

Recommendations enroute to board, campus community Committee's authority questioned

The recommendations formulated by the President's Steering Committee on Campus Ethos will now be a general report to the campus community as well as to the Albion College Board of Trustees after comments made by faculty members at the Sept. 12 open hearing.

Otherwise, the only change in the committee's report is that it will be a "far more public document," according to Nancy Kadunc, assistant to the president.

The committee will preface and rank the recommendations it sends to President Melvin Vulgamore, Kadunc said. The president will then introduce the recommendations to the board.

"The specific action the board will take was never specified," she said.

"A great deal depends upon the support [the president] gives the recommendations," said Frank Frick, professor of religious

studies and director of the Center for the Study of Ethics.

"The board will not act precipitously," Frick assured. Most of the recommendations will be sent back to the appropriate faculty committees, he said.

James Diedrick, speaking for the faculty Steering Committee, questioned the committee's ability to propose academic changes on its own without violating the faculty governance structure.

To illustrate, Diedrick quoted from the Introduction to the Faculty Handbook:

"The College Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, state that the faculty will make such rules of procedure and provide for such committees as may be needed to carry out its responsibilities. Article VII, Section 3, establishes faculty responsibility for admission requirements, degree programs, the educational work of the college and academic honors,

and the power to recommend rules regulating extracurricular activities and other areas of student life, subject to approval by the president and board of trustees."

While praising the group's efforts, Diedrick, associate professor of English, said that some of the committee's recommendations by-pass existing faculty governance structures that are responsible for making those decisions.

Although some specific recommendations—such as those directly concerning the faculty and their roles—will go to the faculty committees, the board of trustees will receive the entire report.

Betsy Taylor, instructor of anthropology/sociology, responded to this saying that the recommendations should be coordinated with other bodies but the Ethos

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'Community,' tougher standards stressed in committee's report

A "common freshman experience," more 8 a.m. and evening classes, and a Campus Council are just a few of the changes proposed by the President's Steering Committee on Campus Ethos Sept. 26.

As with the previous presentations, the committee's four-page report began with a statement of its principles.

The number one principle, according to the committee, was that the college's main purpose is teaching and learning—inside and outside the classroom.

Other principles included academic freedom as stated in the faculty handbook, fostering a non-sexist and non-racist learning environment, and the right of the individual to study, think and sleep without disturbances.

A study of academic standards was recommended and the committee suggests that frequent assignments, more library work, and more tests at the beginning of a semester might encourage better study habits.

The committee recommended that the faculty study the current student evaluations of faculty and

examine alternatives for students to assess teaching in the classroom as well as other factors such as community involvement.

If the proposals are enacted students might see:

- more 8 a.m. classes.
- more noon and evening classes.
- residences open longer during breaks.
- letter and numerical grades on transcripts.
- an increase in the minimum units for full-time student status.

Community was a theme that ran through several of the

recommendations.

Community education should be stressed throughout all four years, dealing with issues of gender, sexual conduct, multiculturalism, career planning, and alcohol awareness, according to the report.

The report suggests this education begin with "a common freshman experience" designed to foster academic and life skills development.

The committee also recommends the college formally define its relationship to the Greek system including its expectations for rush and initiation.

The proposed Campus Council would have the responsibility for composing an "ethical constitution." This constitution would state that sexual harassment and "intolerance of difference" are unacceptable.

The council would consist of students, faculty and administration and become the ultimate governing body on campus.

One recommendation was that the council determine the academic calendar at least three

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The Wall



Kicking off International Week Monday, students spray paint a symbolic "Berlin Wall" in front of Baldwin Hall. Tonight's concert by the Figuralchoir Stuttgart brings I-Week to a melodic close. See story page 10. Photo by Jonathan Beeton

Herbicide use resumed after committee gives approval

By Hope Bailey
Events Editor

Upon the recommendation of a special investigative committee, the college resumed its summer spraying of the controversial herbicide 2,4-D.

The recommendation was one of six made in the final report of the five-member committee formed in October of 1988 to investigate the college's use of 2,4-D.

2,4-D, which stands for 2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid, is a herbicide that kills broad leaf plants—such as dandelions—by overstimulating their growth.

The herbicide first came under fire in the college community

when a Sept. 30, 1988 Pleiad article informed readers that a National Cancer Institute study had linked 2,4-D to non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphoid tissues.

According to the article, other studies have linked direct, repeated exposure to 2,4-D with various health problems such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, temporary loss of vision, and difficulty in thinking.

The investigative committee composed of Kenneth Kolmodin, director of facilities operation; Gail Stratton, assistant professor of biology; Dewitt (Dewey) Obert, grounds supervisor; Phillip Slate, grounds crew; and Thomas Jackson, '89, presented its recommendations following a study of 2,4-D and its possible alternatives.

According to the Sept. 22, 1989 Pleiad, in addition to recommending the continued use of 2,4-D, the committee also recommended:

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- Mandating the use of protective equipment for the facilities operations employee who sprays 2,4-D.
- Posting signs to alert the public during and after spraying.
- Monitoring ongoing research on 2,4-D.
- Informing the college community of other chemicals regularly used on campus lawns.
- Convening the committee in one year to assess the efficacy of the above recommendations.

