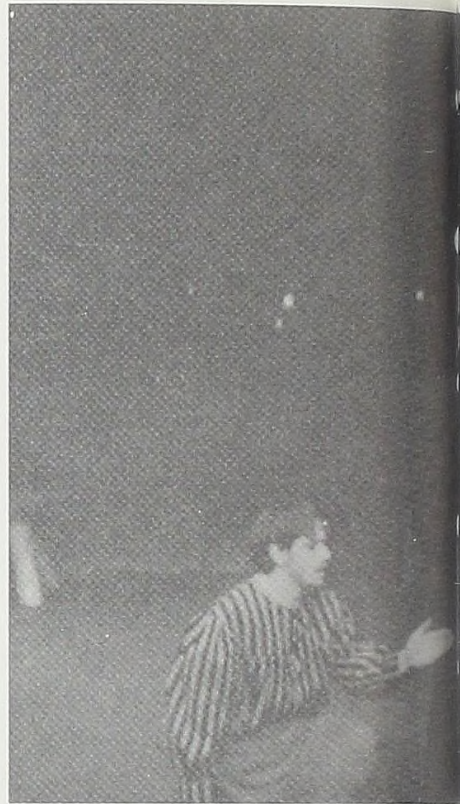
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**What Big Eyes** Little Sibs enjoying their ice cream at the Ice Cream Social in Hamilton. Little Sibs Weekend and Parents' Day were opportunities for family to visit the campus.

**One Scoop or Two?** Melissa Rutledge '01 dishes ice cream for little sib. Ice Cream and Pizza were all part of the Little Sibs Weekend Adventure.



“We put our heart and soul into it,” said Katie Wibby '01 describing the effort that was put into the Spring Dance Performance.



**This is my Hat** Scott Harman '99 plays Don Quixote, Man of La Mancha. The cast of *Man of La Mancha* had to put together a variety of acting parts along with a lot of music to make this musical such good quality.



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## Flaming Stages

### A Diversity of Dance and Man of La Mancha

The Winter play, *Man of La Mancha*, and the Spring dance performance, *A Diversity of Dance*, took a lot of work and long hours to the two performances together. “It was interesting to see what went into it [*Man of La Mancha*] and how much the cast gave up to be in it,” said Katie Wibby '01.

The play and dance performances required more than just a lot of hours, but a lot of people. Because the dance piece took so many people, people were recruited from outside of the Alma College Dance Company. The “Big Boots” piece and the “Twilight Waltz” piece both were compiled of people outside ACDC. Their performances added a diversity to the show along with the diversities of dance that were presented. “The guys from the waltz piece were incredible, they worked really, really hard to make it work,” said Katie. The “Twilight Waltz” piece also had an extra special meaning to it, because it was dedicated to Tom Morris’ mother. The outside performers also valued the knowledge of the Company dancers. “The Company dancers really helped us out by giving us instructions on how to do things,” said James Kuhl

'01. Having the large cast in the play also created a new atmosphere. “It was my first musical, it was an experience, the ensemble cast was great,” said Matt Singletary '00.

A lot of time and energy went into both performances. “We put our heart and soul into it [*A Diversity of Dance*], because we wanted to put the expression in the dances and not just the motions,” said Katie. “Scott Harman was unbelievable, he had been preparing for his role as Don Quixote for the longest time,” said James.

“This was the first time I got to play a villain,” said James. The performances also allowed the performers themselves to expand. “The spring show, I felt was a tremendous step for the Alma College Dance Company. It allowed many of us to open new doors in our dancing careers, especially since there was a variety of styles performed,” said Meredith Yost '99.

Both performances were able to show audiences the kind of fire that exists in the hearts of Alma College performers.

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**Saying His Last Words** Don Quixote, Scott Harman '99 says his final words as he is dying. The play required the audience to pay attention to the different scenes, because the play had a play within it.

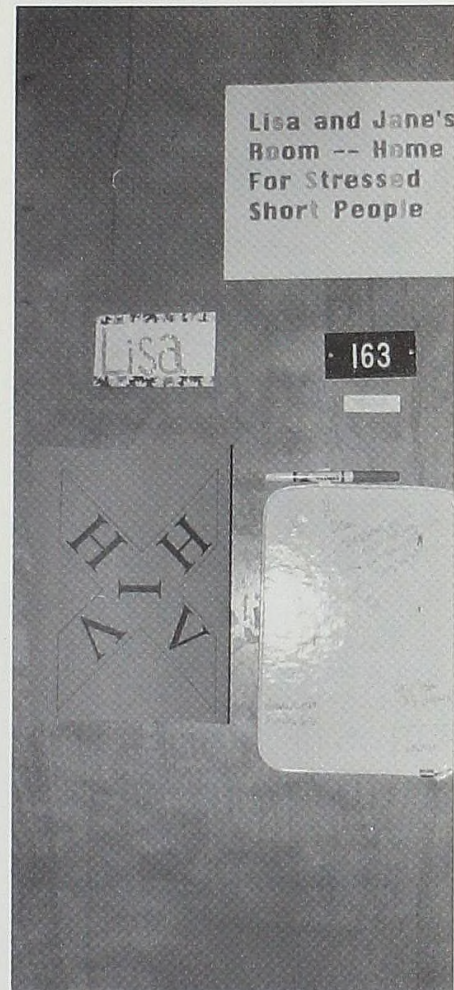
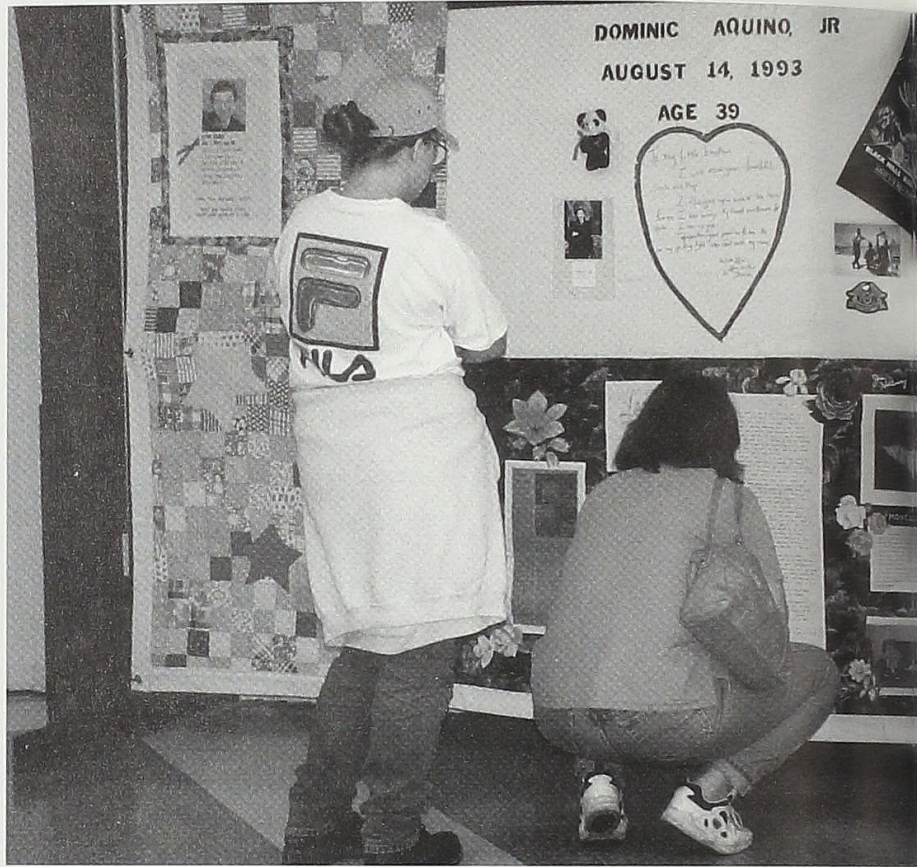
**Stop This** James Kuhl '01 as the villain demands that the play within *Man of La Mancha* be stopped. This was James’ first opportunity to play a villain.

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**Looking On** The part of the cast of *Man of La Mancha* looks on at the scene occurring on stage. The cast were characters in the play, but they also had the role of watching the play.

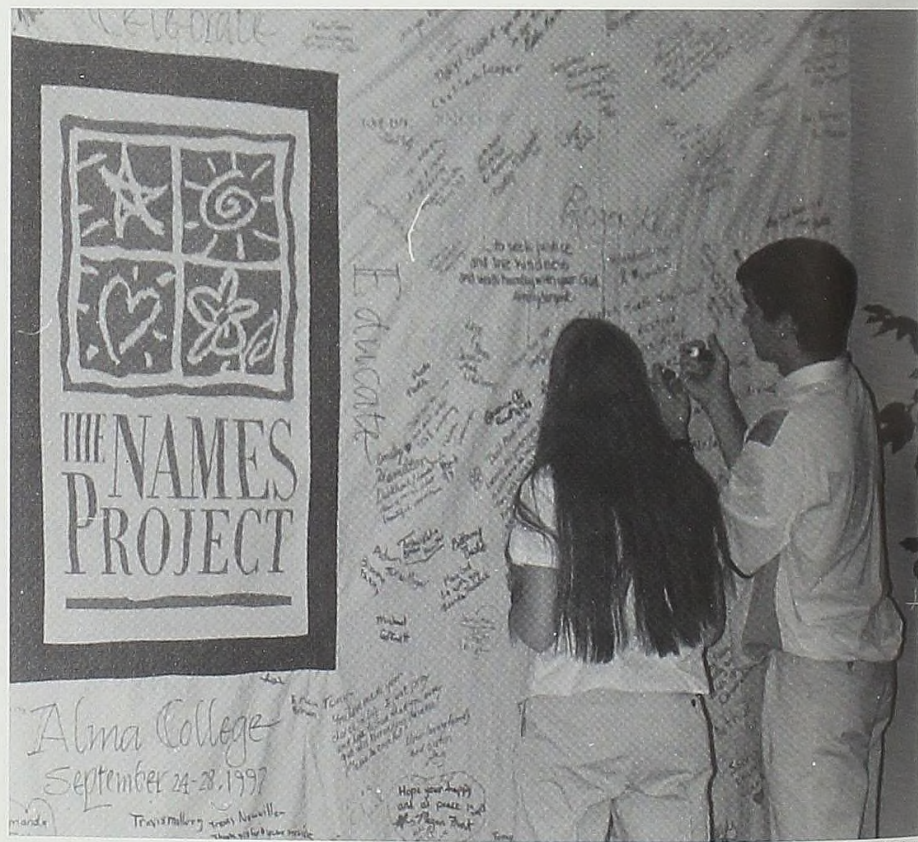


**Generations of Caring** Heather Hodgson '00 and a mother and daughter from the community admire the Quilt and learn about the people's lives on it. The events surrounding the Quilt were for students, but also they involved the community.



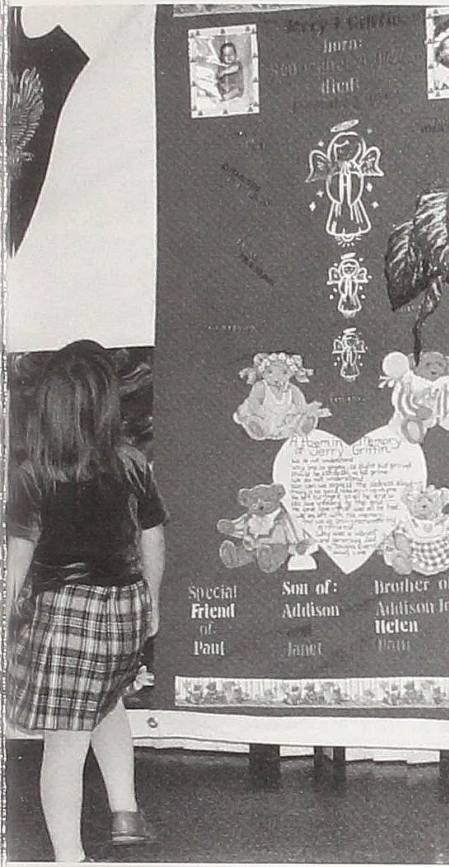
**Anyone can get it** Lisa Radulovich '98 and Jane Kenney '99 got a simulated HIV virus during AIDS Week. Resident Assistants participated in education about the HIV virus by placing signs on selected resident's doors to display how the virus spreads.

**Leaving a message** James Kuhl '01 and Rachel Capraro '01 sign The NAMES Project signature quilt. People were able to leave a message on the quilt and the quilt was kept by the school and will be displayed periodically as a reminder of the event.



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## Fire in the Hearts of Many

### AIDS Memorial Quilt

Remember, Celebrate and Educate. These were the three themes the AIDS Memorial Quilt focused on. The Quilt was brought to campus as part of a dream. A dream that originated with Cindy Miller '98. "It was sheer curiosity and a really neat project," said Cindy.

This dream came true for Cindy and others on campus. "It started just as an idea of one person. It showed how much you can accomplish, and it got a lot of support on campus and from the faculty," said Laura Latham '01. Besides the Quilt, other events were scheduled in honor of the Quilt. The Greater Lansing Gay Man's Chorus performed. The films *Common Threads* and *The Cure* were shown for students on campus. Opening and closing ceremonies were held. During those times, people introduced new panels to be added to the Quilt. All these events encompassed AIDS Memorial Quilt Week.

Students participated in AIDS week in many different ways. Some viewed the Quilt, others attended the ceremonies and events and even others helped by monitoring the Quilt. The different residence halls also contributed to AIDS week. The halls placed HIV signs on resident's doors to

symbolize how a disease like HIV spreads. "We did this, because our age group was the highest at risk," said Anne-Marie Hiltz '97.

Even individual corridors did projects. Second West Newberry participated by creating and submitting a panel to the Quilt. "Michelle Colville '98 came up with it as a hall project," said Sara Rutz '01. For the hall, it was more than just a hall project, it actually brought the members together. "It was an bonding experience, making it together and staying up late together," said Sara and Dana Weston '01. The participated with other activities, along with the making of the panel. "We went to opening and closing ceremonies, watched *The Cure*, but the big thing was presenting the panel," said Dana.

The Quilt brought awareness of the disease to campus. "It was something I thought would be good for the campus," said Cindy. "There was one panel for someone's grandma; it showed me that it could happen to anyone. The whole project demonstrated how big of a problem AIDS was," said Amy MacLellan '01. A dream that was sparked in one student's mind touched a campus and a community.

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**Sharing the memories** Angie Clark '99 and Matt Harden learn of the lives of people who died of AIDS. The memories of the people on the AIDS Quilt are shared with every person who views the Quilt.

**Getting up Close** Colleen McGrath '99 reads closely what friends remember of an AIDS victim. Each quilt panel weaved memories of the individuals who had died with AIDS.



# Flaming Vocals

## Songfest

Spectators stood outside in the cold before the performance to get into the jam packed chapel. The students were soon warmed up with the enthusiasm of the performers who lit the audience on fire. "I thought it was pretty good, the audience did a good job and so did ACUB," said Dan Scripps '98.

Here come the Men in Plaid! Kevin Stanley '00 and Dan emceed the event providing entertainment between the different performances. They came out singing Men in Plaid, wearing kilts and bare feet. Kevin and Dan performed parodies of the popular songs "Men in Black" by Will Smith and "Tubthumping" by Chumbawamba. To keep the audience involved, Kevin and Dan threw candy bars into the audience. Kevin said, "It was probably the funniest thing I've done."

Students were able to compete in three different categories: solo, small group and large group. First place in the soloist category went to Katy Bunker '99 who sang "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" by Manning Sherwin. Trevor Francisco received second place for "One

Last Cry"/"Ascension" by Brian McKnight/Maxwell. Third place went to Kristi Stariha's '00 performance of Tori Amos' "Hey Jupiter." In the small group category, Tiffany Brown '00 and Jamie Raden '99 received first place for their performance of Simon and Garfunkel's "Here Comes the Sun." Second place went to Michael Leach '98 and Neal Palmreuter '98 who performed Michael's untitled song and incorporated guitars into the performance. Finally in the large group category the Gamma Phi Beta sorority received first place for their performance of the Indigo Girls' "Get Out the Map." Coleoptera sang "Hey Jude" by the Beatles and received second place.

Songfest enabled students to be able to hear other students use their talents. "It is a chance for students to show their talent to other students, anyone can do it," said Kevin. These talents included more than just vocal, also their ability to play instruments and entertain the audience.

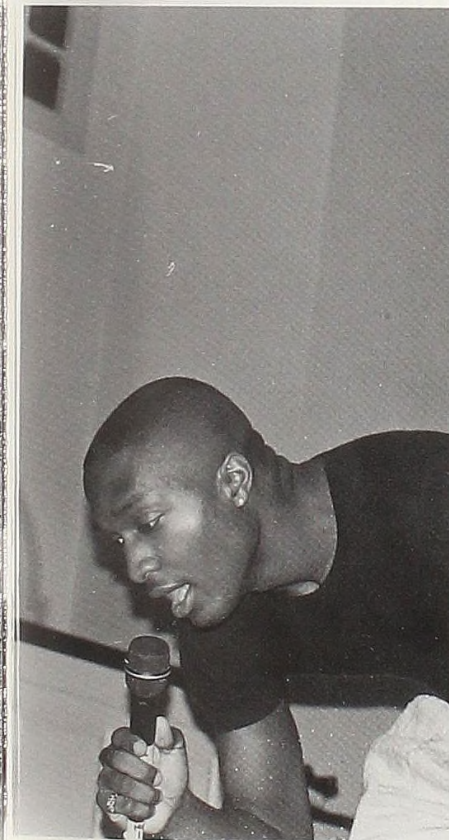
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**Heartfelt** Karl Griggs '00 prepares to sing his solo performance of Elton John's "A Candle in the Wind." Karl included an extra verse in remembrance of Sue Nazario.

**Building from One** Phi Mu Alpha and friends perform the song "Lone Man Clapping." Their performance began with Christopher Staples '98 clapping alone and continually added more people and sounds, growing to the large group of Joey Martin '99, Karl Wolf '99, Neil Hunt '98, Jacob Radke '97, Mike Kowalski '98, Kevin Cardoni '99, Bryan Brunelle '00, Kent LaCroix '00, Scott Sanderson '98 and Pat Carmody '99.

**Hey Jude!** The group Coleoptera sing in the large group category the song "Hey Jude" by the Beatles. Coleoptera received second place for their mix of French horn, guitar, piano and vocals.

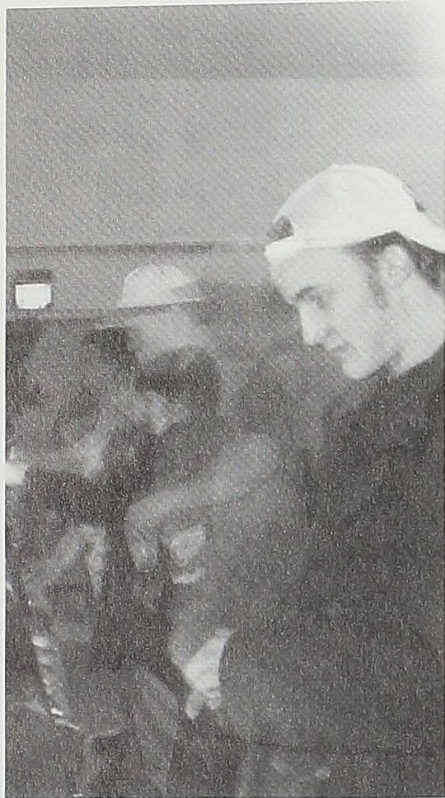


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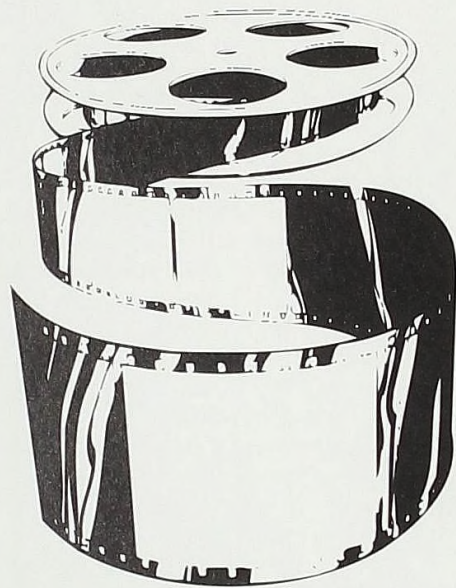
**Sing!** Trevor Francisco '99 sings "One Last Cry"/"Ascension" by Brian McKnight/Maxwell. Trevor's soloist performance received second place honors.

**Toast** Kevin Stanley '00 and Dan Scripps '98 emceed Songfest, providing a new look for the job, kilts and bare feet. Kevin and Dan entertained the audience with their own creative song, "Toast."

