

Homecoming 2003

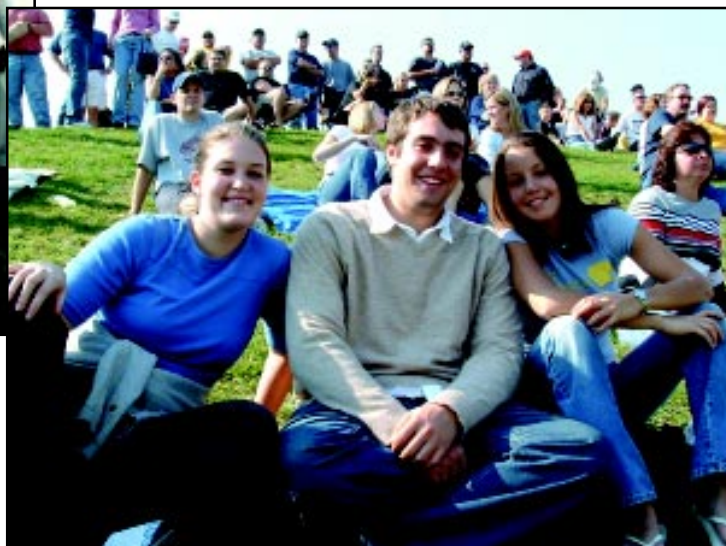
Sun, food, fun and the Bulldogs won!

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Left: Alumni enjoy hotdogs, cider and doughnuts in the Alumni Tent, which is hosted by the Alumni Board.

Below: Annie Morton '03, Andrew Ganster '03 and Lisa Butts '03 watch the game from the hill.



[See reunion photos in Class Notes.]



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Second Chance

Dawson renovated; old seats find new home

When Lewis Calvin fires up his restored 1948 Oliver 77, the beautiful old tractor belches smoke and chugs to life. Pretty clear he has an eye for second chances.

That's why Lewis, who works in the AC Plant department, recently saved some of the old Dawson Auditorium seats from the landfill when the building was renovated. He plans to mount the old orange seats to the bed of a trailer he uses to shuttle visitors around at festivals and antique tractor shows. It will be a big improvement over hay bales.

The seats were removed as part of a renovation to Dawson. One by one, they were unbolted from the auditorium floor. For more than 40 years, the seats were present for plays and concerts, speeches and meetings. Most were discarded, but first they were offered to the public.

The 1,200 old seats made way for 1,000 new ones. They are now bigger on average, and there is more leg room. There is an extra cross-aisle, and better handicap accessibility. Other changes include a remodeled lobby, improved bathrooms, and new light and sound equipment.

The renovation was made possible in part by a grant from the Stubnitz Foundation. Money is also being raised through an Adopt-A-Seat program, which costs \$250 and includes a brass name plate on one of the new seats.

The change in seating will make two groups of people happier: the people in Dawson, and the people at the tractor shows.



AC Plant employee Lewis Calvin took several of the old auditorium seats to outfit a shuttle he uses at antique tractor shows. The seats were removed as part of a renovation to the auditorium.

Getting real

From blueprint to brick



When's the last time you put on a hard hat? If you're on campus, the answer is probably whenever possible—so you can get a first-hand look at the great things happening in the new Ridge Student Center.

The project has reached a point where the architectural renderings are almost coming off the page. The commanding front entrance is now real brick and mortar, and the sheets and sheets of drywall in the interior are beginning to show what a creative and beautiful use of space this project entails.

In addition to construction, the College is also gaining ground with fund raising. The College has raised over \$3.6 million toward the \$5 million goal and good progress has been made toward the Arrington Family Challenge. The 2003 year end numbers for alumni giving reached nearly \$620,000. The Arrington brothers are pleased but confident AC alumni can still meet the challenge. With that in mind, they paid their initial \$500,000 commitment and have raised it to \$1 million in hopes that the challenge is met by the time the project is completed in summer 2004.

If you ever get on campus, stop by the administration building—we have extra hard hats!



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Campus Improvements

Alumni Board Style

As the main display space at Adrian College, Stubnitz Gallery is a central part of the art and design program. This summer the gallery will get a boost when an entirely new floor is installed.

The new floor is part of an initiative by the Alumni Association Board of Directors to help with campus improvements. Their objective is to select projects that are unique, non-recurring and of substantial benefit to the Adrian College community as a whole. They usually choose projects that might not be completed otherwise.

The funding for this initiative comes from the interest earned on the Stephenson/Alumni Association Endowment Fund. This fund, created by Dr. Frank W. Stephenson (Class of 1906), also provides \$2,000 scholarship every year to a second-generation AC student.

Projects completed from this fund include:

- furnishings in the Peelle Hall lobby
- furnishings, carpet and décor in the Family Living Center
- carpet, paint, computers, curriculum materials, children's books and bookshelves in the Educational Curriculum Center
- replacement of the Downs Hall doors
- black and gold banners around the perimeter of campus

The Great Zeta Beta

Fraternity wins awards

Zeta Beta, the Adrian College chapter of the Theta Chi Fraternity, garnered some of the highest awards for undergraduate chapters for 2002-2003 at a Theta Chi conference last summer. Senior Andrew Keimer won the "Shug Jordan" as the top student-athlete in Theta Chi. He was recognized for his roles on the basketball and football teams and his 3.85 grade point average (GPA). **Thomas Fain '03** was runner-up for the Colley Award, which goes to the top undergraduate. He was recognized for his 3.87 GPA and his level of involvement. Out of 160 chapters, Zeta Beta was the one that took home the "Howard Alter Award," which honors the chapter that best exemplifies leadership in the areas of scholarship, community service, campus involvement and chapter operations.



L to R: Tom Fain '03, Gabe Keelan '05, Chris Kilbain '05, John Chesley '05 and Andrew Keimer '05

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