'It appears that the really nasty stuff was 2,4,5-T'
—Gail Stratton

"The committee...didn't see any evidence that 2,4-D was the culprit that was responsible for a lot of the problems that were attributed to it," Kolmodin said in a recent interview.

2,4-D is a main ingredient of Agent orange, the defoliant used during the Vietnam war and responsible for lawsuits from veterans who claimed to have suffered health problems due to exposure to the herbicide.

According to Kolmodin, however, the 2,4-D in Agent Orange was not responsible for these health problems.

"The problems with Agent Orange came from the 2,4,5-T, which is the other constituent of Agent Orange," Kolmodin said.

Stratton agrees.

"It appears that the really nasty stuff was 2,4,5-T," Stratton said.

According to both Kolmodin and Stratton, the committee's

search for an alternative to 2,4-D was discouraging.

"We haven't seen anything that would indicate that any of the alternatives are any safer than what we have," Kolmodin said.

A non-chemical alternative involves physically digging out problem plants such as dandelions. Stratton noted that this alternative is not available due to a lack of people to perform the work.

"That's a very labor-intensive effort," she said.

Some believe, however, that a non-chemical approach to lawn care is the only alternative.

Wesley Dick, professor of history, stressed that even if 2,4-D were proven safe in laboratory tests, any unnecessary use of chemicals in the environment should be avoided.

"It's an aggregate I'm looking at," he said. "Every time we have a chance to opt out without severe penalty, we should do it."

'If I were president...I would not use the chemical'

—Wesley Dick

According to Dick the use of 2,4-D is an "aesthetic issue."

"Donors think it's untidy [the dandelions] and they won't give money," he said.

Dick said he sees the situation as a chance for leadership on the part of the president.

"If I were president...I would not use the chemical and I would try to make up for the loss of contributions by appealing to people more involved in environmental leadership."

U.S. House and Senate nearing compromise on 'right-to-know' bill

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE—

The U.S. Senate passed its own version Sept. 17 of the "Student Right-to-Know" bill that would require campuses to make public how many of their students graduate, how many get jobs soon after graduation, and how many are victimized by crime at school.

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Committee itself lacked the time and a well-established structure to do so.

Other faculty members voiced criticisms of the committee's perceived attempt at bypassing the appropriate channels.

"You say you are empowering [students] but you are taking power upon yourselves," exclaimed Paul Loukides, professor of English.

Loukides also chastised the committee for not allowing minority reports ample time to prepare responses to the recommendations.

President Vulgamore stated the reports will be sent to the proper committees by the trustees.

Brian Brown, Wayne senior

The Senate version, however, includes an amendment dealing with student loan defaults that is not in the version passed by the House earlier in the year.

A conference committee will meet later this fall to try to write a compromise version of the bill.

and Student Senate representative, requested that the impending Oct. 1 minority report deadline be extended to give time to glean student reaction. The senate sponsored its own survey and hearing to get more student feedback.

The committee did not offer an extension to any group during the meeting, but the senate did receive an extension to today, according to senate President Ellen Crane, Saginaw junior.

The final draft of both the president's cover letter to the trustees, the Ethos Committee's report, and minority reports were to be mailed out today.

Copies will be available to anyone who requests them, Kadunc said.

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to four years in advance. In scheduling the council should avoid placing the first weekend of the school year over Labor Day and examine the timing of spring break.

The weekly class schedule should reflect the academic goals of the college with more class times throughout the day—including more 8 a.m., noon and evening classes—the report said.

The council will play a primary role in addressing the drug and alcohol policy and be responsible for programming the "freshmen experience."

Other recommendations dealt more with the nuts and bolts of the college, such as involving faculty in making admissions policies, keeping residences open longer over breaks for international students and to avoid the early campus exodus, and creating a new position to coordinate academic advising.

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Rob Hall: new home for Women's Center

The Anna Howard Shaw Women's Center moved Monday from the Carter Education Building to Robinson Hall. The new location is more spacious and centrally located, according to Ginny Tunnicliff, director of the center. The new location has "space for meetings and for students to gather between classes," said Tunnicliff who plans to provide coffee, newspapers and a variety of women's publications.

The Women's Center is arranging a trip to a GLCA-sponsored women's issues conference Nov. 2, 3 and 4 at the Bergamo Conference Center in Ohio. The conference will discuss women's studies and ethnic issues in women's studies, according to Tunnicliff.

Conference applications, available at the center, are due Oct. 12. Positions are open to students, faculty, staff, and administrators, but space is limited, Tunnicliff said.

Journal is accepting current issues papers

The Albion Journal of Contemporary Affairs is accepting papers for this year's issue. The journal is looking for papers on "anything that has bearing on issues currently debated," according to Mike Gildner, Flint senior and member of the journal's editorial board.

The journal has set no specific qualifications on paper topics or length, Gildner said. Proposed topics or completed papers must be turned into the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service office by Oct. 19 for initial review. Accepted topics and papers will be returned for further development. Finished papers are due Dec. 17, 1990.

Sentencing on rape case is postponed

The Sept. 27 sentencing of former Albion College student Todd Hazelton on his "no contest" plea to second degree criminal sexual contact has been postponed to Nov. 15, according to the Calhoun County Clerk's Office.

Oct. 19 deadline for general deposit refund

Students withdrawing at the end of this semester must submit a notice of intent to withdraw card by Oct. 19 to receive a full refund of the \$150.00 general deposit.