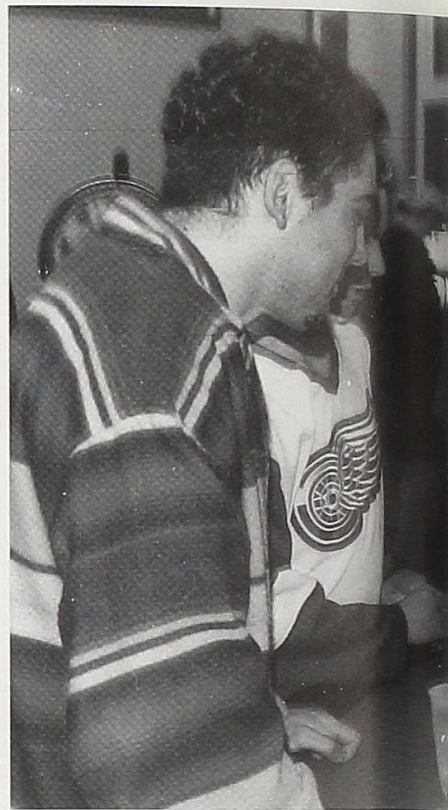




**Jackpot** Ryan Swett '01 plays the slots. Students were given a variety of casino games they could play, anything from the slots to roulette.



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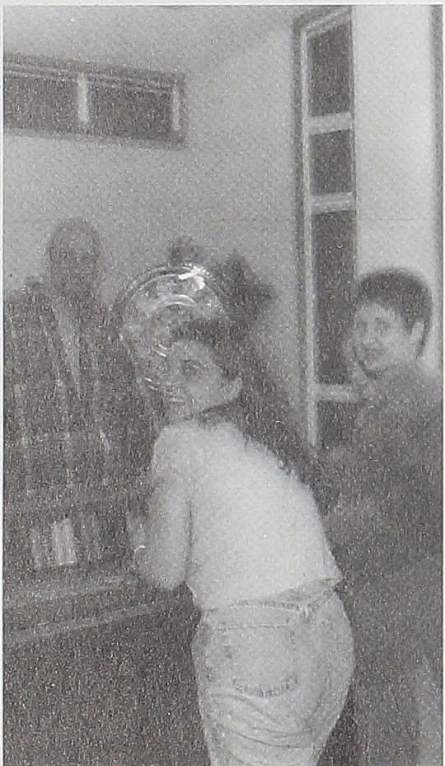
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**Hit Me!** Jared Fritz '01, April Hawker '01 and Beth Emery '01 wait as Marcus Evans '99 deals their cards for blackjack. Students were given casino money to cash in for chips at the tables and coins for the slots.



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**Make me Lucky** Chris Ahn '98 pulls the slot handle hoping to win. One thing students did not have to worry about was losing real money at the ACUB Casino.



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**Who's in?** John Zielinski '98 practices his dealing skills as Karyn Gilbert '01 and Dawn Korson '01 watch over. ACUB Casino Night provided an opportunity for students to become card dealers.

## Hot Money

### ACUB Casino Night

Along with the movies that ACUB put on each term they also put on a Casino Night. The ACUB casino night provided students with the opportunity gamble with fake money and to see a comedian. The fun started with the casino games and continued through the comedian and the raffling of prizes.

For so much casino money a student could by a raffle ticket for one of the evening prizes. Prizes ranged from gift certificates to t-shirts to alarm clocks. The casino cash allowed students to gamble like in a real casino, but they did not have to worry of losing the money they needed to pay their phone bill or other real life expenses. "Everyone seemed to

have fun, too bad we did not get to keep the money," said Stacie Wollenslegel '01.

The gambling and the comedian provided anew alternative to regular weekend activities on campus. It was a chance for student interaction in a fun environment. "It was a lot of fun and I hope it happens again," said Brian Geiger '01. Even ACUB members got to have fun playing dealers for the evening.

The Casino Night provided students an opportunity to hone in on their gambling skills without actually costing themselves money.

by Lynn Seaton '01



K. Reed

**Place your bets** Paul Krueger '00 receives his winnings from the roulette table. Students were given the opportunity to play real casino games without the worry of money that comes along with a real casino.



# G r e e k s

## A Unique Family

Sister and brother were not just cute words the Greeks used to refer to each other, they illustrated how the Greeks felt about one another. The words made reference to their closeness, their friendship and their sense of family. Being Greek meant having a family to which you belonged and were accepted. Theta Chi brother Ryan McDonald '98 said, "I'm glad to be a member in a group where I'm accepted for who I am. I don't have to put on an act or portray a certain 'image' to be part of the group."

It also meant always having someone there for you, as Kevin Carter '99 explained, "The best thing about being a TKE brother is that you always have someone there to depend on, might it be getting help on class work, or just eating lunch with someone." Brent Moeggenborg '00, Zeta Sigma brother echoed the sentiment of his fellow Greek, "Being a Sig is like having 23 best friends who genuinely care about your life and how your doing." Phi

Sigma Sigma sister, Missy Lewis '00 stated, "I love that I have 25 new friends that I would never have met otherwise, 25 people that I can go to when I have a problem or if I have good news, 25 people to eat with, hang out with, and be with."

Being Greek meant having a lot of people to be proud of as Kappa Iota sister Jenn Cornell '98 shared, "I always love coming to meeting and seeing everyone there. I love looking around at a ceremony and seeing all of these wonderful women all shining with pride to be a KI." Pride was something that many families felt for their members and pride was a treasure that many Greeks cherished. "My favorite memory from Gamma Phi Beta this year was winning Songfest. We rocked and I was so proud of us when we won," exclaimed Missy Crossnoe '99.

### Excitement's in the Air

The crowd was ready for a fun, mystery and thrills filled night at Run-Outs.

Another great Greek benefit was the fact that there always seemed to be someone to relax with. "I love walking into the house on a rainy day, having a cup of coffee with one of my sisters who happens to be there at the time," said Jenn. "The best memory I have with my brothers is one of the BBQs we had," shared TKE brother Mike Campbell '00, "It was fun to hang out on the porch and grill all day."

With this sense of family also came a sense of responsibility to the community that was displayed in the many philanthropic activities that the Greeks were involved in. From ringing bells for the Salvation Army to helping a local woman move, the Greeks rendered their services to those less fortunate than themselves. Zeta Sigma brother, Ben Bowers '01 explained, "Having

all the brothers come together and go and help someone else out, not only brings us closer together, but it brings us closer to the community. It just makes you feel good on the inside." Deena Evans '99, spoke about Halloween Safety Fest, organized by the women of Gamma Phi Beta, "It is a great way to get involved with the community and make kids smile. We donated all the money to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. It was a nice feeling!"

The Greek experience was unique and dynamic in the way a family can often be. Perhaps Alpha Gamma Delta sister Janitza Ocasio put it best, "My home is in Puerto Rico and joining this sisterhood made me feel that I have a home away from home. I'll never forget the way the sisters made me feel as soon as I entered the house! They were so great to me, now they are even more since I have the privilege to call them my sisters."

-Heidi Kerr '99

### Sororities

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ΑΞΔ  
ΚΙ  
ΦΣΣ  
ΓΦΒ  
ΣΑΙ



C. Washko

### Fraternities

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ΤΚΕ  
ΖΣ



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### Pride is in the Air

Tau Kappa Epsilon brother, Jay Swan '98, and Sigma Chi brother, Ryan Wilson '99 sport their letters and a little face paint at Run-Outs.

### Fun is in the Air

Alpha Gamma Delta sisters, Angie Clark '99 and Roxanna Weisenbach '00, dance to "Paradise" before their Eighties Party in order to get hyped up to meet potential sisters.

"The best thing about being a TKE is the respect and willingness to help you out no matter what that person has going on, these men are the best friends a person could ask for."

-Todd Nyman '98



C. Rau

"I know each of my KI sisters so well that I could pick out what they would and wouldn't like, wear, eat, say... it's great... it really is a family."

-Kendra Seybert '98

### Love is in the Air

Sinfonia brother Mike Slater '00 serenades Rachel Capraro '00. The brothers of Phi Mu Alpha's Singing Valentines were well received for the second year in a row.

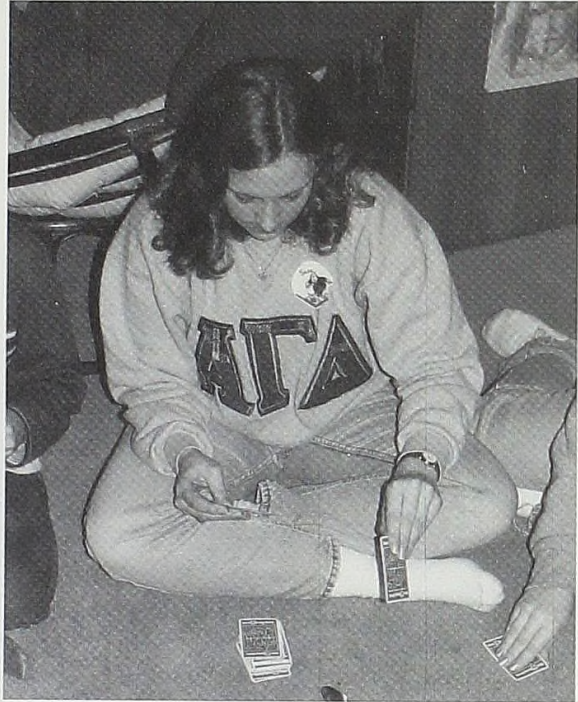


S. Nadeau



**Games Anyone?**

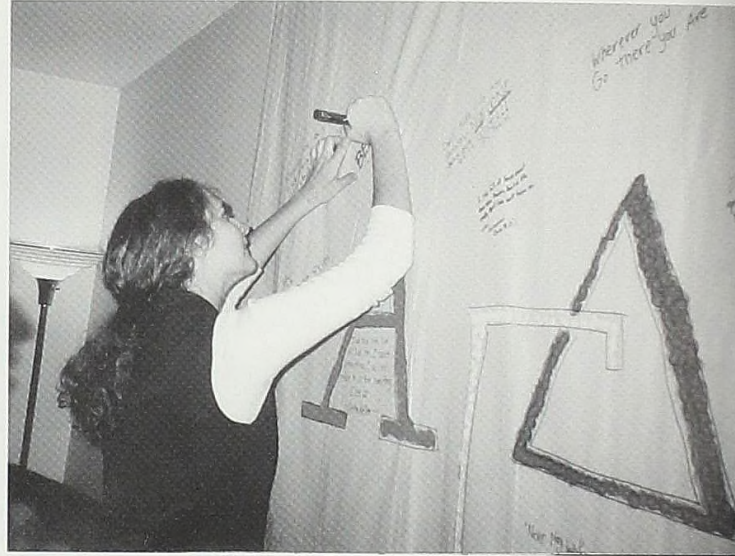
Sara Schrader '99 plays spoons at the Alpha Gamma Delta game night. The night was open to all the women on campus.



C. Washko

**Fun Times**

Charlotte Grant '99, leaves a favorite quote on the Alpha Gamma Delta quote banner. The Quote Party was one of many events held at the AGD house. Others included the Eighties Party and the Coffee House.



C. Rau

# Working Together

*For a Better and Brighter Tomorrow*

Philanthropy was an important part of Greek tradition and was certainly true for the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta. The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation raises money for diabetes research and education. Jen Souva '99, philanthropy chair for AGD explained, "We started the year off with

'Volleyfest '97' and though the rain may have lessened participation, those of us who attended had a blast!" Jen went on to say, "This February we had our annual Valentines Balloon Sale, which was about twice as successful this year as last." AGD also collected pennies and pop bottles and had

a car wash, with all funds going directly to their foundation. "Through these activities, we were able to socialize and bring smiles to campus, while striving together for a good cause," said Janitza Ocasio '00, "I learned more about our philanthropy through these activities, and I realize that we are here to help

and work together for a better tomorrow." In addition to the work for their national foundation, AGD is also involved with the local community. They helped with the Lincoln Road School Carnival and they were active in the adopt-a-school project.

-Heidi Kerr '99

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## Alpha Gamma Delta Active Members

Alyson Ferriss  
Kristine Pintar  
Heather Stricker  
Holly Bailey  
Sarah Isaacson  
Jennifer Corry  
Jenny Reeder  
Sarah Chambers  
Beth Knapp  
Lisa Sherman  
Rhonda Smith  
Sara Peel  
Jennifer Wright

Cheryl Lenard  
Beth Klingensmith  
Melanie Higgins  
Sarah Ternan  
Leslie Russell  
Kim Hunt  
Lindsey Keegstra  
Stacey Burdette  
Sara Schrader  
Kari St. Bernard  
Joanne Howd  
Dana Cole  
Karen Heins  
Jamie Raden

Jenny Souva  
Karen Steeno  
Melissa Berry  
Charlotte Grant  
Angie Clark  
Jessica Williams  
Tiffany Brown  
Christina McGrain  
Roxanna Weisenbach  
Becky Pierce  
Jennifer Brown  
Kris Martin  
Julie Tolles  
Carrie Rau

Becky Cunningham  
Katie McDougal  
Jenny Dulz  
Janitza Ocasio  
Jennifer Thompson  
Lindsay Robinson  
Kelly Boeneman  
Kathy Reed  
Sara Bickler  
Megan Thurber  
Amanda Clark-Ashby  
Dawn Korson  
Nikki Brandoline



C. Washko

Symbol

Squirrel

Colors

Red, Buff, Green

Nationally Founded

1904

Locally Founded

1985

"My favorite thing about being an AGD sister is the bond every sister has with one another."

-Janitza Ocasio '00

"Being an AGD sister is knowing that I will always have someone to talk to whenever I need to. The great memories that I have shared with my sisters are irreplaceable."

-Sara Schrader '99



**Spirit.** Judith Mehney '00 and Sarah Hogan '00, proudly display the Alpha Xi Delta banner in the Homecoming parade.



J. Cottrell

"I became an AXiD sister so that I could meet a variety of people and make long lasting friendships."

-Becky Lincoln '00

**Symbol:**

Teddy Bear

**Colors:**

Double Blue and Gold

**Nationally Founded:**

1893

**Locally Founded:**

1987



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**Classy.** The women of Alpha Xi Delta living it up at their "Winter Wonderland" formal, held in November 1997, at the Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn.

# Sisterhood

## A Lifelong Commitment

"I chose to make becoming an Alpha Xi Delta sister a lifelong commitment," stated Beth Schwalm '98. Sisterhood is a high priority among the women of Alpha Xi Delta. Beth went on to say, "Not knowing it at the time, but learning at a rapid pace what it meant to be an AXiD sister, is something that I cherish now and always will. The ideals the sisters of AXiD hold

are ideals that I know will benefit me and the people who I love." AXiD was committed to true sisterhood that would last a lifetime. Homecoming was an opportunity for that sisterhood to shine through. Sarah Green '99, related how her AXiD sisters displayed an extraordinary example of sisterhood during the Homecoming parade as they passed by Sarah and her Grand-

mother who were spectators. "As my group of AXiD sisters passed by in the parade the whole group shouted loudly and in unison, 'Hi Grandma Green!'" recalled Sarah, "This really meant a lot to me and I thought it was a wonderful showing of sisterhood." "One of my greatest memories from this past year was Homecoming '97," stated Amity Miller '98, "I was able to meet many

AXiD alumni that I have always looked up to and admired." The ideals held by AXiD seemed to work as threads that bind the women of AXiD together. These ideals made them a strong organization of women whose similar values have helped in creating lifetime friendships and lifelong sisterhood.

- Heidi Kerr '99



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**Capturing A Memory.** Seniors, Kelly Bennett, Karly Schultz, Felicia Farr, Corrie Bradley, Beth Cain, Amity Miller, Sarah Hypio, Leslie Karam, Renee DeGraaf, Beth Schwalm and Melissa Proctor, smile and pose to capture a memory.

"I'll always be an AXiD sister because I have made my best friends and most incredible memories through AXiD."

-Amity Miller '98

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### Alpha Xi Delta Active Members

Kelly Bannow  
Nicole Bartell  
Gina Beebe  
Kelly Bennett  
Julie Bond  
Corrie Bradley  
Sara Brockdorf  
Amanda Burnett  
Tessa Chambers  
Jenni Cherniak  
Angie Christoff  
Andrea Clements  
Candy Cornett  
Nicole Cummings  
Renee DeGraaf  
Erin DeWaard  
Rachel Dowdney

Suzie Dulong  
Kendra Edwardson  
Felicia Farr  
Sarah Fossati  
Kristin Gardner  
Jodi Gelina  
Jennifer Gibson  
Sarah Green  
Anne Grimaldi  
Shaina Hewitt  
Sarah Hogan  
Carrie Hunt  
Sarah Hypio  
Mitzi Janukaitis  
Katie Kanitz  
Leslie Karam  
Betsie Keeler

Meredith Lawrence  
Becky Lincoln  
Maya Mackowiak  
Stephanie Maust  
Melanie McCarty  
Laurie McGee  
Jenny McMann  
Molly McNutt  
Judith Mehney  
Stefeni Meissner  
Leigh Miles  
Amity Miller  
Rachell Monville  
Heather Moon  
Kathryn Nordin  
Erin Oglenski  
Michele Peebles

Amber Piesko  
Marisa Proctor  
Carrie Reid  
Nicole Robson  
Jennifer Rocco  
Alicia Sanchez  
Karly Schultz  
Beth Schwalm  
Liz Siefert  
Kerrie Simpson  
Janelle Snyder  
Kyra Totten  
Amanda Vogel  
Elizabeth Weber  
Emily Weston  
Katie Zellen  
Janelle Zmierski



"I love being a member of Gamma Phi because I know someone is always there for me, to go to Joes, the library or even just to Saga. I love having so many sisters that I can count on!"

-Missy Crossnoe '99



J. Cottrell

**We're Number One.** GPB's float took first place during Homecoming and the GPB women also took home the Closest to the Theme Award. GPB was also well represented on the Homecoming committee and the Court.

**My Friend, My Sister.** Roommates and GPB sisters, Janna Jackoboice '00 and Renae Judd '00 are ready for a fun night at Run-Outs.



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# Winning Big

## Competition, Community, Friendships

Gamma Phi Beta was a hard group to beat. They worked hard to make a winning Homecoming float and managed to get over 20 of their members to participate in Songfest which resulted in yet another first place finish. "My favorite memory from GPB this year was winning Songfest," exclaimed Missy Crossnoe '99, "We rocked

and I was so proud of us when we won!" GPB was also winning big in the area of philanthropy. "I have really enjoyed watching the Winter '98 New Member Class participate in their philanthropy for Big Brothers/Big Sisters which they call 'King of the Scots,'" explained Karyll Groty '00, "It has been great to watch these women get

involved and work towards a common goal to help others." The GPB's were tremendously successful at working as a group, due in great part to the fact that their friendships and commitments were strong. "I enjoyed being together in one complete group and watching our organization 'work,'" said Deena Evans '99, "Sometimes it is time

consuming, but it is really amazing how we interact together and how we deal with the positions we hold." Along with the organized work, the women of GPB worked on their friendships in more informal ways: hanging out at the house, having barbeques and going out together.

-Heidi Kerr '99

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## Gamma Phi Beta Active Members

Sarah Abbey  
Heather Alverson  
Amy Batch  
Katie Berry  
Sarah Bourdo  
Mandy Bowler  
Jill Braun  
Holly Caraway  
Lori Carlson  
Amber Corneille  
Stephanie Craig  
Missy Crossnoe  
Maggie Czachor  
Kristi Didocha  
Jatell Driver  
Deena Evans  
Liz Feltner  
Hillary Firlick  
Amy Fraley

Heidi Grantham  
Karyll Groty  
Holly Hammerle  
Tricia Hannig  
Sarah Heyd  
Sarah Hoeft  
Jill Hopkins  
Kim Irish  
Janna Jackoboice  
Emily Jefferson  
Sara Jefferson  
Karen Jones  
Renee Judd  
Jen Knight  
Kristine Kuhna  
Erin LaCosse  
Beth Law  
Kim MacLauren  
Sara Markes

Galina Martin  
Emily McDonnell  
Colleen McGrath  
Carrine Miller  
Katie Mitzner  
Chey Phelps  
Beth Rosenow  
Jaclyn Sauter  
Martha Schaefer  
Amanda Schafer  
Christie Serniak  
Mary Serwick  
Amy Sheteron  
Angie Stoutenburg  
Melissa Strikulis  
Kristy Trisch  
Amy Whitmore  
Carolyn Whyte  
Julie Wilson

Julie Yaklin  
Melissa Heist  
Kate Follett  
Heather Klepper  
Katie Beam  
Emily Bell  
Jill Bieske  
Annie Bolan  
Taylor Campbell  
Anne Fortino  
Gretchen Craig  
Kristy Hopper  
Jenna Knisley  
Katie Mack  
Kristy Nemec  
Jessie Oberman  
Beth Paterson  
Julie Whitmore



K. Reed

"I feel the best part of being a Gamma Phi sister is the loyalty and strong bonds held by the girls within Gamma Phi Beta. I feel that we are all part of a very strong, diverse group which sets us apart from the rest."

-Bree Hall '99

### Symbol

Pink Carnation and Crescent Moon

### Colors

Brown and Mode

### Nationally Founded

1874

### Locally Founded

1984



**Symbol**

Wile E. Coyote

**Colors**

Purple and Gold

**Founded**

1921



J. Cottrell

**Unique Opportunity**

Homecoming gave the women of Kappa Iota a chance to meet KI alum's who had graduated fifty years ago. It was a vivid demonstration of how the sisterhood had survived throughout the years.



S. Nadeau

"KI is a magnificent group of people who promote the splendid individuality of each person. Every one of us is entirely different and we encourage each other to be ourselves."

-Liz Anderlick '00

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**Kappa Iota Active Members**

Kymerli Barrette  
Sarah Goeke  
Emily Cameron  
Michelle Pihlaja  
Kendra Seybert  
Lydia Nichols  
Mary Hess  
Jen McClain  
Amy Zell  
Jen Wood  
Sarah Dempsey  
Dani Sullivan  
Angie Jevince

Jenn Grutza  
Mali VanderBeek  
Karen Barto  
Jennie Zerges  
Jenn Cornell  
Ardie Greene  
Renee Goodwin  
Kelly Corrigan  
Becky Johnston  
Cari Bieritz  
Mel Allen  
Erin Freeland  
Bridget Brown

Liz Anderlick  
Courtney Evans  
Eryn Hart  
Lindsay Dahm  
Laura Price  
Sarah Vandermeer  
Rachael Carew  
Allison Shaver  
Rachel Przelawski  
Ann Galsterer  
Sarah Keinath  
Jane Kinney

# Support for Each Other

## Raising Awareness

For the women of Kappa Iota it was important to support one another in whatever they did and support the community as a whole. "The best thing about KI is the fact that I can be myself and my sisters will accept that. I'll back me up in everything I do," stated Kymerli Barrette '97. She went on to say, "My best friends are KIs and they have helped me to become the person I want to be."

Strength through diversity was a common theme among the women of Kappa Iota. Though they were all individuals, they were part of an organization with a goal to reach out and help the community and touch the world. The KIs were extremely busy raising money for their philanthropy, the Gratiot County Women's Aid Shelter. This hard work paid off when they won the Philan-

thropy Award at Greek Awards. But this was not the most important thing as Jenn Cornell '98 shared, "Raising awareness, in my mind, is as important as raising a dollar." The KIs were tremendously effective in raising awareness during National Women's Month, when they sponsored a personal needs drive for the Women's Aid Shelter, held a Music Fest in honor of Women's

music, and winning Female Feud, donating their winnings to their philanthropy. A highlight was the all-campus Luxury Liner Formal, which also raised funds for the KI philanthropy. Kappa Iota was a group dedication to each other and waking the world to pertinent issues that involved everyone.

-Heidi Kerr '99



C. Fiedler

**Going to Alcatraz.** Mel Allen '00 takes tickets and hand-out handcuffs at the KI Sails to Alcatraz Formal. Combining this unique theme with props from the set of "Man of La Mancha" made for an impressive event that raised money for the Women's Aid Shelter.

"KI is awesome because we don't have any rules that we have to stick to. We have traditions, but we don't have to ask anyone to change them. We are all very different people, but we each have something that brings us together. There is support, trust, honesty and love in the group."

-Mary Hess '98



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## Phi Mu Alpha Active Members

Pat Carmody  
 Mat Dube  
 Neil Hunt  
 Dan Johnston  
 Mike Kowalski  
 Kent LaCroix  
 Tim Marsh  
 Joey Martin  
 Mark Petrocelli  
 Jeff Potter

Scott Sanderson  
 Mike Slater  
 Christopher Stapels  
 Andy Tallman  
 Aaron Decker  
 Steve Nadeau  
 Michael Petterson  
 Joel Sanderson  
 Daryl Showers  
 Keith Suppes



S. Nadeau

"Singing Valentines are the number one thing that we do each year for both ourselves and Alma College. It brings us closer not only to the campus, but to each other by sharing the thing we love best: music."

-Mike Slater '00

### Symbol

Coat of Arms

### Colors

Red, Black and Gold

### Nationally Founded

1898

### Locally Founded

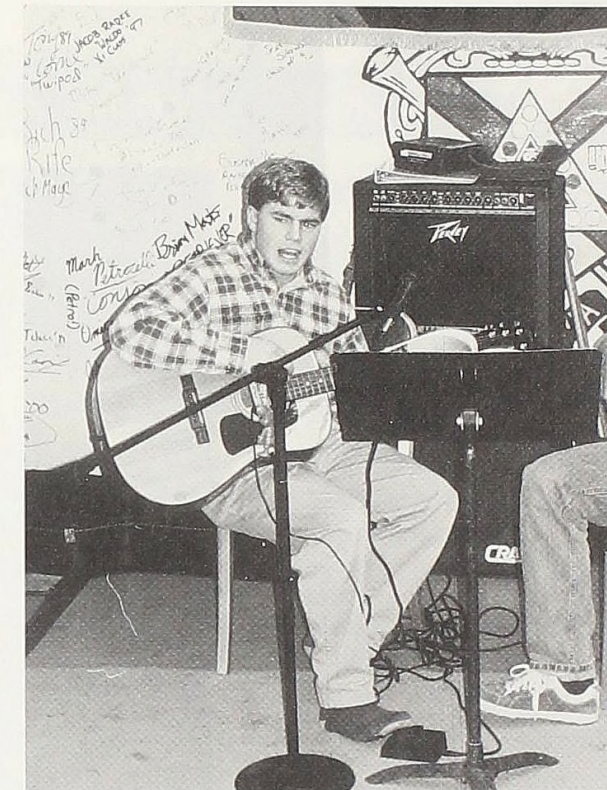
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**Musical Men.** Andy Tallman '00, Aaron Simmons '01, and Mike Slater '00, participate in the Phi Mu Alpha annual singing Valentine project.



S. Nadeau

**Sing it Brother.** Senior brother, Christopher Stapels '98 belts one out at the Phi Mu Alpha Open Mic Nite, held on Tuesday nights periodically throughout the year.



C. Washko

# Come Together

## *Brotherhood With a Purpose*

The brothers of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia had a common love and common purpose. According to Mike Slater '00, "The best thing about being a PMA brother is being in a group of men who each love and appreciate music in all its forms with all their heart." Joel Sanderson '99 explained, "As a PMA we work together to achieve the goal of advancing music in

America, which I believe is valuable because music represents the unspoken words of the soul." That purpose and love showed through in the many events in which PMA was involved. The annual Christmas Concert was enjoyed by all and the Irie Bar, modeled after a bar in Jamaica, pulled in quite a crowd. The PMA's also started a weekly Open Mic Nites which they held ev-

ery Tuesday in their Chapter Room. The evening gave students and Sinfonians an opportunity to share their musical talents.

The second annual Singing Valentines were a big hit with the campus. The men of PMA were seen around campus cornering their victims to sing gallantly at the request of that student's admirer or friend. The singing men actually

managed to crash the Epic Anti-Valentines Day poetry reading by pulling a few attendees out to serenade them with a Valentine aria.

Along with belting out songs, the PMA's also reached out to help their community by sponsoring a clothing drive for a shelter in Mt. Pleasant.

-Heidi Kerr '99



**Symbol**

The American Beauty Rose

**Colors**

King Blue and Gold

**Nationally Founded**

1913

**Locally Founded**

1997

"This group of women has redefined the word 'friend' for me because I know that I can count on every single one of them, no matter when, where, why, whatever!"

-Kathi Svenson '00

**Stop and Smile.** A few founding sisters, Stephanie Lehnart '00, Ollie Leiterman '00, Debi Banwell '00, Allison Folts '00, Amy Pickelmann '98, Lonna Lutze '00, Jodi Taylor '00 and Amy Jo Craig '00, pose for a quick picture during a busy Formal Recruitment Week.



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# New Greek Faces

## An Opportunity for Friendship and Service

A ten year quest to find another national sorority to bring to the campus was fulfilled with the founding of a Phi Sigma Sigma Chapter. In September and October a Colony Extension Team from the Phi Sigma Sigma National Organization came to campus, looking for eager, energetic women who could serve as founding members of their sorority. Many of the women of PSS were excited to be part of founding a new sorority. It gave them the chance to serve as

creators of this new organization and it would give them the opportunity to shape it into something they could be proud to be part of. "I joined Phi Sig because I wanted to start something really great on this campus," said Amy Jo Craig '00. The Phi Sigs wasted little time in starting philanthropy for the National Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation, which benefits the National Kidney Foundation. They handed out donor cards in Hamilton Commons and held a Rock-a-Thon,

which involved getting monetary pledges for hours spent rocking in a rocking chair. Support of each other was important to the Phi Sigs and this support came from strong friendships. Missy Lewis '00 explained "I love the fact that I have 25 people to call 'sister' because I'm an only child; being a member of Phi Sig is a guarantee that I never have to worry about being alone anymore, whether I'm happy, sad, mad, whatever!" The women who participated in this

rare experience of starting a new sorority chapter created memories that would last forever and what they gained could never be taken away. "All of us have gained leadership, friendship, love, service and more than I can express in words," stated Kathi Svenson '00. Phi Sigma Sigma quickly became a familiar and respected group and the tradition they began would serve as a model for years to come.

-Heidi Kerr '99

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### Phi Sigma Sigma Active Members

Stephanie Lehnert  
Heather Grant  
Ollie Leiterman  
Debi Banwell  
Meg Collingsworth\*  
Kirstie (DeDe) Frey\*  
Colleen Petterson\*  
Terra Blanford  
Kathi Svensen

Katrina Dennis  
Jennifer Dunham  
Amy Jo Craig  
Lonna Lutze  
Nicole Hind  
Dawn Renee Smith  
Heidi Irons  
Maria Toscano  
Allison Folts

Amy Pickelmann  
Katy Hammack  
Kathy Beatty  
Jodi Taylor  
Stacey Nugent  
Missy Lewis  
Erin Caswell\*  
Melanie Pietchak  
Kelly Klump

\*indicates that sister is not a founder



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**A Show of Support.** The women of Phi Sigma Sigma show their support for each other and for their fellow Greeks at Bids Bash.



S. Nadeau

"I joined Phi Sig for the opportunity to give back to the college, to be involved in something new, and to get involved in the community. So far it has been so much fun. It truly has been a rewarding experience."

-Maria Toscano '98



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## Sigma Alpha Epsilon Active Members

Chris Ahn  
Sean Byram  
Mason Converse  
Trevor Dagley  
Kevin DeGroot  
Eric Didocha  
Willie Doyle  
Todd Driver  
Neil Drzywiecki  
Ryan Fahler

Greg Follbaum  
Kevin Forbing  
Mike Heying  
Scott Hill  
Don Hoyt  
Don Jess  
Jeff Joy  
Ian Kennedy  
Faisal Khan  
Art Klawender

Jeff Lane  
Bob Mabbit  
Kevin Main  
Scott Mantyla  
Greg McQuillan  
Nick Morris  
Dave Murray  
Eric Nguyen  
Nick O'Neil  
Brandon Peters  
Jeff Pierce  
Phil Roels  
Micah Scharer  
Nick Scharer  
Dan Scripps  
Steve Sexton

Matt Sherman  
Tim Shunsky  
Nate Spang  
Kevin Stanley  
Pete Straub  
Matt Terry  
Scott Thomas  
Shaun Turkelson  
Randy U'Ren  
Ryan U'Ren  
Matt Wandrie  
Ryan Webb  
Jeremy Williams  
Bill Zeedyk  
Tim Zeedyk



"The best thing about being a Sigma Alpha Epsilon is making the best friends of your college life."

-Kevin Main '00

### Symbol

Lion

### Colors

Purple and Gold

### Nationally Founded

1956

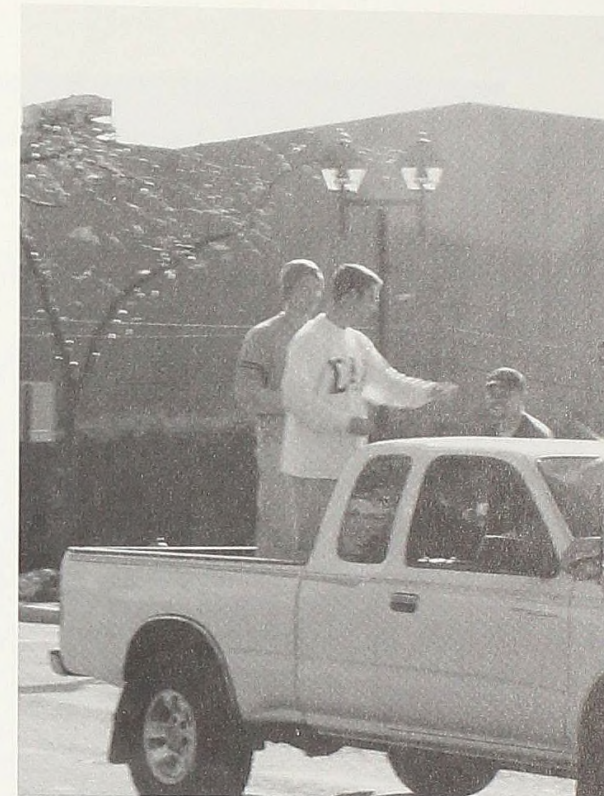
### Locally Founded

1984

**Crowd Surfin'** Jeremy Williams '99, gets welcomed into the family by his Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers at Run-Outs.



**Truckin.** Kevin Main '00, Eric Didocha '00 and Bob Mabbit '98 live it up in the truck bed as the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon celebrate Homecoming.



# No Limits

## *Taking a Risk and Being a Brother*

The members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were proud of their bond as brothers. The brotherhood was important for many reasons. Kevin Main '00 shared why it should be important to everyone, "At such a small school it can be hard to limit yourself to what is comfortable at the time. People here need to expand and take some risks by getting involved and giving yourself to others as a close friend (a brother if you will)." Kevin went on to explain, "My

best friend here at Alma, and I, would not have met if we had not pledged together. Jeffrey Lane '01 said, "The biggest thing that stands out in my mind was Senior Wills. It showed me how much this group means to everyone. The guys in the group are willing to do anything for each other and that is something I would like to follow in doing." Mike Heying '99 echoed this importance of closeness, "The event that gets me most is our senior send-offs, sort of a

changing of the guard and yet you realize how much the friendships you have made matter." But not everything they did was confined to only the brothers. For example, tailgating before football games was a time for the brothers to hang out together, but also a time for the brothers to interact with all of the campus. As Mike explained, "It wasn't only a fraternity thing, but almost a campus thing."

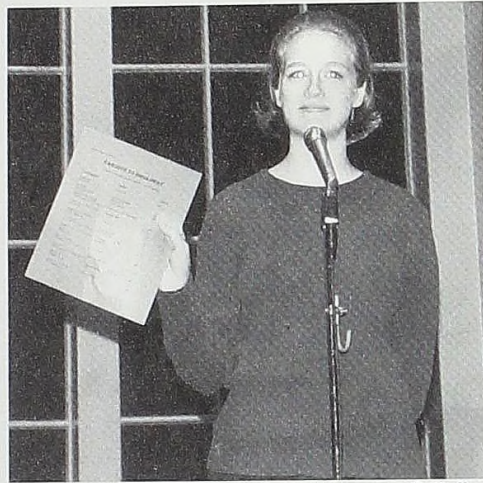
Helping out the community

was as important as brotherhood. "Soup kitchen is one of the most entertaining and beneficial activities," stated Mike, "As we can immediately see the impact on the community and it is fun to help." The SAE brothers also participated in tutoring at the local middle school, Walk for Hunger, Bowling for Kids Sake, and donating money to the Tara Peters fund.

-Heidi Kerr '99



**Sing out Loud.** Kate Lowry '99 was just one of many Sigma Alpha Iota woman who had fun sharing their musical talents at the Baroque to Broadway musical production.



C. Fiedler

**Sing out Strong.** The women of Sigma Alpha Iota entertained the audience at their popular Baroque to Broadway musical production.



C. Fiedler

# A Taste for Music

## A Common Bond

The woman of Sigma Alpha Iota shared a bond that held special meaning for each individual in the group. This national organization was dedicated to musical women since 1903 and it found its way to Alma in 1996. The women of the local chapter were proud of the long tradition of musical excellence that was cherished by members of SAI around the nation. Holly Townsend '01 expressed the meaning of SAI

to her: "Being in SAI means that I am part of a national group of female musicians, a group that has been around since the early 1900's." The goals of the groups were another source of pride to many of the members. Annie Karenina '00 shared, "Our purpose of developing musicianship in ourselves and others is very satisfying, and something that I can work towards wholeheartedly."

In order to fulfill their purpose of advancing music, the women of SAI held events such as the Music for My Sweet Concert on Valentines Day, Baroque to Broadway, a musical variety show which spanned the 17th to the 20th centuries, a Jazz Festival, which they co-sponsored with Phi Mu Alpha, and they were the motivating force in bringing Dr. Barbara Burdyck to campus for a Woman's Month Concert.

As well as campus events, the women also had fun at a pledge musical that involved unique instrumental talents, from harp playing to banging cardboard tubes together. "The pledge musical really stands out in my mind," recalls Holly, "I was proud to know that I was joining a group with such talented women."

-Heidi Kerr '99

## Sigma Alpha Iota Active Members

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Lindsey Ricci  
 Jamie Raden  
 Melissa Desjarlais  
 Sara Keinath  
 Annie Grover  
 Kate Lowry  
 Heather Buist  
 Roxanna Weisenbach  
 Susanne Cook  
 Jenifer Zerba  
 Lori Romeyn

Angela Clark  
 Amie Deichert  
 Erin McMillen  
 Valerie Harris  
 Jenn Brown  
 Elizabeth Jones  
 Saundra Garrett  
 Sarah Keen  
 Donna Thieme  
 Holly Townsend  
 Anne Henningfeld

Becky Van Bruggen  
 Michelle Sharpe  
 Elaine Gooding  
 Andrea Melow  
 Becky Kampa  
 Julie Shier  
 Lisa Radulovich  
 Melinda Towns  
 Bethany King  
 Anne-Marie Nelson  
 Diana King



M. Petrocelli

**Symbol**  
 Seven Pipes of Pan

**Colors**  
 Red and White

**Nationally Founded**  
 1903

**Locally Founded**  
 1996

"Music is becoming an ever-growing aspect of my life, and I love that I can share that with so many other women."

-Holly Townsend '01



**Σ****X**

## Sigma Chi Active Members

Tim Caister  
 Scott Ferrante  
 Curt Schubert  
 Jay Fiedler  
 Eric Reed  
 Steve Fitzpatrick  
 Tim Lynott  
 Jim Coe  
 Matt Hallead

Pat Stack  
 Bob Seger  
 Ben Tollenaar  
 Erik Cargill  
 Matt Allen  
 Jerry Howard  
 Derek Warner  
 Jason Paetz  
 Brian Crum

Aaron Mansfield  
 Jason Fischer  
 Chris Tapley  
 Troy Cox  
 Chris Dawson  
 Eric Wood  
 Marcus Evans  
 Tony Falsetta  
 Pete Muccio  
 Mike Traywick  
 Jon Croff  
 Sean Babbitt  
 Ryan Wilson  
 Andrew Rugg  
 Brandon Mackenzie

Matt Kunkle  
 Nate McFarren  
 Zack Everitt  
 Josh Rowland  
 Paul Meek  
 Jon Chapel  
 Mike Murphy  
 Chris Porco  
 Brent Warner  
 Nick Holliday  
 Mike LaBranche  
 Ryan Gall  
 Mark Williams  
 Ryan Fowler



"Sigma Chi is made up of many different types of men. We believe in respect and standing by our ideals. Sigma Chi has changed my life in so many ways and has made me a better man."

-Erik Cargill '99

### Symbol

White Cross with Eagle

### Colors

Blue and Yellow

### Nationally Founded

1855

### Locally Founded

1984

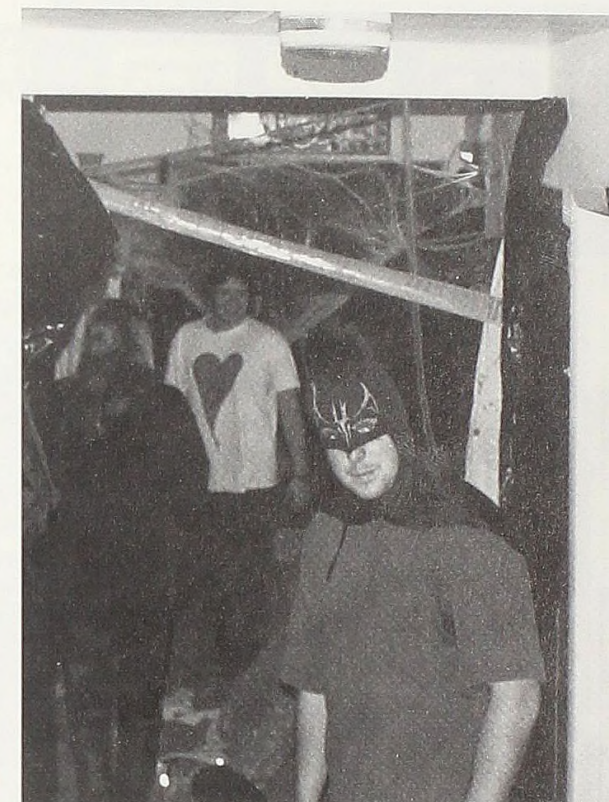
### Check out those Letters.

The men of Sigma Chi, among them members of the Homecoming Court, welcome back alumni during the Homecoming parade.



### Enter if you Dare.

Many students enjoyed the annual Halloween Sigma Chi Haunted House, complete with cobwebs and masked men.