Withdrawal cards are available in the dean of student's office located in the administration building. Second semester seniors automatically receive their general refunds.

Colleges' minority enrollment remains low across the nation

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE—
Despite intense efforts by campuses to make their student bodies more diverse, minority enrollment increased only two percent over a decade, the U.S. Department of Education reported in early September.

Racial and ethnic minority students comprised 18 percent of the students on American campuses in 1988, up from 16 percent in 1978, the department's National Center for Education Statistics found.

The small gains came during a decade of efforts to make large gains.

Eight out of every ten college presidents said they direct "a lot" or "some" efforts toward increasing minority enrollment, said a January 1990 poll by the American Council on Education which represents college presidents around the country.

"Over the years we have maintained our minority enrollment" at 13 percent to 14 percent, said Frederick Sperry, registrar and executive director of admissions for the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

For more than five years, Wisconsin-Milwaukee has actively recruited minorities by working with parents, students, high schools and even junior high schools.

Also, each department has its

own recruiting program, Sperry said. retention," Sperry said, "but we have to do more early on."

Nevertheless, "the numbers are not that great," Sperry said.

"Many more colleges are focusing efforts on recruitment and

Other surveys have shown that progressively smaller percentages of minority students are going on to college.

Fall '90 club allocations

Organizations	Allocations
Union Board	\$23,971
Lecture/Concert Series	3,778
Albion Film Co-op	2,532
Cheerleading Squad	1,318
Ecological Awareness Club	1,120
History Club	929
Albion Sail Club	905
Albion Review	858
Mortar Board	741
Panhellenic Council	738
Appalachian Service Project	685
Albion College Players	660
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship	600
Albion College Lacrosse Club	573
Residence Hall Association	554
Committee on Responsible Drinking	504
Interfraternity Council	469
German Club	440
Psychology Club	344
Gold Key Club	300
Black Student Alliance	260
English Club	240
International Relations	125
Pi Sigma Alpha	115
Total	42,758

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Of the numerous personnel changes that transpired over the summer, none was as long-awaited as the hiring of Minority Affairs Director Preston Hicks. Though it took a year of administrative paper-shuffling, Hicks was worth waiting for and The Pleiad welcomes him to Albion.

In an interview in last week's Pleiad, Hicks expressed a degree of enthusiasm and knowledge about minority affairs which is reflected in the impressive set of goals he has set for himself and Albion's campus.

However, as Krivoy Knowles, Nassau, Bahamas senior, astutely pointed out in the same Pleiad article, Hicks is only one person. To be effective he will need the support of the faculty, the administration and the students.

A quick glimpse off Albion's campus reveals what census bureau statisticians have been predicting for years: the racial climate in the United States is changing at a very rapid pace. In a Sept. 20 lecture here on minorities in higher education, Israel Tribble, president and CEO of the Florida Endowment for Higher Education, said that "by the year 2000, one-third of the population of this country will be people of color."

Albion's record of improvement in minority student recruitment and retention is not very impressive. Over the past 16 years, the African-American population has increased a little over two percent while the Asian-American and Hispanic populations have increased less than one percent. Former Minority Affairs Director Shelley Wilson put it best:

"Some ground has been broken and the way is a little more paved, but Albion's got a long, long way to go."

Obviously, for Albion to continue to offer an education which prepares students for life in the "real world," things must change more rapidly than they have in the past 16 years.

And, yes, there are some things we can do while we wait for Albion to catch up with the rest of America demographically. For example, ask yourself these questions: do you know people whose political or religious views are different from your own? Do you talk about these differences? Have you attended an ethos committee open hearing or any one of the recent lectures given by African-Americans (Henry Louis Gates, Israel Tribble, or Amiri Baraka)? Do you have any friends who are "of color," other than those who are still tan from summer?

After asking yourself these simple questions, think about your attitude toward education. People who share our views rarely challenge us, they simply reinforce our ideas. We learn the most about ourselves from people whose opinions are different from our own.

Improving the racial climate and increasing the minority student representation on campus will not be an easy task, and Preston Hicks' shoulders are not broad enough to support the entire burden. The responsibility lies with the students who would like to have an Albion College to visit in 20 years. If students do not accept this responsibility, Hicks' prediction may come true: "we won't have any students in the future."



Student finds reporting negative and unreliable

To the Editor:

I would like to briefly comment on something that has become a concern of mine recently. There have been a great many articles and quotes printed in The Pleiad that reflect negatively on the fraternity system. With all the changes occurring on the Albion campus, I hope that this is indicative of a problem with The Pleiad, and not with the campus as a whole.

I believe many of the changes which are beginning to be put into place will be quite positive. Some aspects of fraternity life, as well as student life in general at Albion College, needed to change. I hope that in the end the recommendations of the Ethos Committee are able to address those problems and begin to work toward solutions for them.

I would like to comment specifically on an article from the Sept. 21 Pleiad. The article addresses some of the findings of the Ethos Committee. The first line is a quote from Frank Frick, "The fraternities should feel lucky we saved their butts." Well, Dr. Frick, I don't feel lucky. I have no major problems with the recommendations of the committee as I understand them; my understanding, however, is somewhat different than that

which was published in The Pleiad. The suggestion that the fraternity system was in jeopardy is ludicrous and irresponsible. I assume he meant the Greek system as a whole since just eliminating fraternities would be sexist (a problem Dr. Frick's committee was supposed to address). Eliminating the Greek system at Albion College would take much, much more than a suggestion from Dr. Frick's committee.

With approximately 50 percent of Albion College students participating in the Greek system, eliminating it might make a few of them upset. With over 75 percent of all Board of Trustee members having been Greek, there would be some support from the top also. I don't have any figures on the alumni donations to the college, but with 50 percent or so alumni being Greek, I doubt the college would want to take a chance on the possibility of a negative reaction.

I would further like to point out that the suggestions of the Ethos Committee are just that, suggestions. The Board of Trustees will review the Ethos Committee report and all minority reports issued (reports stating the position of a particular organization). They will then make a decision based on all the reports. Hopeful-

ly this decision will reflect what the board feels will be most beneficial to the students of Albion College.

On a different note, I would like to comment on the "alleged rape." I'm sick of hearing about it. I'm sick of seeing Delta Sigma Phi in bold type every time it is mentioned. Rape is a horrible crime. No one I know would disagree with that. I'm sorry that it appears to have happened to someone on our campus. I don't think putting a revised article in each and every Pleiad will help prevent future occurrences. I also fail to see the need to identify Mr. Hazelton's fraternal affiliation each Friday when the new article appears. I have not heard a thing about the sorority which co-sponsored the party on the night in question mentioned in The Pleiad. I don't see the need to continue to drag the name Delta Sigma Phi across the coals. My fraternity is as sickened by the thought of rape as anyone else. I sometimes get the feeling that people perceive the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity as a house of rapists. This is due, in a large part, to irresponsible reporting by the Pleiad staff.

Timothy Maxwell
 Ferndale junior

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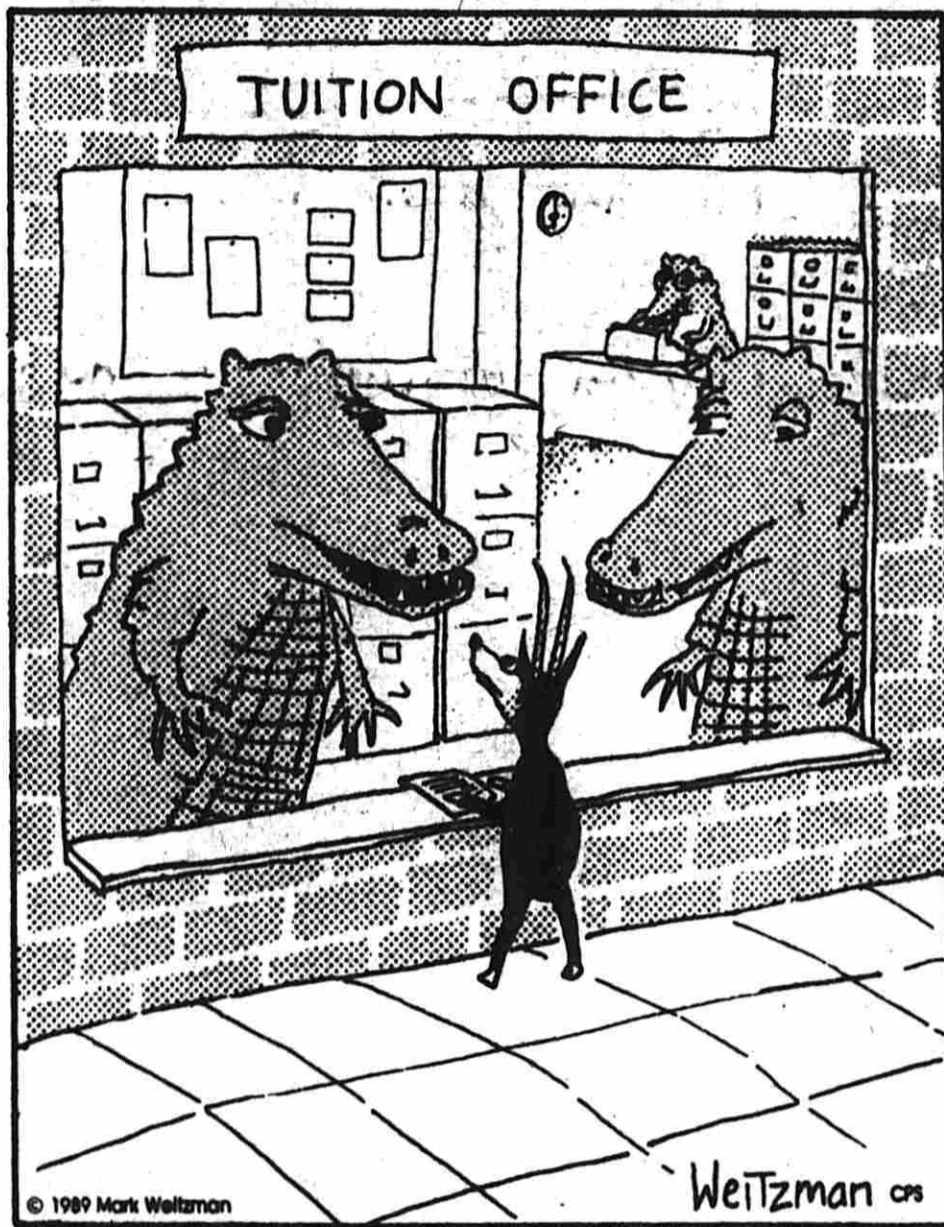
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"Mistake? I don't see a mistake. Anyone here see a mistake?"