# Opportunities

*For Leadership, For Friendship*

The brothers of Sigma Chi were granted many opportunities to advance themselves as men and as leaders. Sigma Chi offered a Leadership Training Workshop for influential members of each chapter to attend. The workshop taught those men in attendance about how to work better with people. Sigma Chi also offered scholarships for undergraduate

and graduate work, internships, awards and a variety of other educational opportunities. "We try to provide leadership both within our group and on the Alma College campus," shared Erik Cargill '99.

Along with leadership, there were wonderful opportunities for friendships. "I have developed friendships that I never would have," stated Jason "Fish"

Fischer '99, "Being a member of Sigma Chi, and any other Greek organization for that matter, is a great way to meet people." He remembered his favorite Sigma Chi memory, "When I was over in Scotland I received a card signed by all my brothers. It helped me through the lonely times. I tacked it to my wall and looked at it every day."

The biggest event that

Sigma Chi organized annually was Derby Days. This involved the entire campus community and was a week of fun that brought people together. Sigma Chi's annual Sigma Chi Sweetheart was won by Kristine Pintar '98, who managed to raise the most money for charity.

-Heidi Kerr '99



# TKE

## Tau Kappa Epsilon Active Members

Jason Kooiker  
Matt Pohl  
Todd Nyman  
Adam Dias  
Bob Brauker  
Josh Pyle  
Jay Swan  
Will Deeds

Brian Lassey  
Craig Wasen  
Tony Adams  
Marcus Dukes  
Jason Vandermaas  
Deric Bilicki  
Ryan Cook  
Joe Toman

Kurt Sutton  
Mike Baszler  
Kevin Carter  
Tim McAleece  
Tom Comer  
Alex Nicander  
Jim Townsend  
Drew Broaddus  
Ryan Janis  
Jeremy Stewart  
Jeremy Terbush  
Mike Campbell

Brandon Klump  
Chris Hales  
Tim Mosey  
Jason Fritz  
Mike Wenzel  
Josh Dukes  
Ross Kennerly  
Adam Belger  
Justin Bamford  
Matt Leighty  
Craig Freestone



### Symbol

Apollo

### Colors

Cherry Red and Grey

### Nationally Founded

1899

### Locally Founded

1957

"There is no one best thing about being a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Once you know what that best thing is, something else comes along and out does it."

-Will Deeds '98



**Chillin'.** Adam Dias '98 kicks back on the porch of the Tau Kappa Epsilon house on a hot spring day.

**Quality Time.** Craig Wasen '99, Jason Fritz '00 and Todd Nyman '98 spend some quality porch time at the Tau Kappa Epsilon place for the TKE brothers to kick back during the hot days of Spring Term.



# Brotherhood

## The Tie that Binds

The men of Tau Kappa Epsilon saw brotherhood as a serious business and it came out in their work and play. "The best thing about being a TKE brother would have to be just that, brotherhood," stated Marcus Dukes '99. Marcus went on to say, "I have seen many other organizations and groups and none have the tightness and the relationships that we do."

Asad moment was mixed with brotherhood pride in the summer of '97 when about fifty TKE's, both active and non-active,

showed up for Dan Nichelson's funeral. Marcus explained, "Some of the alumni that went didn't even know who he was but they know what kind of man he was if he had been given a chance to wear our letters. The outpouring of affection was just amazing and the parents and friends of Dan were simply amazed that he could have friends that loved him the way we did and still do." Chris Hales '00 stated, "One of my best memories was beating Albion 56-16, 56 being

my pledge brother Dan Nichelson's football number."

The Fortieth Anniversary of the TKE fraternity on campus was celebrated during the year with alumni being invited for a cookout. "They shared stories of what Greek life, and student life was like at Alma College during their time," recalled Kevin Carter '99.

Philanthropy was another area in which the brotherhood of the TKE men shined. The brothers were active in Adopt-A-School,

Big Brothers/Big Sisters and volunteering at Carnivals for area middle schools. The TKE's won the Battle of the Bells at Christmas by raising the most money for the Salvation Army. The TKE's also worked to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Through the good and the bad times, the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon, bonded by a brotherhood too strong to be broken, grew, learned and gave back to the community.

-Heidi Kerr '99



**Θ****X**

## Theta Chi Active Members

Matt Adams	John Edwards	Oren Jenkins	Julian Pike
Marc Alderman	Ryan Fletcher	Kevin Kosch	Doug Potter
Brian Deur	Dave Gallinat	James T. Kuhl	Jeff Potter
Andrew Downs	Scott Harman	Dan Mawby	Andrew Schmitz
Delbert Dunsmore	Ron Hough	Ryan McDonald	Mike Slater
		Charles McKibben	Ricardo Villarreal
		Jason Murdey	George Wilson
		Brian Papendick	

**Ultimate Pleasure.** A banner advertising the ever popular showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" hangs in the McEntire Mall. "Rocky Horrors" showed at the Theta Chi House and was a real crowd pleaser.

**Sister Support.** Theta Chi sisters happily cheer on their brothers at run-outs.



J. Cottrel



C. Washko

# A Unique Brotherhood

## Bridging the Gap

"I had a feeling of acceptance the first time I set foot in the Theta Chi house. I knew that no matter what I believed in, be it God, Buddha, or Mohammad, I would be accepted."

-Brian Deur '98

**Symbol**

Rattlesnake

**Colors**

Red and White

**Nationally Founded**

1856

**Locally Founded**

1971

"What drew me to Theta Chi was a uniqueness and diversity..." explained Kevin Kosch '00. This uniqueness had a way of leaking out into everything the brothers of Theta Chi did, from the popular showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" on Halloween to the annual Beach Bash that had been a tradition since 1969.

The men of Theta Chi

always enjoyed a full house and the door was always open to passerby's. The brothers liked holding semi-weekly events, including Social Intercourse, an open campus event, when people were invited over to the Theta Chi house to socialize and watch movies. Charles McKibben '99 explained what drew him to Theta Chi, "I am a wallflower and the brothers took time to

talk to me at the various parties I was dragged to Winter term of my freshman year. I started making friends and hanging out there a lot and discovered many similarities and differences between myself and the brothers." This friendliness showed in the relaxed attitude at the Theta Chi house and the general acceptance of differences among the brothers.

Many of the brothers remembered working at the Community Cafe, which gave them a chance to serve their fellow man and woman. The men also raked leaves for the elderly on the Day of Caring, as well as participating in the CROP walk and ringing bells at Christmas for the Salvation Army.

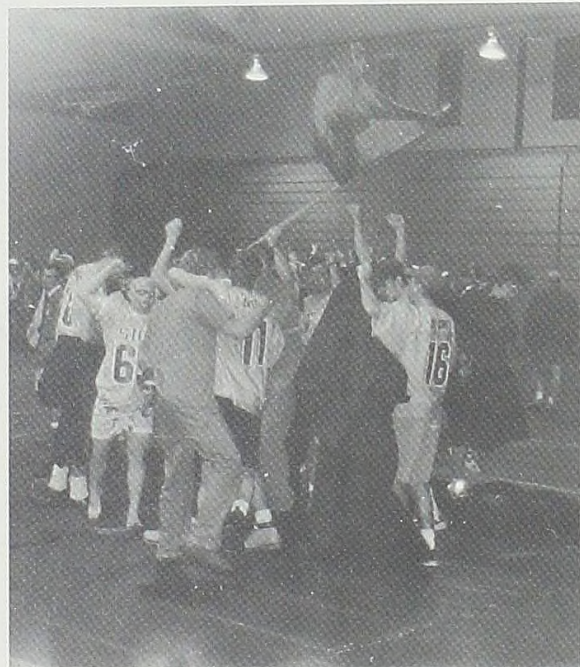
-Heidi Kerr '99





## Zeta Sigma Active Members

Tim Nester	John Buesing	Devin Ripmaster
James Rizor	Max Leonard	Rob MacLeod
Scott Brade	Ryan Soupal	Bill Boss
Chad Milletics	Josh Wiggins	Jon Lechkun
Ian Schmidt	Kyle Kristin	Brent Moeggenberg
Roger Pattie	Jef Fox	Ben Bowers
Warren Rojewski	Joel Stewart	Andy Hondorp
Ben Hondorp	Lucas Hart	Brad Walworth
	Steve Pickelmann	



C. Washko



S. Nadeau



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**Run.** The men of Zeta Sigma greet and congratulate a new pledge at Run-Outs.

**Toga, Toga, Toga.** James Rizor '97, Matt Purdy '97, Lucas Hart '00, Jef Fox '00 are in a festive mood for the annual Zeta Sigma Toga Party.

# One of a Kind

## Forming Bonds, Breaking Stereotypes

As a local fraternity, Zeta Sigma's uniqueness to the college was a source of pride and unity. "If anywhere in life I see another Sig," explained Ben Bowers '01, "I'll know that he came from the same place I did and that he went through the same stuff I have." Andy Hondorp '01 echoed the sentiment of his brother and went on to say, "It's not just a Greek organization, but a brotherhood of your closest friends

and peers. That's what being a Sig is all about, looking out for and helping out your brothers and the community."

Helping the community was in the forefront of the minds of the Zeta Sigs. Their biggest philanthropic effort was a canned food drive which resulted in raising four hundred dollars for the Salvation Army. Zeta Sigma won the New Members Best Philanthropy award, given by

IFC and Panhel, for helping a local woman move for nine hours. Andy sees philanthropy, not just as a way to help the needy, but as way to break stereotypes. His brother Rob MacLeod '00 agreed, "It helps the community see a Greek organization making a difference and not just partying," he explained "Plus we get a chance to give something to the community."

Along with all their hard work, the Sigs also took time out for fun and relaxation. A highlight for many was a Hockey night that took them to Muskegon, to watch the Muskegon Fury. Seventy-five people enjoyed the trip which included pizza, a fun bus ride, a great game, and being in the company of good friends.

-Heidi Kerr '99

"The best thing about Zeta Sig is that it is a local fraternity that allows you to know your brothers on a real and personal level. Also, Zeta Sig has very loyal alumni who frequently return to the chapter."

-Brad Walworth '01

### Symbol

The Crest

### Colors

Gold and Green

### Founded

1888



# Forever Burning

## Seniors prepare to move on

"I still remember my freshman year in vivid detail. It seems unreal that I am leaving. It is time, though I know I will have the best memories as I made my way through my four years here," said Andrea Melow '98. Preparations for future careers and continuing education were made and apprehensive excitement spread like wild-fire.

"After graduation, I am thinking of going to the University of Chicago for Veterinary school. I

have applied to many schools and have to decide which one to go to for sure," said Holly Roten '98.

Many seniors prepared and practiced for interviews. It was an exhilarating moment as one received an offer to interview at his or her job place of choice. Senior Sequence, held the first weekend of school, was one opportunity seniors could take advantage of to prepare for the future.

"My first interview made me so nervous. I

tried to be prepared though. I went out and bought a suit. I felt like a little kid trying to play grown-up," said Dan Holmes '98.

As the class of 1998 approached graduation, they developed even stronger emotional ties to the campus and to her students. As these students went into the world, the quality of their time here would burn on forever.

- Megan Thurber '01

### This is Hard Work!

Rhonda Smith '98, deep in thought, works to finish an issue at a meeting of the *Almanian*. Seniors, like Smith, kept busy with numerous activities.



S. Bickler

### Queen For a Day.

Beaming as she receives her ribbon from Annie DeLind '97, senior Jill Hopkins '98 is honored as Queen of Scots. Seniors voted during meal times and the final results were announced at the Homecoming game.



J. Cottrell

### The Writing's on the Wall.

Kristine Pintar '98 pauses to think of a quote at the AGD quote party. The party was held for all non-greek women as a pre-rush function in the fall.



J. Cottrell

### Concentration is the Key.

At the Homecoming game against Albion College, Julie Shier '98 concentrates on her Color Guard maneuvers as part of the Kiltie Band during their half-time performance.



C. Rau



# Giving Credit...

## Seniors meet requirements for graduation

With one's first advising appointment in his or her freshman year, the mad scramble to obtain the correct number of credits for graduation commenced.

The magic number for a major was 136 credits and for a department minor it was 24 credits. Many seniors opted to take on 2 minors instead of a major or minor. For most who declared only one minor, the four year plan was tricky but manageable.

"I am a history major with a poli-sci minor. I didn't have a hard time

getting in all my credits. Although going into secondary education is like having an undeclared second minor," said Kymberli Barrette '98.

For other seniors, the heavy decision one must make as to what career path to follow hindered the credit process.

"For the last three years, I tried to decide what direction I wanted to take. I failed to take the required amount of upper level classes that I needed and I had to work hard my senior year to get those classes in,"

said Sarah Chambers '98, a political science major.

Students here had an advantage over students at larger universities. Most seniors made the requirements in four years.

"It is easy to meet the requirements for the majority. I am glad I chose a four year plan so that now I can go out and get started in my career sooner," said Kymberli.

-Megan Thurber '01

### Where Credit is Due

#### Requirements for Graduation

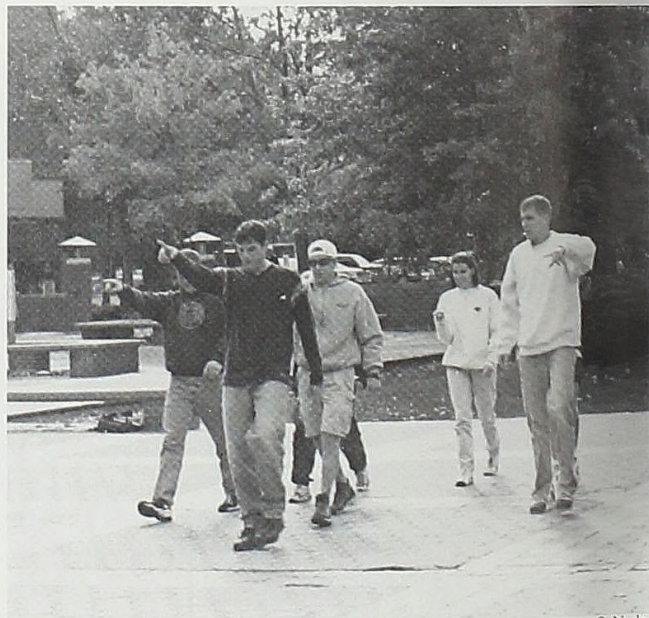
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24 Credits



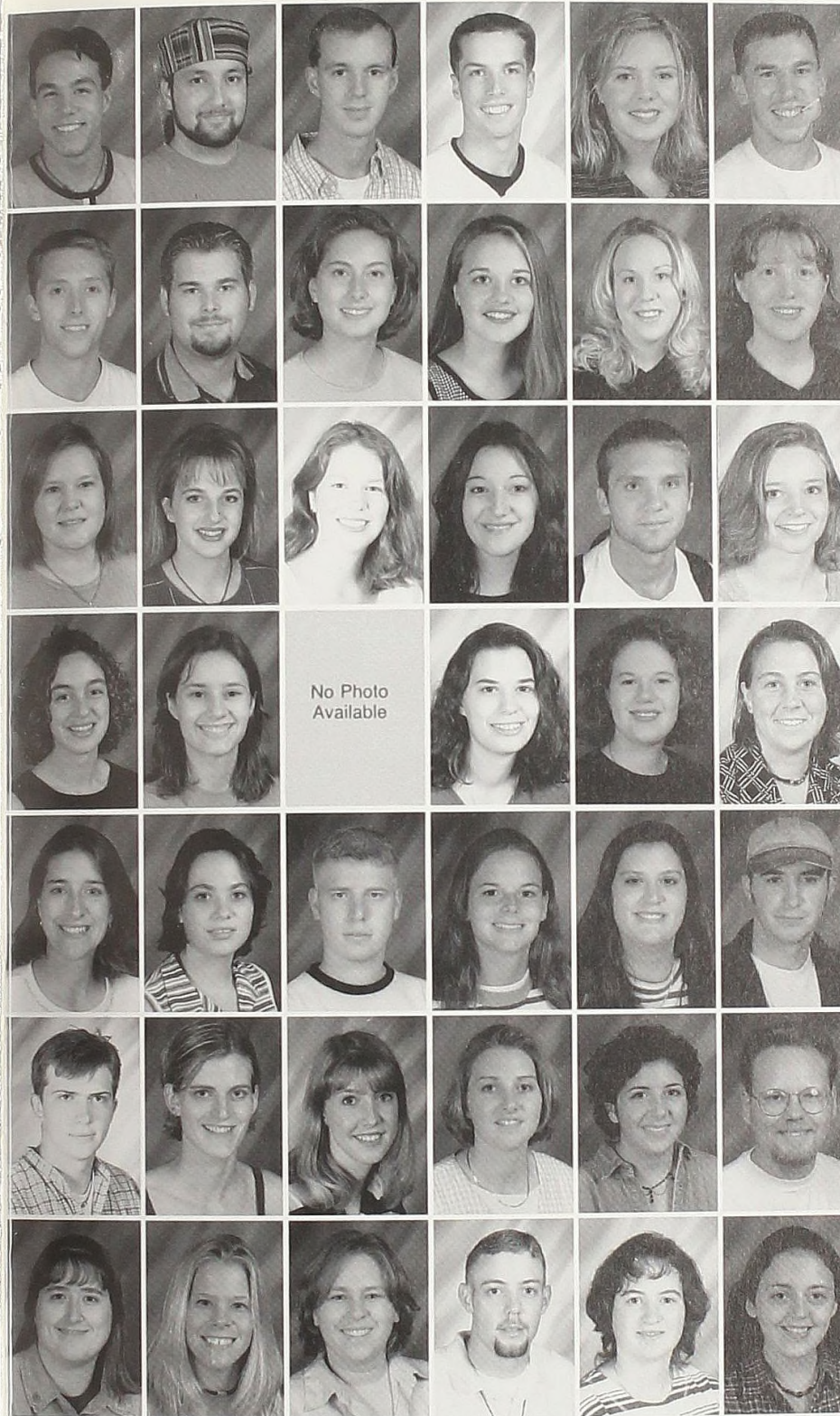
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**Put your right leg out.** Performing in McIntire Mall, a line of students demonstrates a dance as a part of Dance Experience.

**Break it on down.** A group of students participates in the Dance Experience class. Many seniors took the class as a performing arts credit.



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Heather Alverson  
Ralph Anderson

Doug Austin  
Matthew Babcock  
Jennifer Bade  
Holly Bailey  
Brooke Baker  
Jodie Bannon

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Nicole Bartell  
Sara Basler  
Amy Batch  
Jeff Bateson  
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Kelly Bennett  
Angie Berle  
Tori Biebuyck  
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Julie Bond  
Heidi Borek

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Michael Breidinger

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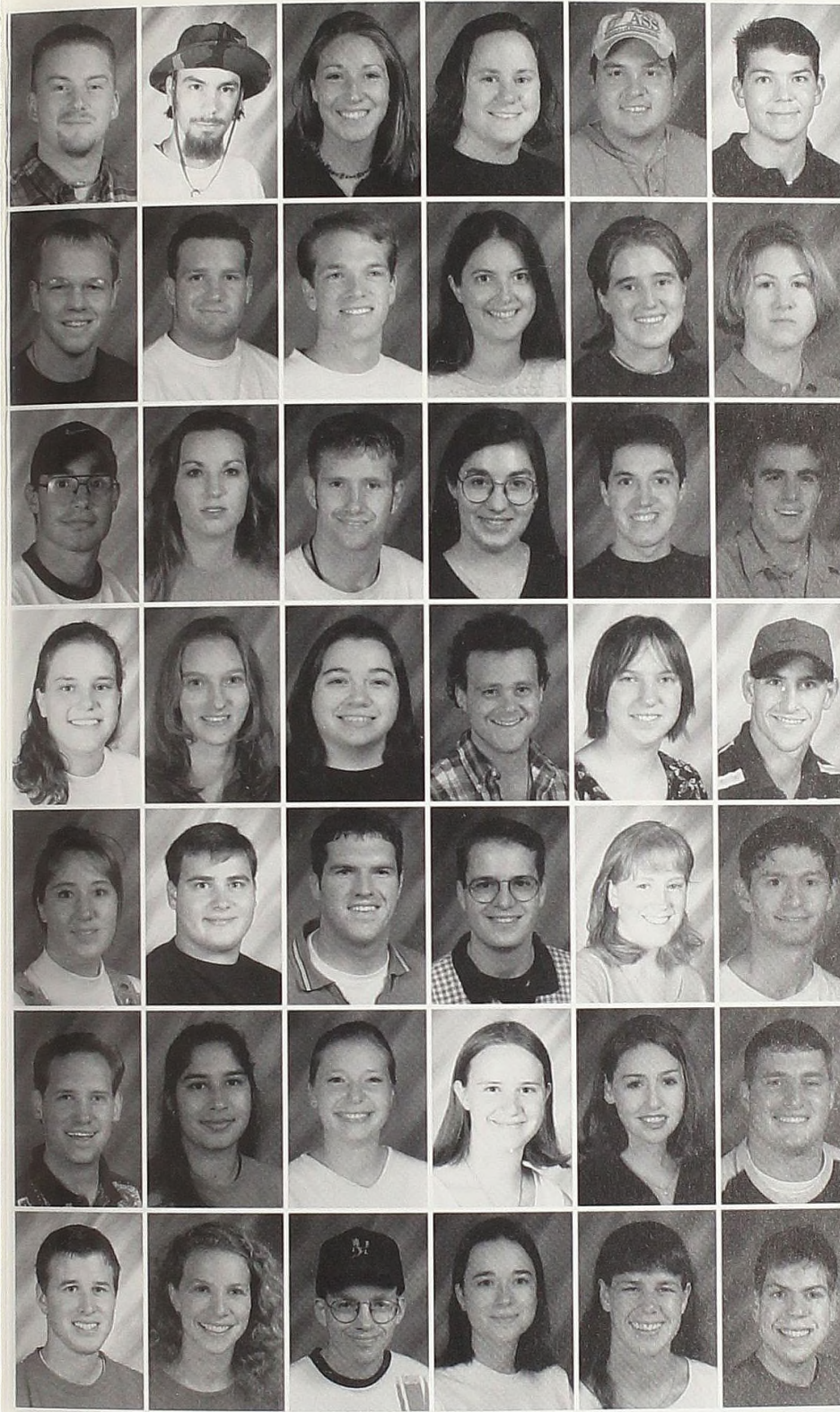
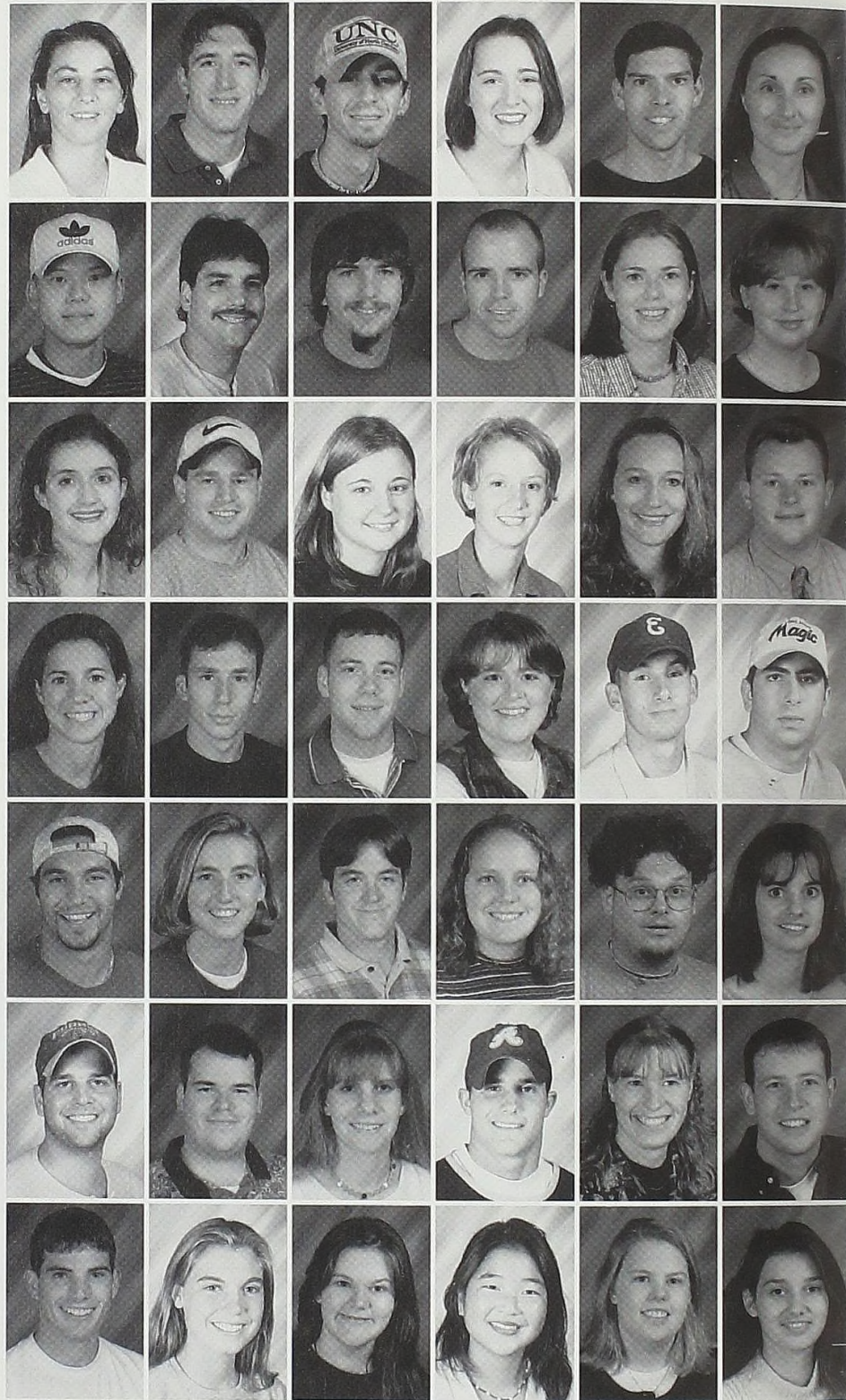
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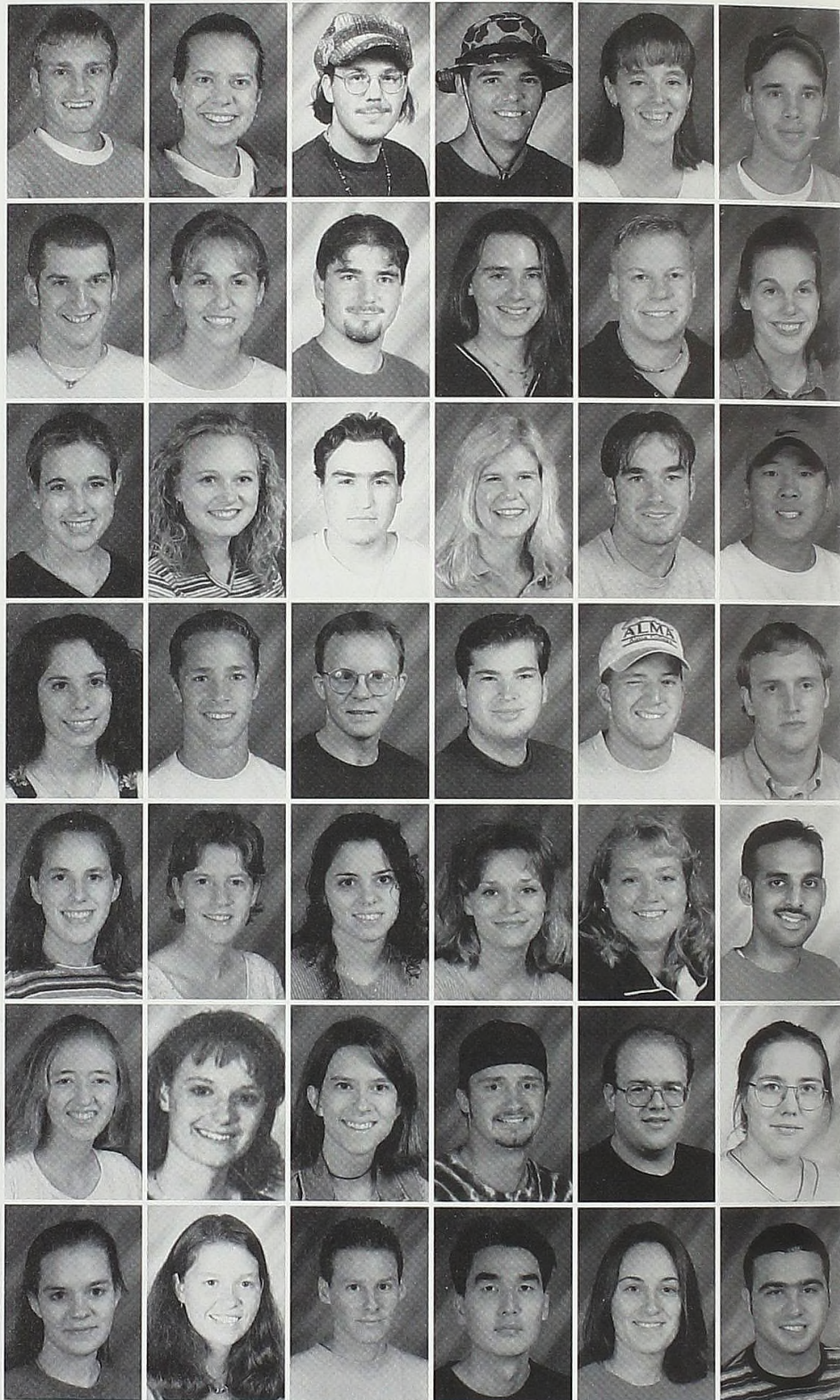
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# With Honors

## Seniors culminate research with theses

Two years of research, hard work and 30 pages of paper culminate into one thing; a senior thesis. As a 500 level course, the option to do a senior thesis was offered to those seniors majoring in fields from Biology to English. As many seniors found, hard work did pay off. There were numerous benefits to be reaped from the completion of a senior thesis.

One major benefit of a thesis is preparation for graduate school. Most seniors participating in the

thesis go on to further their education. The process of researching and writing a thesis taught valuable skills for use in graduate school and later in his or her chosen career field.

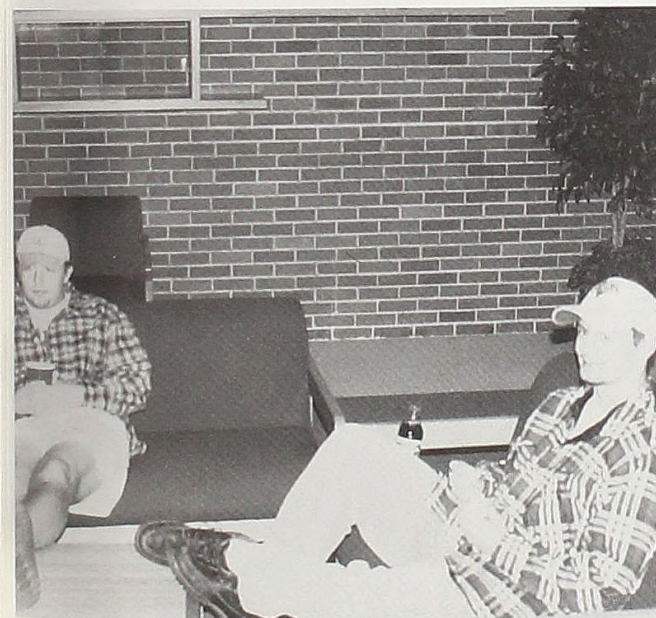
"The thesis is most important for science majors as most go to graduate school. My thesis demonstrates my experience and will help me go further," said Mike Leech '98, a biology major.

Another major benefit of writing a thesis was the prestige of graduating with honors. The obtaining of

honors also helped to propel one's schooling and career forward as employers and graduate schools select employees and students.

Though it takes much time and dedication, the decision to prepare a senior thesis held many benefits. "After two years of research, I now have something to show for my effort. This will definitely put me ahead of others and prepare me for later achievements," said Mike.

-Megan Thurber '01



### Just kicking back.

In the lobby of Mitchell Hall, John Hanson '98 and Dave Wagner, Mitchell Hall Director, participate in Mitchell Movie Night.

### Standing Tall.

In anticipation of the day's performance, Melinda Towns '98 and Christopher Stapels '98 prepare to take the field. As members of the marching band, Melinda and Christopher performed at special functions and all home football games.

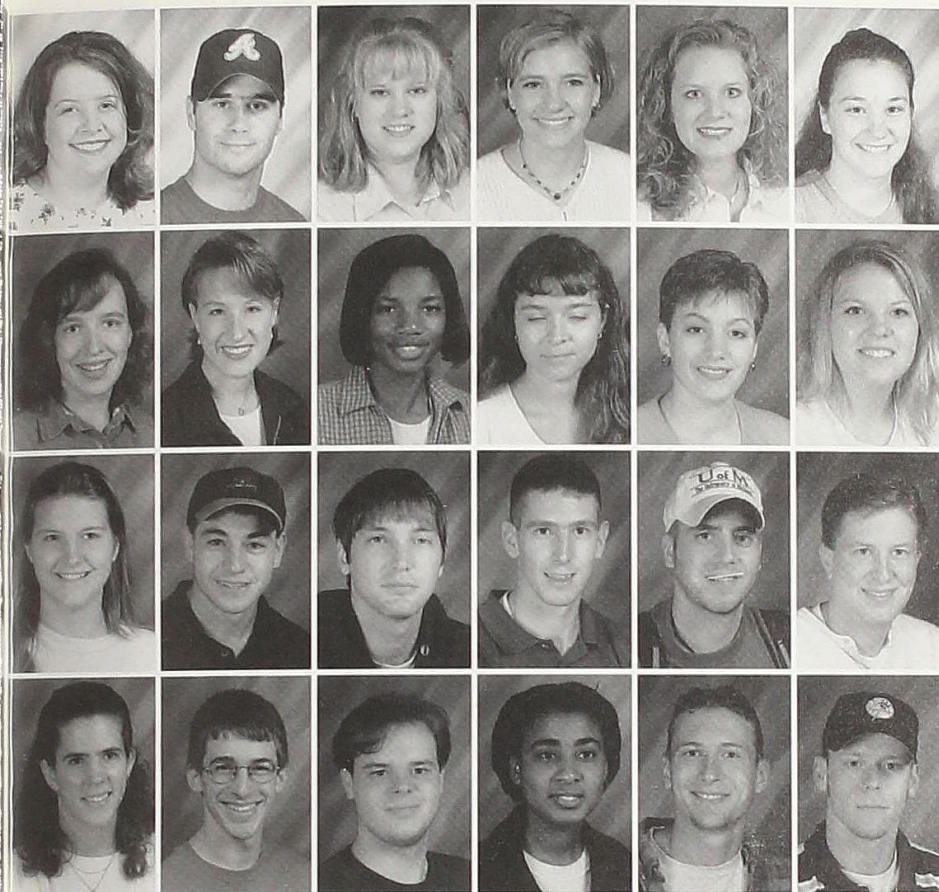
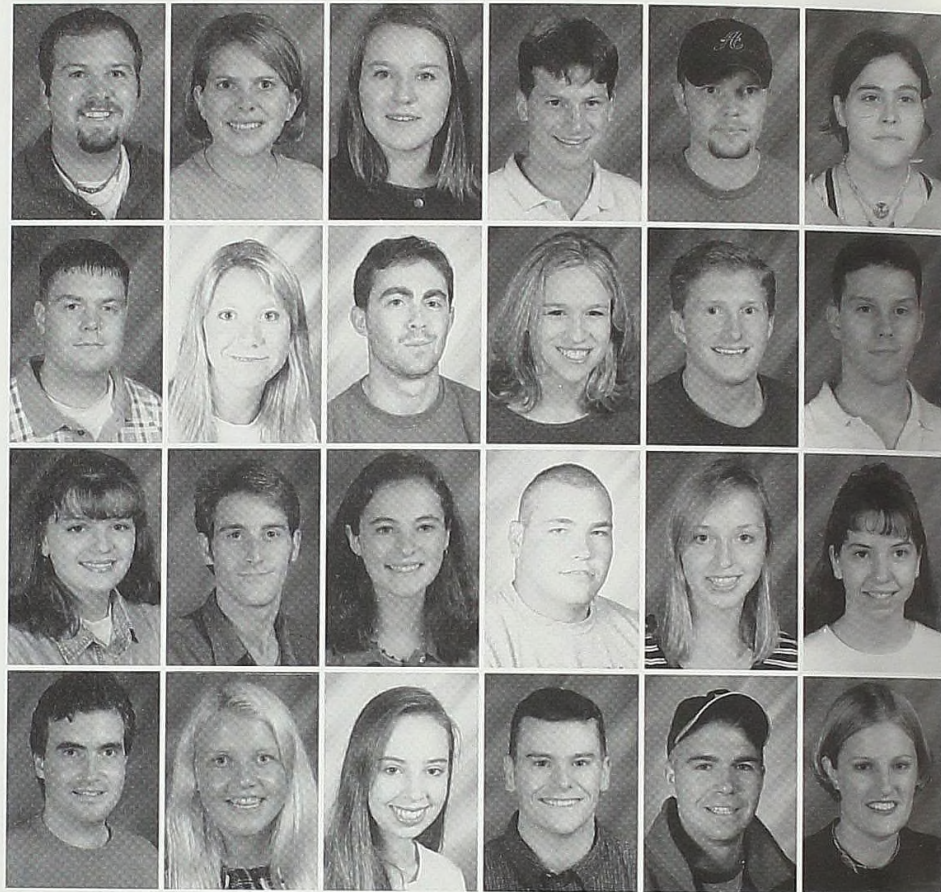


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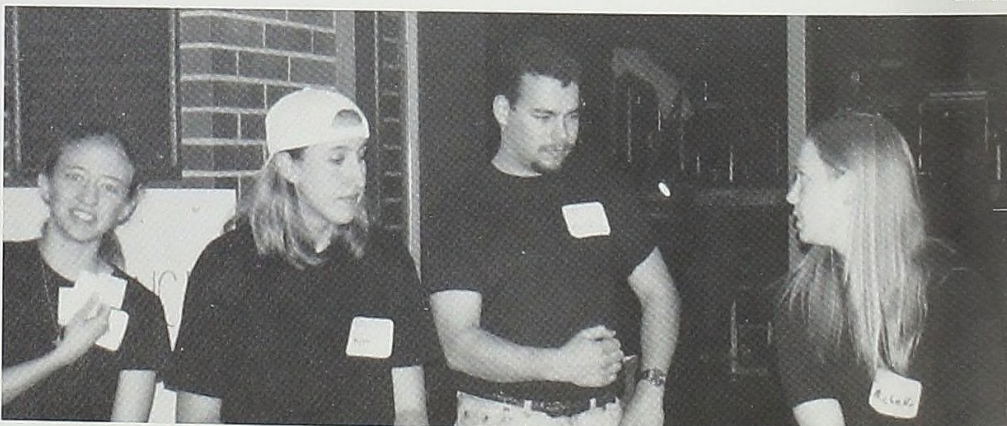
At the Senior Recognition game, President Stone presents a memorial to the parents of Daniel Nichelson, an Alma student killed in an accident. Daniel was a member of the football team.



C. Fiedler

**You'll have to get through us first.**

Bethany King '98, Meghann Devlin '01, and Mark Petrocelli '98 guard the door to the Homecoming "They Might Be Giants" concert.



K. Reed

# Active Lives

## Seniors were involved in many activities

From Alma Ambassadors to Lacrosse, students had the opportunities to participate in many activities. As a first-year student, one may have felt overwhelmed by all the groups, but by one's senior year, students had an opportunity to find one or more groups to be a part of.

"It is so easy to become involved, organizations come to you," said Sarah Kampf '98. From the

beginning of pre-term, students were shown the variety of campus activities. By becoming involved in various groups and clubs, seniors were able to make important connections that may have helped them later in their career. For example, Beta Beta Beta, the biology honorary, involved biology majors in opportunities involving aspects of their major.

The most memorable part of being involved in a group was the people one met. The campus had many different personalities. Being part of a group allowed one to meet many people. "The group that I was a part of that I will remember most is Cross-Country. It was so fun and I met so many people with different personalities. We took overnight trips to Indiana and Chicago. It was

such a big part of my life," said Sarah.

Seniors who had been involved in campus activities were helped in many ways. With each group, not only were there social activities but there were also many opportunities for future careers.

-Megan Thurber '01



# What's Next?

## Seniors plan for the future

In pre-school, many potential Alma College students dreamed of being a farmer and in elementary school perhaps it was to be a professional football player. In college, the dreams gave way to planning one's future. It was the last step for many to their careers.

"I'm really excited to get out into the real world and to start my life beyond Alma. But at the same time, it seems very scary. I know I'll miss all my friends and everything about Alma," said Lisa Sherman '98.

For several seniors, their plans will whisk them away to exotic places and exciting cities.

"In August, I go to Honduras to teach English to seventh and ninth graders at Escuela Internacional Sampredana, a school there," said Jen Reeder '98.