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Back Talk

The Big Arm

I'm quite up in arms. I'm quite up in arms about last week's letter to the editor which accuses the Pleiad of being an arm of the administration.

That's not to say I don't think the administration has arms. I've observed that they have about two per person. At least, when I saw President Vulgamore at homecoming he had two just sort of hanging there.

To be honest, the Pleiad folks probably could use some extra arms—especially when they're infiltrating theater productions and those wild senate meetings. Maybe after awhile Pleiad reporters would get a reputation for being armed and dangerous—like campus safety officers.

But where would the Pleiad store all these heavy

arms? There's a few filing cabinets in the office but surely those arms should be locked up so they don't get out of hand.

And wouldn't all that armament cost an arm and a leg? Then students would be writing to the Pleiad about skyrocketing tuition costs.

Maybe the student was actually trying to tell the Pleiad that the administration is missing an arm. How scary! Dismembered administrators running the college!

I know—the twenty missing freshmen kidnapped the administration's arm and are refusing to hand it over.

"Amputated arm held hostage," the Pleiad headline would read...

Audrey Ayoub on...The Middle East Crisis: As tacky as they want to be

I think it all started when a soldier flashed across our T.V. screens drinking Evian water, shortly after the deployment of American troops in Saudi Arabia, Aug. 2.

Whatever the initial spark, we have been experiencing hot flashes of late twentieth-century American patriotism, capitalist-style. First, Gatorade sent gallons upon gallons of its thirst-quenching drink to the Persian Gulf, and bottled water companies shipped over containers of their purified American water in hopes of gaining national attention. Then to make matters worse, Reebok commercials featured military troops armed with none other than "the Pump" running shoe, and tee shirt designers cashed in with slogans that said they would walk thousands of miles to "smoke a camel."

But this is America, where advertisers use the couch-potato medium to be as excessive, exploitative, and tacky as they want to be. Who cares that they are using our military occupation in order to make a profit? Who cares that the media are perpetuating negative stereotypes of Arabs in this

country and abroad? I mean, we gotta blame someone for raising gas prices and sending our good ol' boys to fight in the scorching Arabian desert. Maybe, as one journalist recently put it, soldiers will soon begin sporting advertisement patches on their sleeves from sponsors such as Timex, Coca Cola, or McDonald's.

Of course I understand (to some extent) the temptation on the part of the American people to gobble up everything the media puts in front of them. But I would like some tenacious boob-tube watchers to turn off their sets for a moment and consider what's happening.

The seriousness of Americans actions goes beyond profit sharing and capital gain; we have invaded another country and set up the possibility of war. The fact that millions of lives are at stake should be paramount. Yes, we are opposing Saddam Hussein's so-called "naked acts of aggression" with a United Nations-sanctioned opposition to his invasion, but we display some incongruities in our foreign policies.

We are spending billions of

dollars to counter Hussein's attack on Kuwait, yet we continue to support Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and its persecution and killing of thousands of Palestinian people. Not to mention the fact that we have ignored Syria's occupation of Lebanon.

It seems our government picks and chooses who it will support, and so do our people. In last week's Pleiad article concerning reactions to the Gulf crisis, two Arab-American students said that economic interests override any moral concerns surrounding U.S. involvement in the Middle East. One student said he wished that Bush would have "bombed them [Iraq] away." Sadly, these students are probably not alone in their beliefs. It appears that these selfish and insensitive views prevail among the American public and the government.

In addition to the comments above, I am disturbed with our adamant defense of oil in Kuwait. By our obsessive concern with our Middle Eastern oil interests, we are saying that gasoline is more important to Americans than the depletion

of the ozone layer or the greenhouse effect. We are also saying that it is okay for people in our country to remain homeless, hungry, and unemployed while we spend billions of dollars to protect our short-term economic interests.

According to President Bush, one of the reasons for our invasion is economic. But so is Hussein's. Bush and the American people are fearful of Hussein's chemical weaponry and tactics. But who supplied Iraq during its war with Iran with the intelligence it has today? Where is the consistency in our actions?

Regardless of our government's flaws, we must face reality and stop watching the events unfold in the Gulf through rose-tinted television screens. Dramatizing and commercializing this situation as if it's another American adventure will not take away its harsh reality and possible consequences. While this potentially explosive situation stays deadlocked, citizens of Iraq and Kuwait live in uncertainty, and American men and women remain separated from their



families and friends. Among other things, we should be taking more seriously the proposals for a negotiated settlement being floated by Hussein and stop talking as if an all out war is inevitable

Meanwhile, on the home front, I thought I saw two million White Castles packed into crates sitting on a loading dock ready for shipment. Destination: Saudi Arabia.

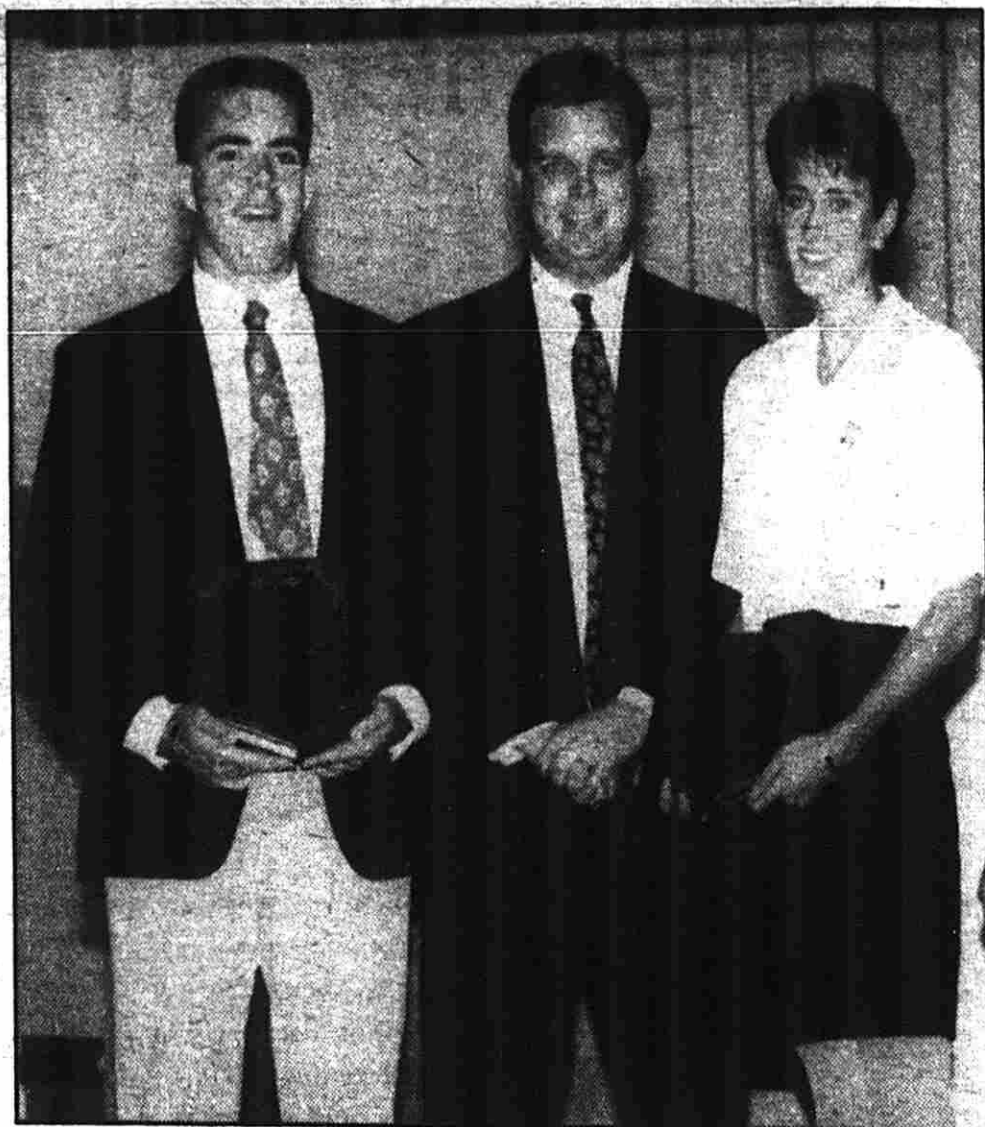
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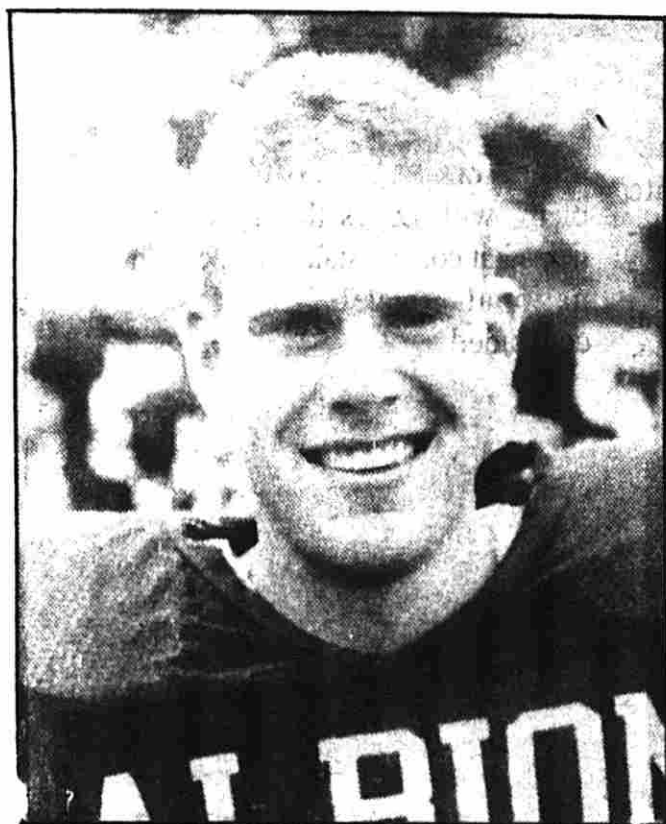
Homecoming 1990: Britons Build New Traditions



The members of Phi Mu celebrate on the football field at halftime after receiving the first place trophy for homecoming spirit.