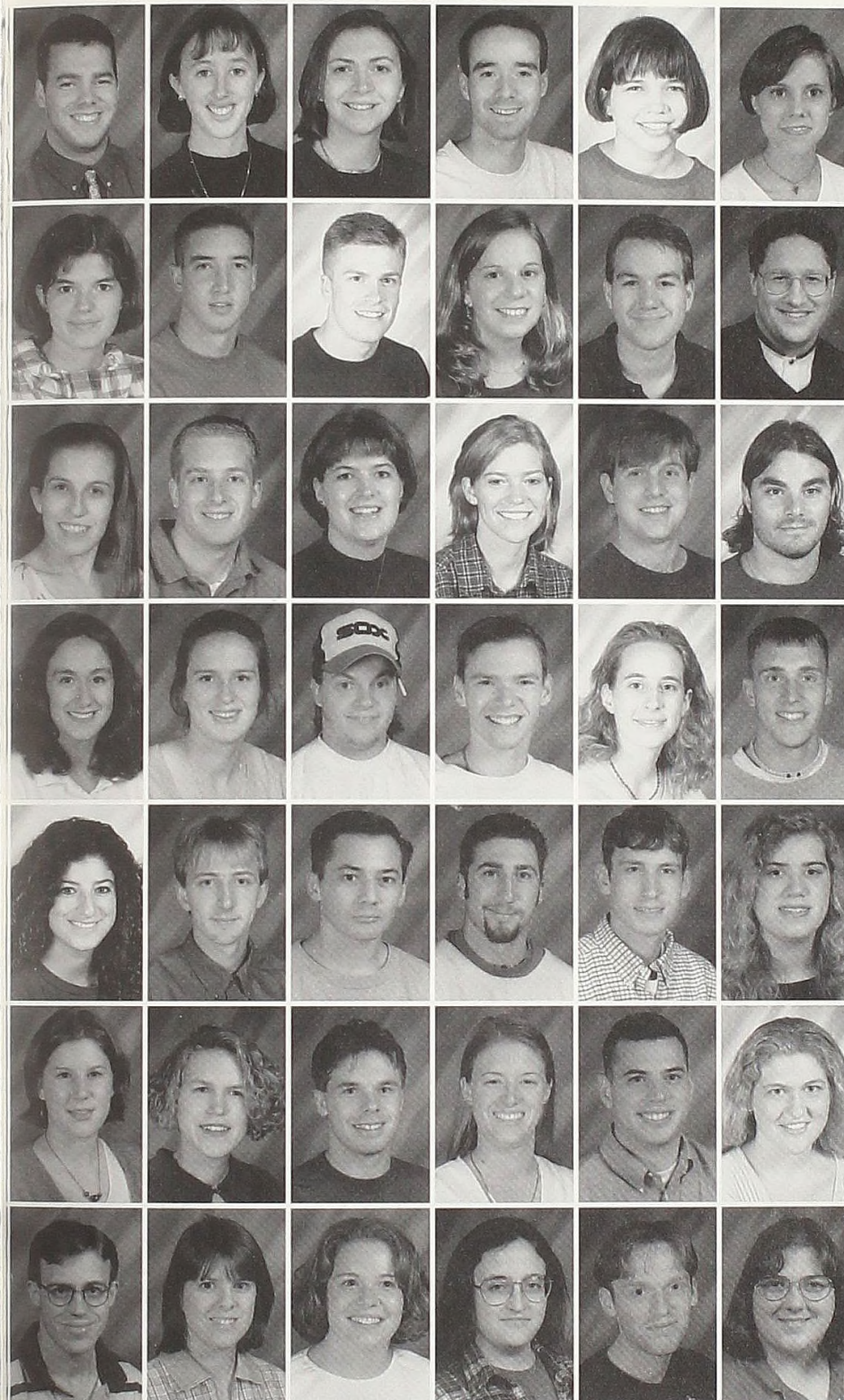
"I plan on trying to get into research at museums in Chicago. Ultimately, I hope to be a writer. I would like to be either a poet or a novelist. 'Sweet Dreams are made of these,'" said Rhonda Smith '98.

Other seniors decided to further their education in graduate school.

"In the fall, I will be going to the School of Dentistry at Michigan State. I am really excited because I want to be a dentist more than anything," said Sarah Isaacson '98.

Planning for the future was important all throughout one's life. The plans made while one was in college were the first steps of the rest of one's life.

-Megan Thurber '01



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### Sharing Ideas.

Cynthia Miller '98, listens attentively to Carrie Kaminski '99 at an Alma College Republicans meeting.

### Thinking about the future?

Rhonda Smith '98, stares pensively into the distance at an Alpha Gamma Delta pre-rush party. She participated in one of her last events as a senior.



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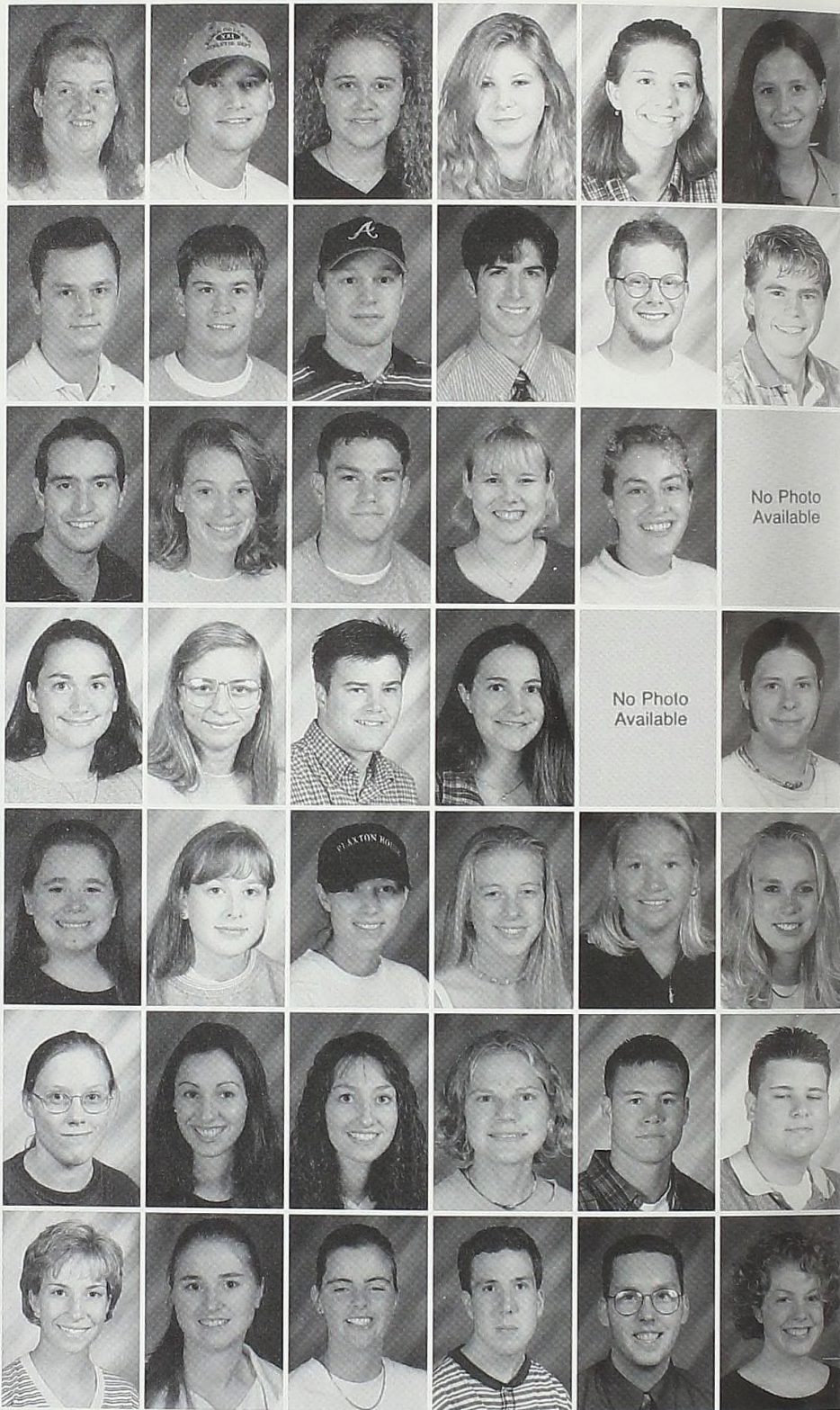
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# Giving Back

## Seniors participate in Senior Challenge

### Seniors Not Pictured

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 Ben A. Witte CHM

As in years past, the senior class got together to plan a gift for the campus or other individuals. Beginning this semester, the Senior Challenge committee, headed by Matt Wandrie and Kristi Didocha, asked the students what they would like to present as the class gift.

Various options to fund the project were given to students. One could buy a raffle ticket for "President or Provost for the day." Tickets were sold at meal times. Another option for seniors was to donate their one-hundred dollar security deposit given to the college

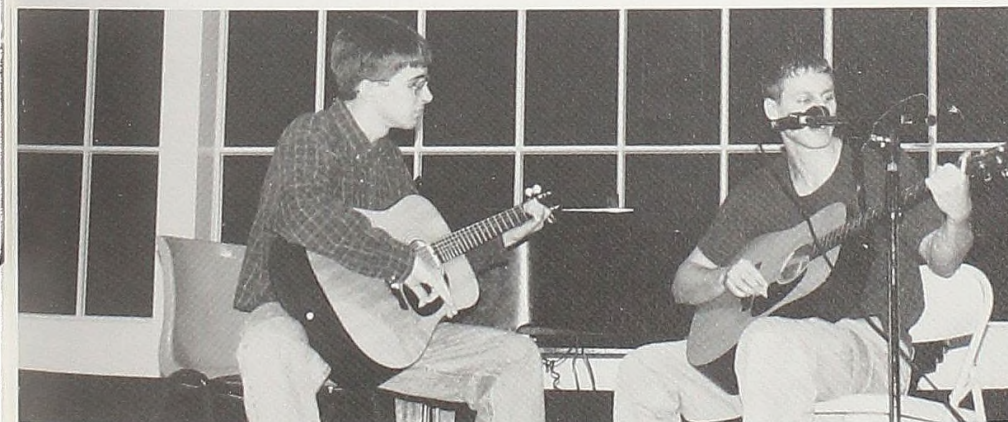
during their freshman year. The chosen gift for the class of 1998 was for a large rock to be placed on campus with the college seal on it. The money left over from the seal and rock monument was given to the family of Tara Peters, a former student of the college, to help cover exorbitant medical expenses.

"Senior Challenge really touched home for me because Tara is a really close friend. To be able to do something that benefits her means a lot to me," said Joanne Howd '98.

Other seniors who knew Tara Peters shared the same

sentiments. "I really thought that our decision as a class to give money to Tara and her family was very meaningful. I know that Tara is thought of often and this is our way of demonstrating that," said Kristine Pintar '98. Senior Challenge offers the graduating class an opportunity to give something back to the college. The monument placed on this campus and the money given to the Peters family attest to the significance of this project.

-Megan Thurber '01

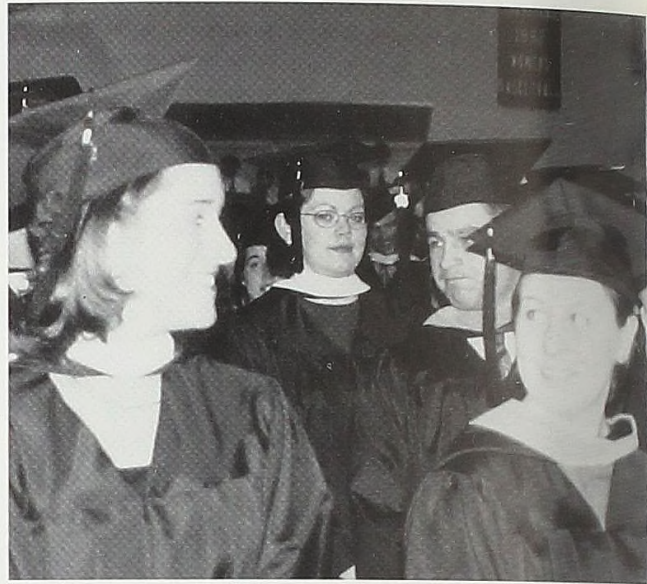


K. Reed

### Strumming away.

Neal Palmreuter '98 and Mike Leech '98 perform with their guitars at Song Fest during fall term. Mike sang and played while Neal accompanied him on the guitar.





**This is it.**  
With excited and hopeful looks upon their faces, Sharon Bihlmeyer '98 and Heidi Borek '98 exchange a few words at commencement.



**Family ties.**  
The many family members and friends of the graduates gather to see their student get his or her degree.

**Follow through.**  
The seniors proceed to Honors Convocation led by the pipers and flag bearers.



# Cherished Memories

## Seniors reflect on their years

The sweltering heat of pre-term, the first day of "real" classes, the day the experiment was done wrong and blew up in class...all of these experiences add to the colorful memories seniors took away with them along with a degree.

The college experience was termed by many as the best years of a person's life. Reflections of those days and the events that filled them were vivid as each senior moved on.

"I don't think I will ever forget the chemistry teacher I had named Dr. Elmaazawi. He was from Egypt and had problems figuring out what to teach us. Everything was

either over our heads or way too easy. One day, he was showing us significant figures and actually pointed out the right side and left side of the decimal point. He later said, 'They are freshmen, they might not know right and left.' It was so funny," said Neal Palmreuter '98.

Other senior's memories were not comprised of classroom antics but rather of experiences with new found friends on campus.

"I remember my freshman year and my roommates. I was living in the basement of Gelston and had three other roommates. I thought we would never get along with

all of our different personalities. I ended up having a wonderful year. We all became good friends and stayed up all night talking. We used to go out to eat all the time too," said Alyson Ferriss '98.

Whether one sees his or her classmates after graduation or not, the memories from college will burn bright until everyone is together again.

-Megan Thurber '01



**Almost ready.**  
The graduates line up in McIntyre Mall before entering Cappaert Gymnasium for commencement.



# Honorable Mention

## Students are honored for achievements

Honors Convocation, a traditional ceremony held every year before graduation, was held on April 2. As the Kiltie Band played "George Washington Bicentennial March," administrators, professors, and seniors filed in to Cappaert Gymnasium.

The convocation was typical in that seniors decorated their hats for the occasion. More wild than years past, seniors adorned hats with stickers, signs, and various other constructions.

Honors were awarded to seniors for outstanding excellence in academics and leadership, the real reason for Honors Convo. Beth Knapp was rewarded for having the

highest Grade Point Average while Dan Scripps was named the Outstanding Senior Leader.

Provost Dr. Leslie Ellen Brown spoke as well as Martin Marty, a guest lecturer for Honors Day and recipient of an honorary degree. Dr. Verne Beechill gave his retirement speech after 33 years at Alma.

For many seniors, the reality of the upcoming graduation was made stronger by Convocation.

"When I put on the cap and gown for the first time for Convocation, I finally felt like I was graduating. Four years of hard work had paid off," said Jennifer Corry '98.

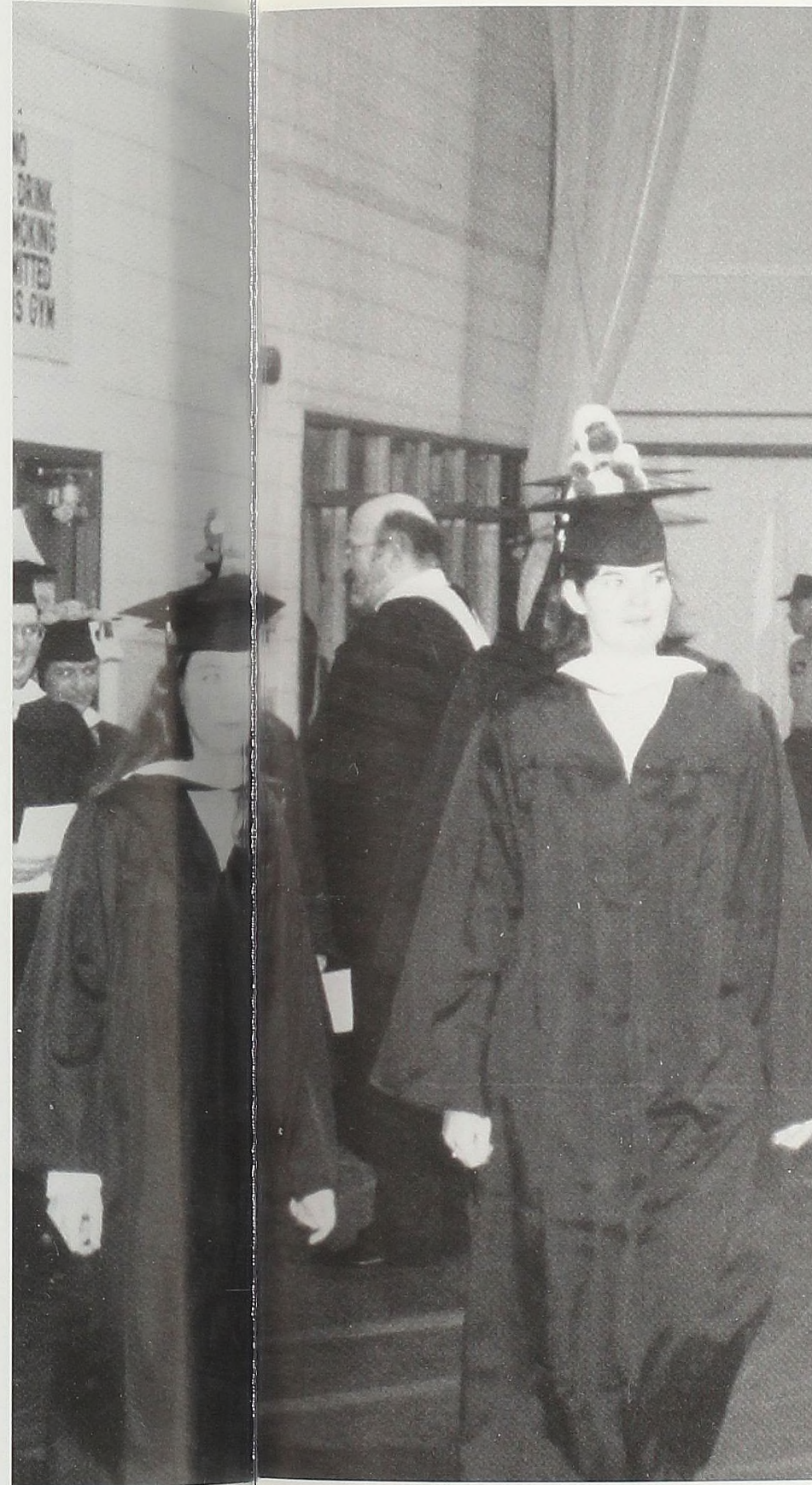
Seniors, who had sat further back in the gym as underclassmen at previous convocations, came to a new realization. "It was different sitting up front this time. It brought things home for me," said Eric Wanink '98.

Convocation was a time for seniors to be recognized for their achievements by the campus community. Many were honored for academic achievement and for their participation in various honor societies.

-Megan Thurber '01

### Leading the way.

Dr. Eugene Pattison and Dr. Mahmood Monshipouri file into the gymnasium at Honors Convocation.

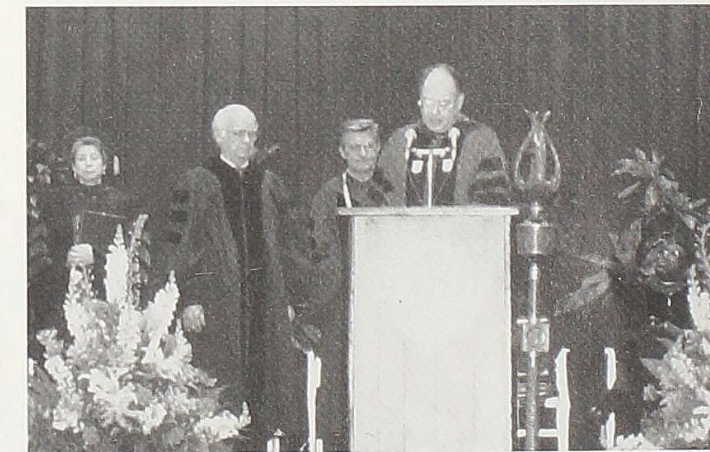


### Here we come.

Two members of the graduating class proceeded into the gym for convocation. Both wore anxious looks on their faces in anticipation.

### Send in the clowns.

Three seniors arrive at Honors Convocation. Hat decorating was an important and fun part of the ceremony for the seniors, who were solemn for graduation.



### Farewell speech.

Dr. Joseph Walser gives a speech at convocation while Provost Brown, Dr. Martin Marty and President Stone look on. Walser presented an honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. Marty.