Homecoming King Mike Murray, Dearborn Heights senior, and Homecoming Queen Amy Proctor, Birmingham senior, display their plaques with James Hardwick, associate director of Campus Programs and Organizations following their coronation ceremony Friday.



Stephen Moffatt, Albion senior, enjoys the team's 47-3 trouncing of Kentucky Wesleyan for his last homecoming game.

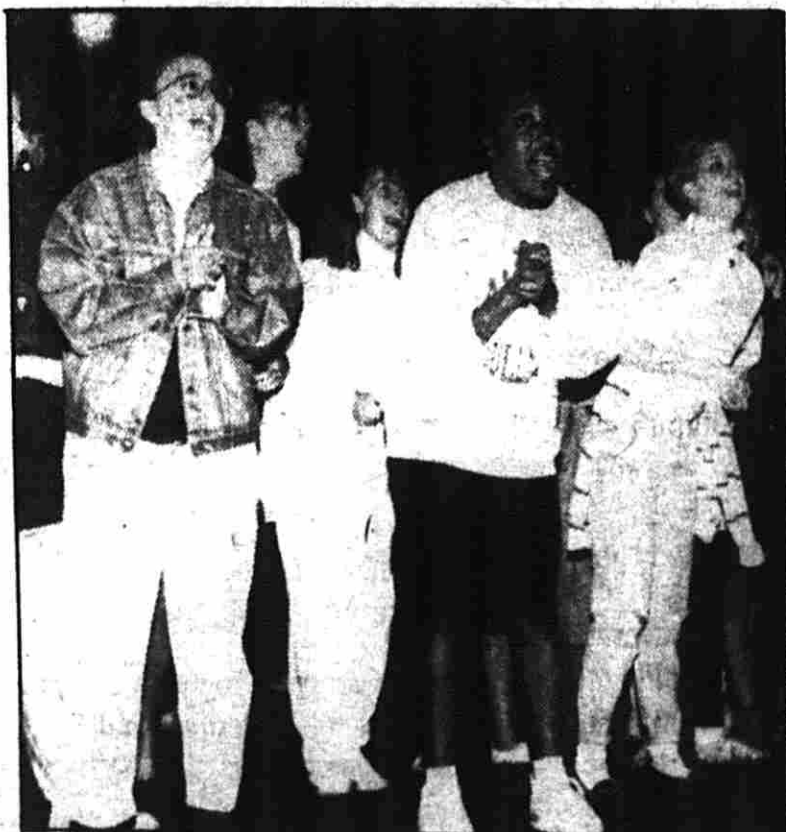


The Vulgamores issue a hearty welcome to all Albion alumni and students at Friday's homecoming bonfire.



Lynne Burmeister, Clifford sophomore, shares a special moment at the game with former Albion student Amber Rhoades.

All photos by Jonathan Beeton



Above: Turra Atkinson, Hawthorne Woods, Ill. senior and her Phi Mu sisters display their homecoming spirit. Right: The homecoming cheerleaders cheer the team to victory.



Recycling center: aid to 'serious problem'

By Doug Ropa
Staff Writer

With an aging facility and a mounting workload, Albion Recycling begins the 1990-91 year aiming for full participation among the community and the college.

The Albion Community Recycling Center, a non-profit organization, was nearly shut down in late 1989 because a local Boy Scout troop could no longer run the facility. The troop had been operating the center as a fundraiser to support their own activities, but the old building was condemned because of a large hole in its roof and a severely damaged floor. Because of falling paper prices and an ever-increasing workload, the troop found it unprofitable to operate the center.

Since then, Albion Recycling has taken over the center's duties and, with a grant requesting additional funds, hopes to renovate the facility.

Albion Recycling is headed by an eight-member board, four of whom are officers.

Board President Robert Messer, associate professor of mathematics at the college, said, "Some people are drafting a proposal to request funds to refurbish the building—putting in some better lighting and plumbing."

According to Messer, the city has agreed to fix the roof in one wing of the building.

Explaining the pickup procedure for recyclable materials, Messer said, "Every last working day of every month, the physical plant picks up all office papers and newspapers from most academic buildings and some dorms, and takes them to the recycling plant."

The Albion Recycling Center, located on Cass Street, is a collection area for the recyclable materials picked up at the college and in the community.