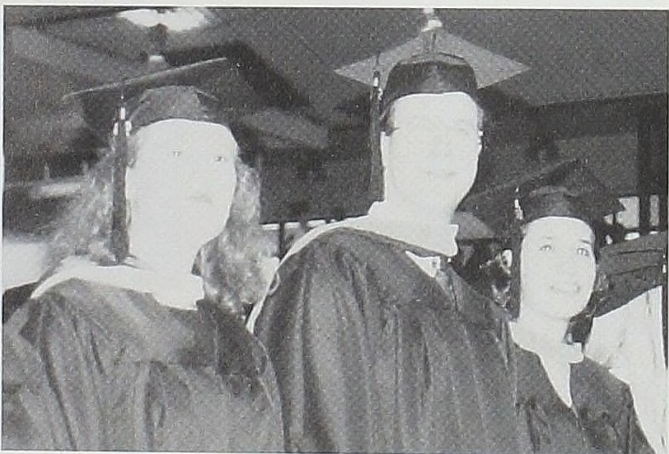
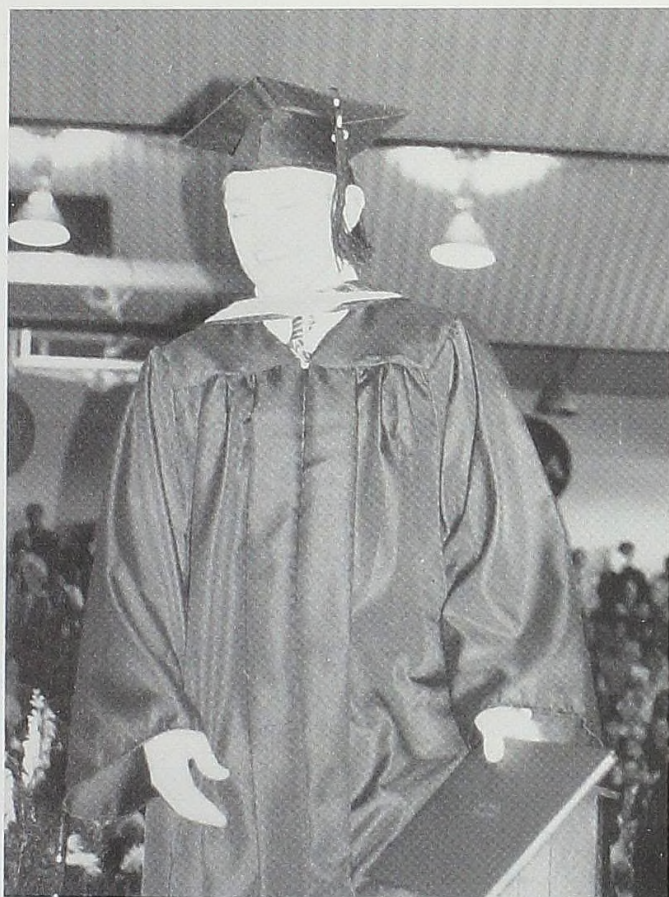


**Ready for the future.**

Ben Hondorp '98, with his degree in hand, walks across the stage in the front of Cappaert Gymnasium. Ben received a Bachelor of Science.

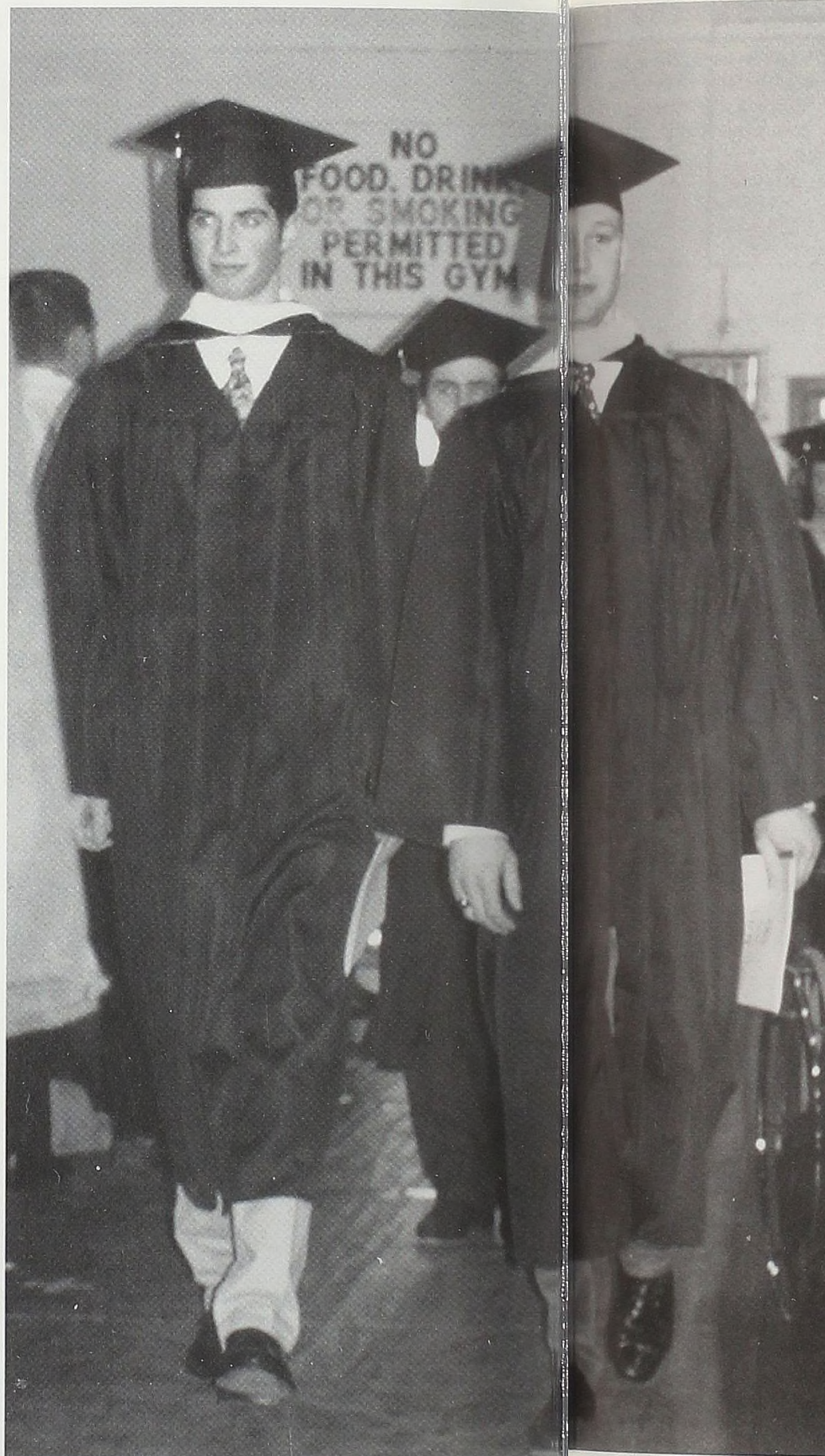
**Determination and excitement.**

Patrick Stack '98 and Jason Squires '98 proceed into the gym. Both were eager to receive their degrees and move ahead to the future.



**A happy moment.**

Julie Bond '98, Jim Blum '97, and Sharon Bihlmeyer '98, look to the audience. The three graduates looked for the family and friends that were present at the ceremony.



# Moving On

## Seniors receive degrees at graduation

The culmination of four or five years of hard work was the Commencement Ceremonies held on Saturday, April 18 at 2 pm. The gym was filled to capacity as friends, family, professors, and fellow students all gathered to watch the seniors receive their degrees. Sunny and warm, it was a perfect day for graduation.

Beginning with a mini-concert by the Kiltie Band directed by Mr. Doug Scripps, visitors waited for the seniors to arrive. Led by the pipers, the graduates filed in to the traditional tune of "Pomp and Circumstance."

The audience and

graduates were honored with the presence of Senator Spencer Abraham who gave a humorous but interesting speech to the graduates.

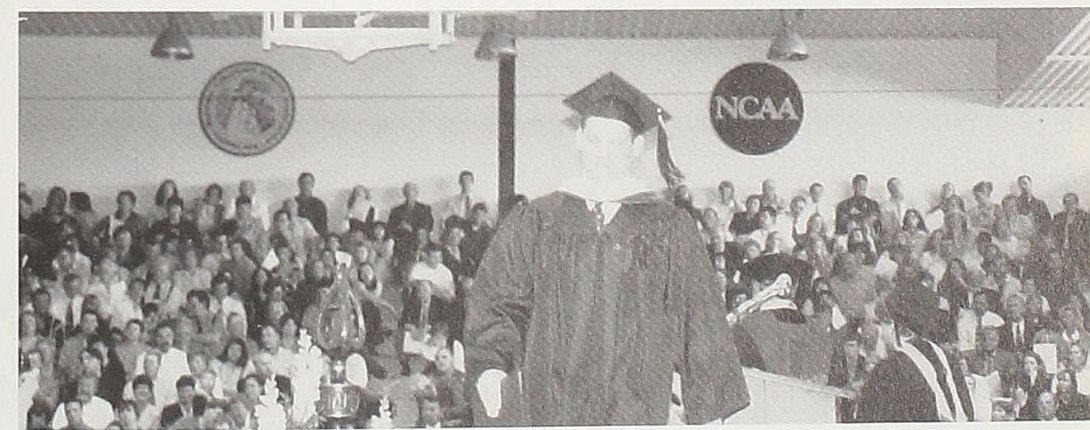
Several people present at the ceremony were awarded honorary degrees from the college. Reverend Raymond B. Knudson received a Doctor of Divinity, James T. Maunders received a Doctor of Laws, Russel C. Youngdahl, a trustee of the college received a Doctor of Laws. Senator Spencer Abraham was awarded a Doctor of Laws as well.

Barlow Trophy recipient Brandon Miller '98 addressed the graduates with a speech as well. "Expectations"

included events from Brandon's four years and a discussion about his future.

With the final strains of the alma mater still in the air, the 111th graduating class, all with their degrees, filed out of the gym. They were received with tears of happiness and sadness from the friends and families present to congratulate them.

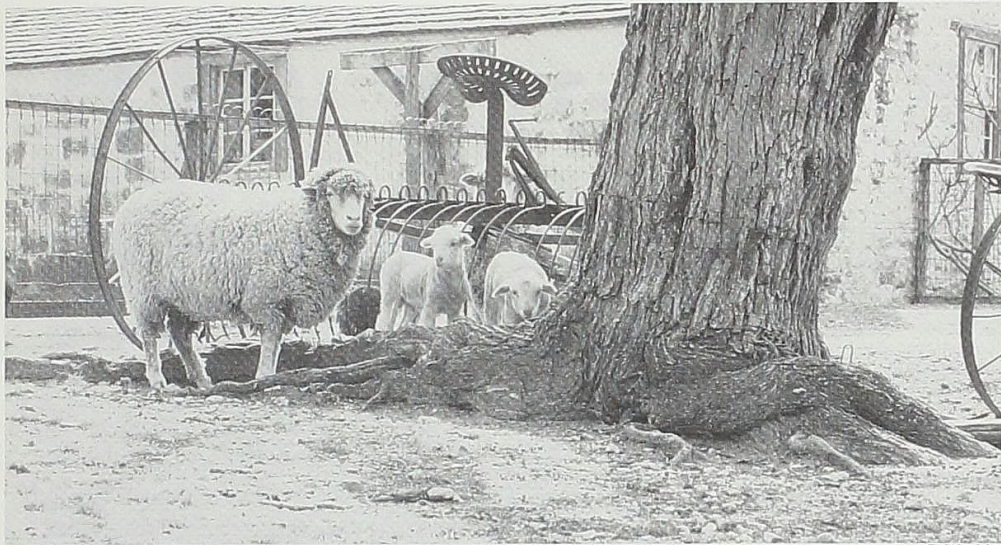
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**I am finished!**

Mike Happel '98 bears a look of satisfaction and happiness as he walks across the stage. Mike received a Bachelor of Arts.





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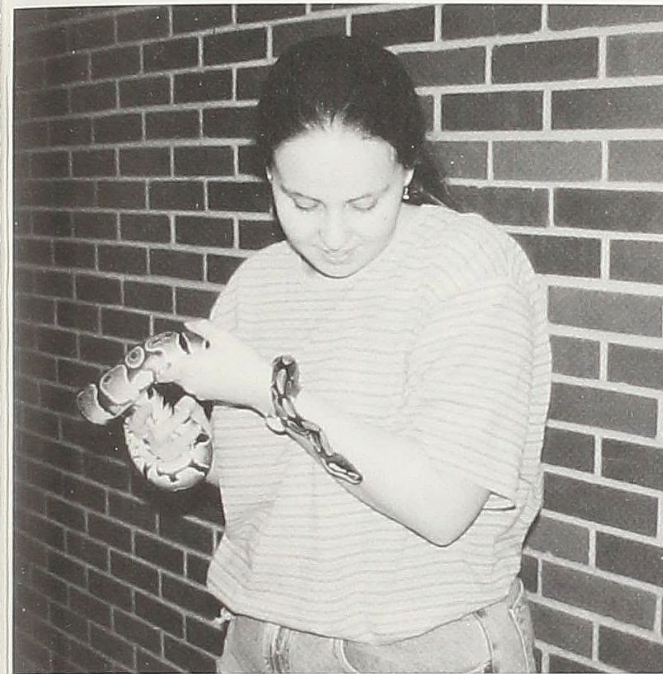


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Ending a second year at Alma, my first on staff, it was nice to know that this year some of it was able to be caught on film. Most of the time, the best shots seemed to come when they were needed the least: on occasions other than those scheduled around events and deadlines. For the friends who have left, as well as for those who have been left behind, the right snapshot at the perfect moment can preserve a group's personalities better than any mental picture—at least any that would manage to survive in my head anyway. Unfortunately, there were times that really constituted Kodak moments when the camera just wasn't ready: bras in chairs, sleds running over small children, or groups of people cramming themselves into handicap porta-potties. Luckily, the best of the undocumented memories were those which were harder to forget; there are just some things a scrapbook can't do justice to. These photos were all taken without pressures or deadlines, but rather on vacations, celebrations, or social excursions (which, in my case, mean MEGA events, predominantly). The sheep and the chickens at the L. B. Johnson Ranch just seemed to make a picturesque shot that captures some of the better aspects of Texas, which are rarely seen all at once. The Whitefish Point lighthouse serves as an icon for the mystical legends of Lake Superior and shipwrecks, as does the cemetery in the woods near Paradise where many unknown sailors are buried. My friends from Alma and Texas could only be experienced separately, due to the slight geographical barrier (the Midwest), while the costume contest and pumpkin patch at Uncle John's Cider Mill simply catch the finer activities that are offered to one who is actually experiencing the season of autumn, an abstract idea to those who spend most of their days in Texas.

-Chris Washko '00

**Pythons are a girl's best friend**  
Sara Snow '98 shows off Monty, one of her many friends in Dow. Sara cared for several amphibians and reptiles during her four years at Alma.



K. Reed

**Play that funky music...**  
Marc Alderman '98 shares some African music with the audience at Honors Day. His beautiful rendition of native songs and trip narrative impressed everyone in the crowd.



K. Reed

These pictures were taken throughout the year and I feel they reflect some of the best aspects Alma College has to offer. No matter what their major is, people love what they do when they have fun doing it, and these three students are strutting their stuff.

-Kathy Reed '99

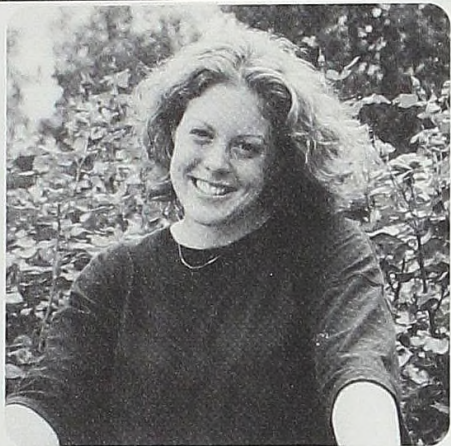


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**Lookin' Good**

Eric Eppensteiner '01 and Mom dance the night away at Homecoming. Some people came with a group of friends, some brought their dates, but Eric chose to bring his favorite gal!





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*successes you have achieved are*  
*many, however with your*  
*attitude & determination you*  
*will achieve so many more.*  
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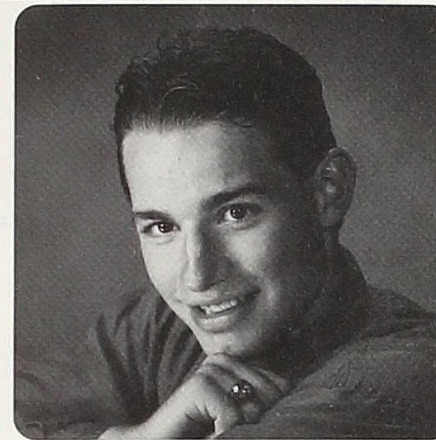
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*Love,  
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Love,  
Mom, Dad, John, Brad,  
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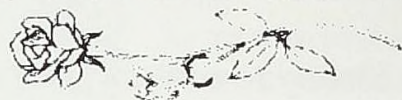


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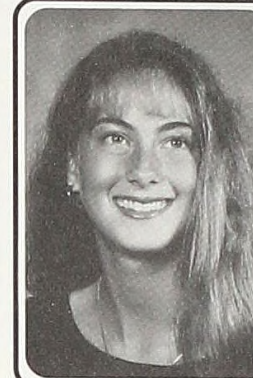
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*and success. Your ability, self*  
*knowledge, and values will enable*  
*you to soar high. May God bless*  
*you always.*

*Love,*  
*Mom and Dad*



You have always navigated the  
road of life with success and  
determination. Congratulations  
on this latest stretch of  
the journey. We are all very  
proud of you.

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 Mom, Dad, & Rachel



Great friends... Great Work...  
 Great health to you...  
 And the luck of the Irish in all  
 that you do! Congratulations,  
 Becky Conboy!  
 Love,  
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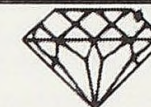


From your first year of  
 school to your last, you have  
 always made us proud.  
  
 Love,  
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Congratulations Sarah!  
 You have always been a source of great joy and pride  
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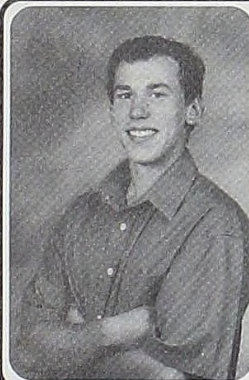
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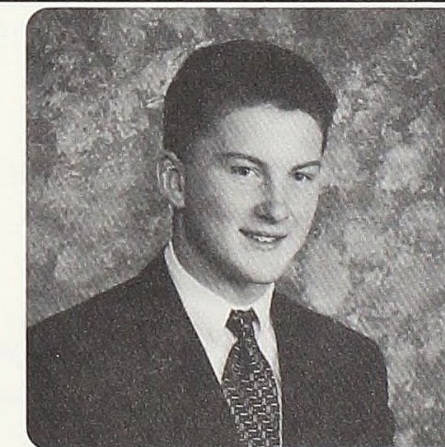
*Curt,*  
*You have always been a kind, loving, and caring*  
*person - to us, Carrie, and your friends. May you*  
*carry this into life and your practice of medicine.*  
*We love you! Go State!*  
 Dad and Mom XO  
 Carrie XO



From the day you were  
 born, we knew you  
 would always reach for  
 the top. We are so  
 proud of you!  
 Congratulations and  
 Love Always,  
 Dad, Mom & Tracie

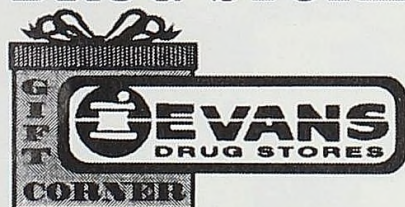


*Congratulations Lesley,*  
*We are very proud of you.*  
*Hope all of your dreams come*  
*true and we will always be*  
*there for you.*  
 All of our Love,  
 Mom, Dad, and Laura



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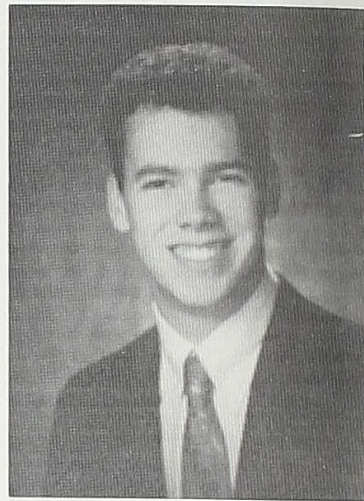
What lies behind you  
and what lies before you  
are tiny matters compared to  
what lies within you.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are so proud of what you've accomplished,  
but even greater is who you've become.



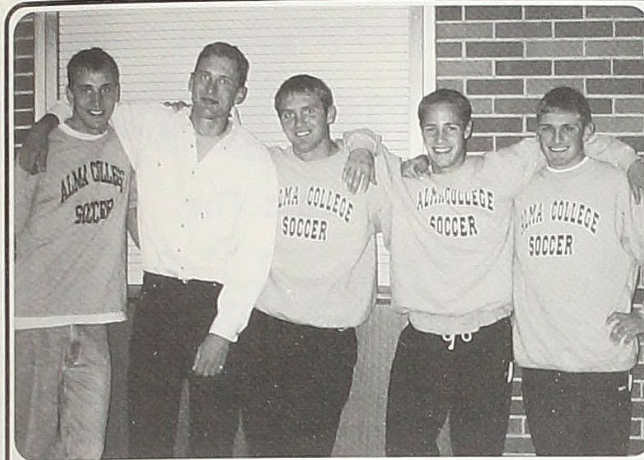
Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Jen, Nancy  
and Grampa



Markie-  
I can't imagine growing  
up without you. You are still  
my best friend. I will always  
be beside you.

Jen-Jen

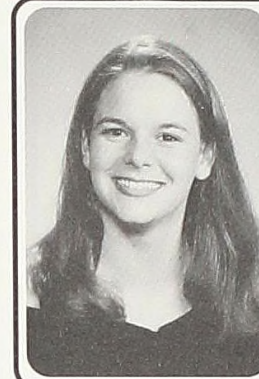
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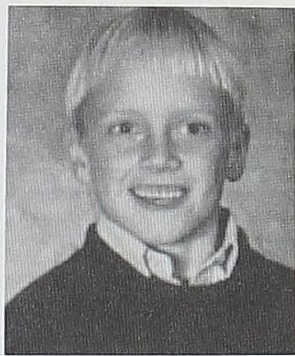
This milestone in your life  
marks just the beginning as  
you step into a new direc-  
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stone along the way lead only  
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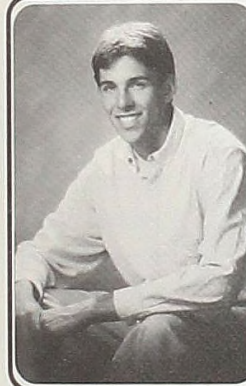
We are proud of  
you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



*Congratulations Rebecca!  
We are very proud of you and wish you  
success with your next leap in life.*

Love,  
Mom and Dad



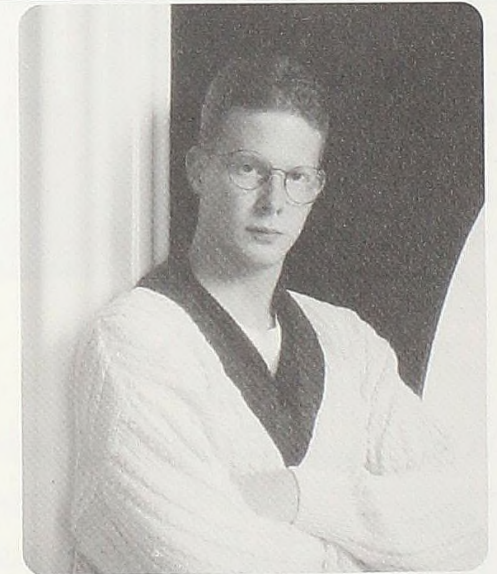
"Think of it as a job"  
Good work Paul!

Love,  
Mom & Dad



Congratulations, Mike.  
We are proud of you and  
have enjoyed sharing the  
journey with you.  
Continue to keep your  
goals in sight and to give  
it your best.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



We wish you happiness, Marc, which  
is not a state to arrive at, but a manor  
of traveling. God bless your journey!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Anna





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We are very proud of you. Hope your dreams come true.

Love,  
 Dad & Mom



Beth,  
 You've come a long way to this beginning. We know great things are ahead for you and that is why we have always been so proud of you. Congratulations!

Love,  
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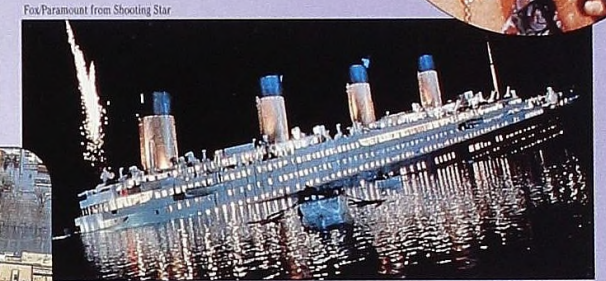


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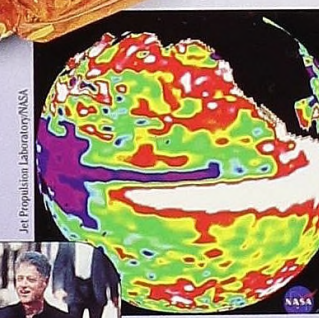


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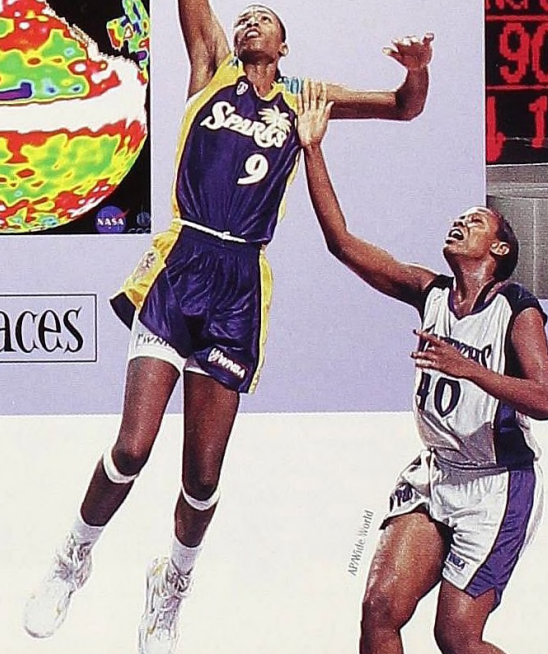
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# World News



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▶ A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.



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▶ Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.



AP/Wide World

▶ Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Jan 1, 2000

▶ Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



Santao, Sipa

▶ Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.

## flash

Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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▶ Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

Agence France-Presse



▶ President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



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▶ One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.



Tim Graham, Sipa

▶ The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.



AP/Wide World

▶ At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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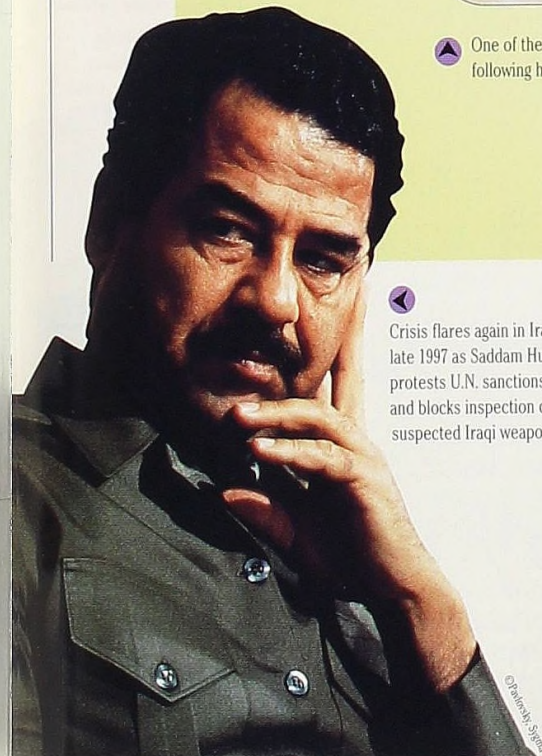
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▶ The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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▶ After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.



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▶ Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

## flash

Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



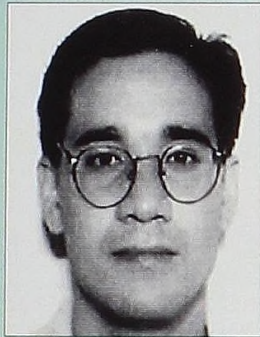
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▶ In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises \$3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: \$222,500.



# National

## NEWS



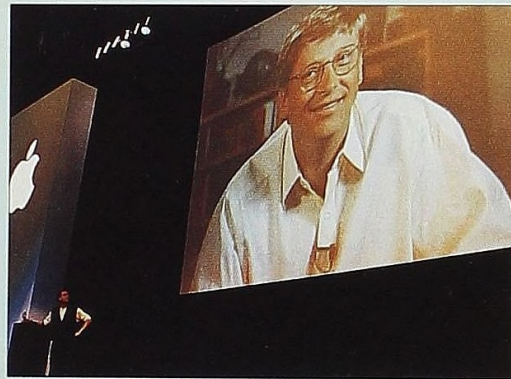
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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.

Brooks Kraft, Sigma



In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a \$150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.



AP/Wide World

Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.

A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.



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UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



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Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.

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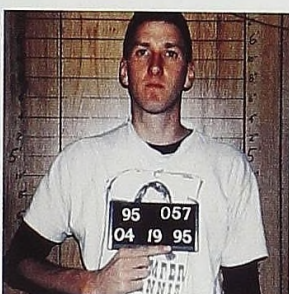


At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



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Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.

### flash

Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



Patrick Hagerly, Sigma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.



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Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

### flash

The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



AP/Wide World

On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.







# Lifestyle NEWS



Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.



In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.

## flash

Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

The Chevrolet Corvette is named Motor Trend magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.



Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.



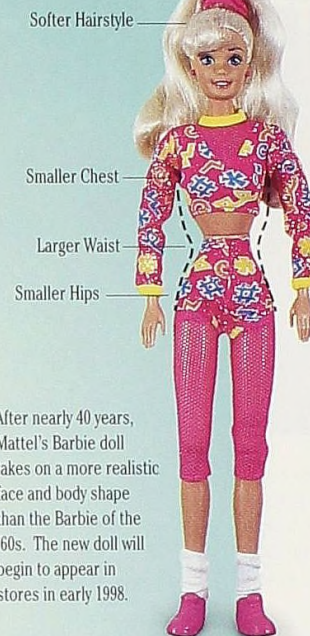
A new \$50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."



After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.

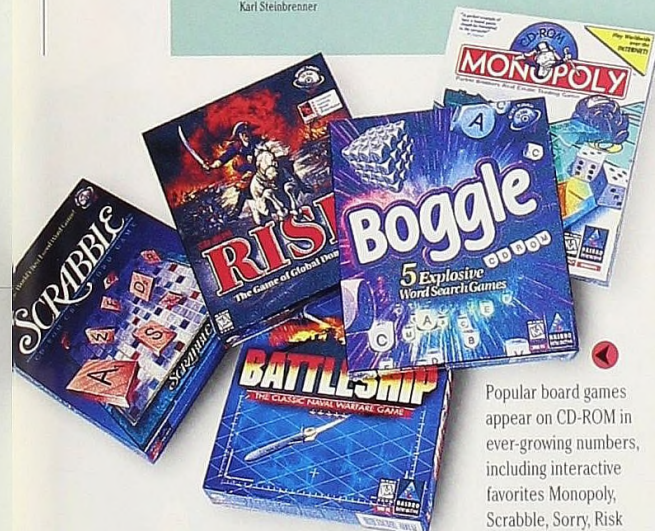
## flash

As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

## NEWS

# Lifestyle



# Entertainment NEWS



ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

The *Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns \$229 million in the U.S.



Clinic Miford, Shooting Star

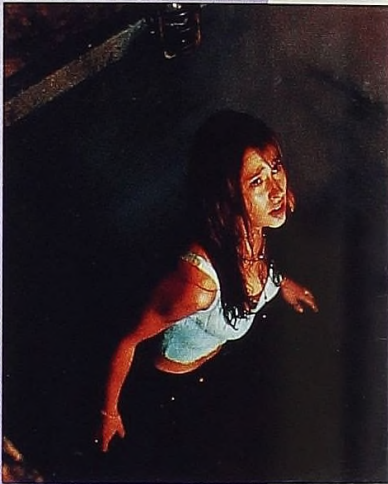
Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.



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Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandstary from the Kobal Collection



Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



Fox from Shooting Star

Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.

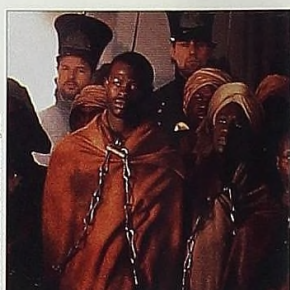


*Scream 2*, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.

## flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

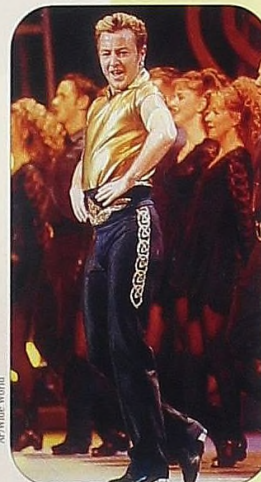
Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

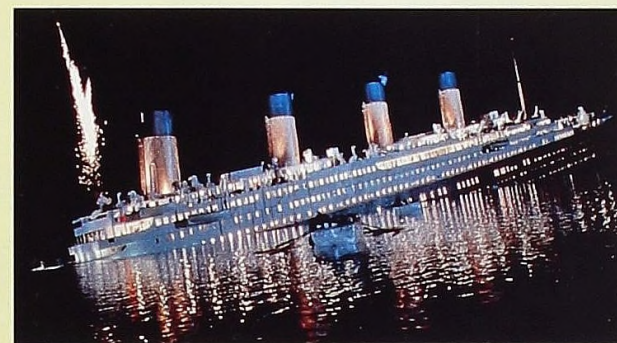
CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star



*Titanic* is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this \$200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned \$308 million.



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Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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The Wonderful World of Disney presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.

*Tomorrow Never Dies*, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than \$500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

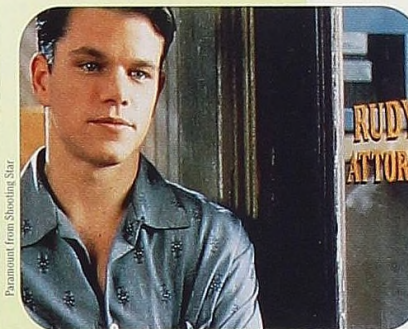


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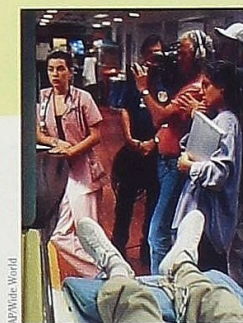


*Star Wars* captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.



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The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

## NEWS



# MUSIC NEWS



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▶ Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.

◀ Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.



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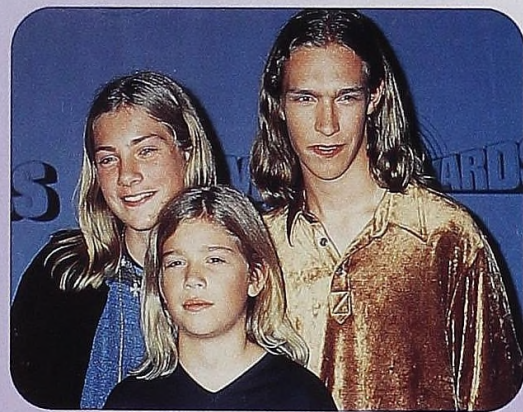
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▲ Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.



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◀ With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.



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▲ Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

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Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



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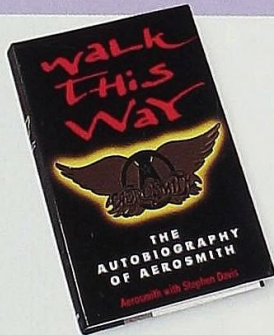
▲ Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.



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▲ Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.

▲ *Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith* chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.



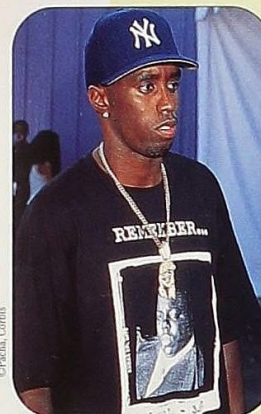
▶ British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

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▶ Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.

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▶ The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.



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▶ Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard's* blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.

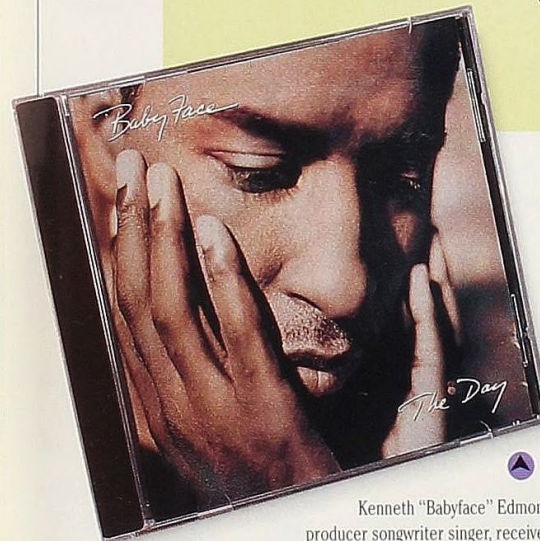


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Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's *Band of the Year*. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for *Rock/Pop Album of the Year*.



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Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

▶ Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.

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▶ At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



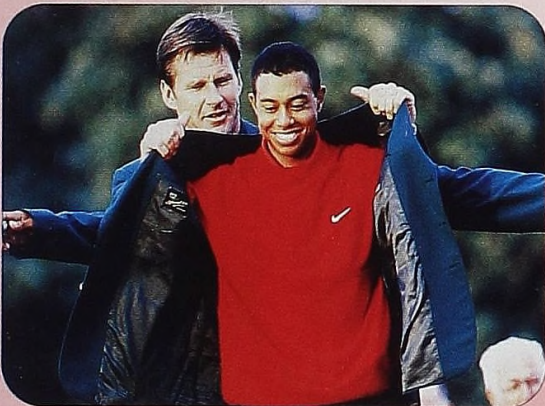
# Sports News



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● In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

● Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.

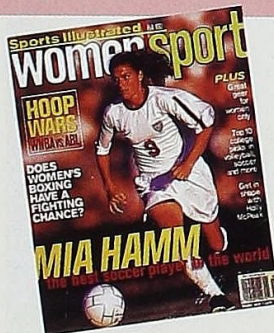


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● Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



● In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women's Sport* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.

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● The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.



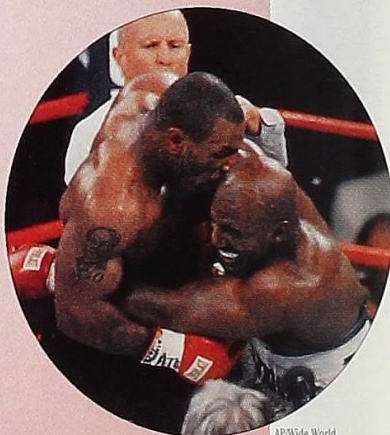
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● Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of \$2.1 million for the season.

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Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record \$1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Gamett's \$126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



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● Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly \$3 million and his boxing license is revoked.



Channie Squire, Allsport

● Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

● Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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● Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

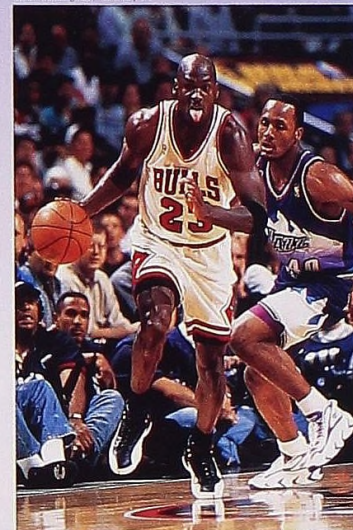


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● Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

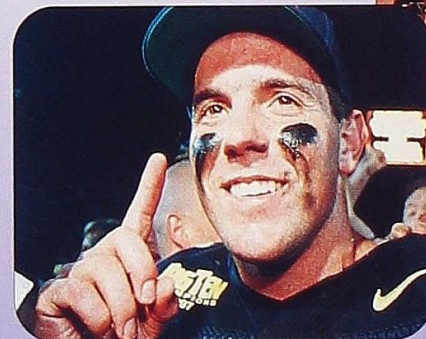
● The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.

Scott Cunningham, NBA/Allsport



● When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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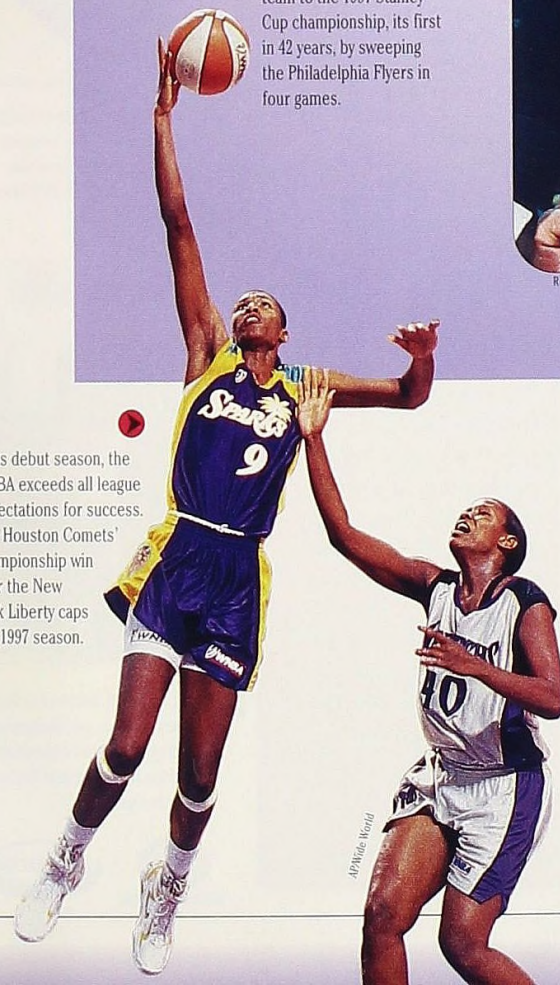
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Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kanter and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.

In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.



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● Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.



# Faces NEWS



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Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.



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Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.

Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.

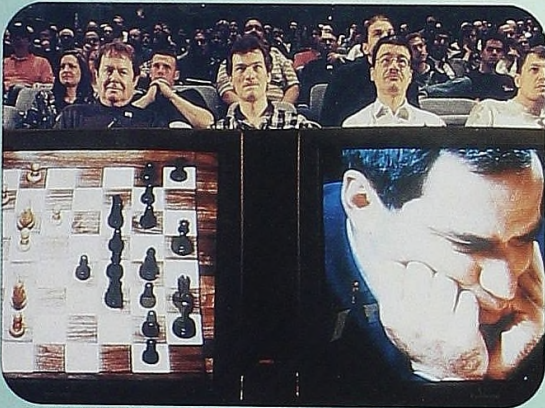


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For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.



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Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

## flash

Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns \$1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.



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American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



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Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges \$1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.



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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.



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