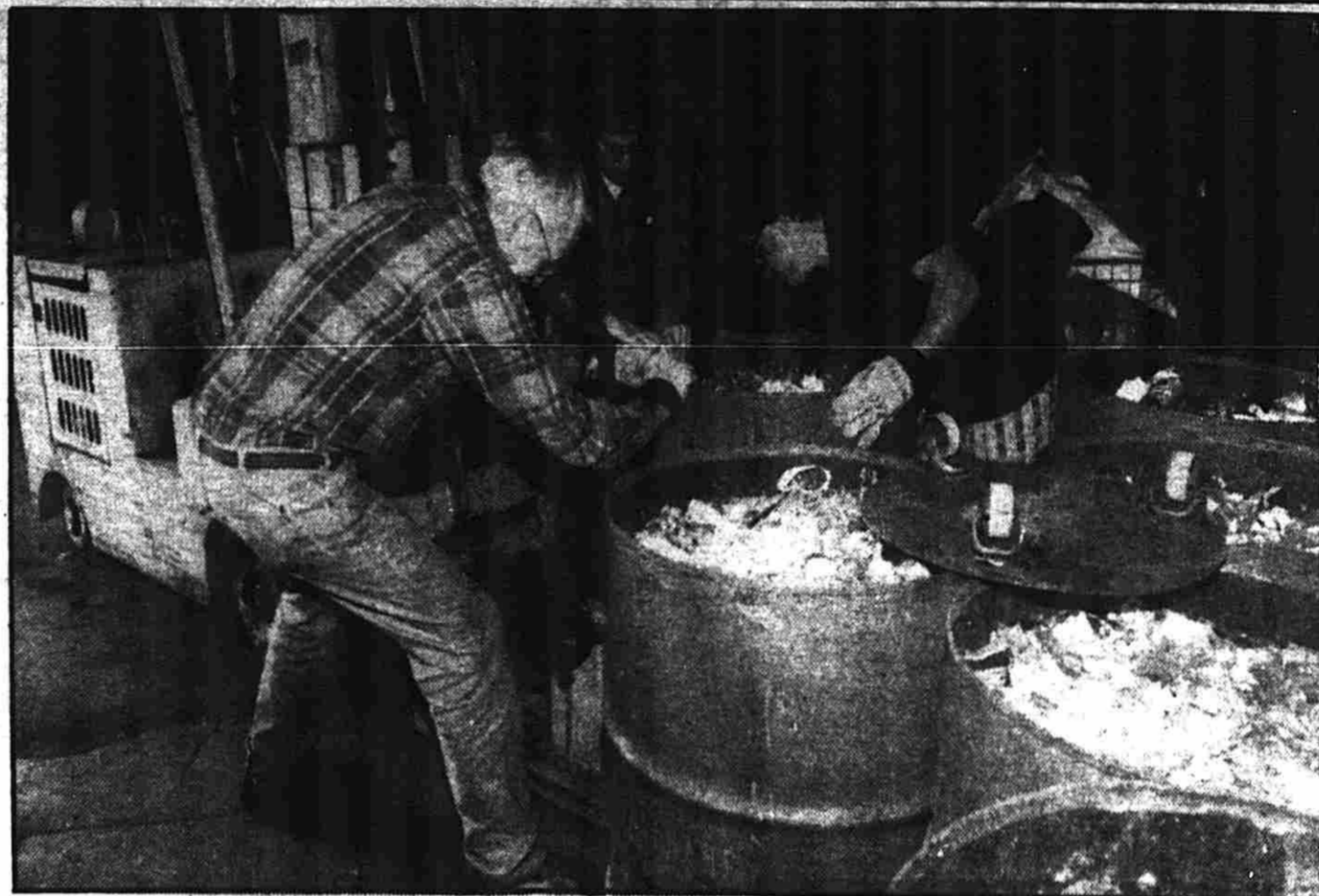
According to Messer, the materials are then shipped to various cities which have larger recycling efforts, such as Jackson, Battle Creek, and Charlotte, where the actual recycling is done.

The center is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for drop-offs of paper, glass bottles, and aluminum cans. Messer encourages college students to get involved in the collection process; separating glass and loading newspapers.

Messer stressed the need for big group involvement in recycling as opposed to few individual students, but said anyone could participate.

"We could always use help," he said.

"The geology club, the ecology club, Sigma Nu fraternity, and both the English department and English club are some of the groups that have been down on Saturdays helping out," Messer said.



Robert Messer, associate professor of mathematics and recycling center president; Jorg Baumgartner, adjunct assistant professor of philosophy; and Paul Jackson, Antioch, Ill. junior, prepare 500-pound drums of broken glass to be taken to Charlotte for recycling.

Photo by Johnathan Beeton

"We like to have groups come down because it's easier to contact one person in a group than several individuals, Messer continued. "Groups also work better together because they know each other and it builds spirit among them."

Freyja Davis, biology department secretary, commented on the school's contributions to the center. "It's hard to tell exactly how much the college gives [recycles] because there is no way of weighing the paper, but it's close to a ton a month—maybe more," Davis said.

"If people want to recycle, they have to organize the paper into three categories," Davis added, "and they need to have boxes set up."

According to Davis, students

living in residence halls who wish to participate must first contact Ken Kolmadin, director of facilities operations; this is to ensure that students have chosen a safe locale for their receptacles.

In order to have the paper collected, it must be separated into three categories: white office paper, newspaper, and colored office paper. The white office paper, including white computer paper, notebook paper, and white photocopy, is usually recycled into white office paper. Newspaper is frequently recycled into cereal boxes. Colored office paper, such as yellow memo paper and notices, is manufactured into paper towels.

According to Davis, the paper must not be put in plastic bags, but

into cardboard boxes or in brown grocery bags.

In addition, envelopes, rubber bands, magazines, or plastic materials cannot be discarded with the sorted paper.

"I saw this as an important project to get involved in. It's a serious problem, a problem our community and society have to face up to," Messer said.

"I saw this as an opportunity to do something about the problem, with hopes that it will be helped at county, state, maybe even national levels," Messer concluded.

"There are a lot of unknowns. Maybe in a few years there will be more markets for recycling and maybe develop into a money-making operation."

Grant renewed to improve college, city relations

By Kasey Clark
Staff Writer

A grant for \$222,000 has been awarded by the W. K. Kellogg foundation to continue funding for the Civic Life Project which began as a three-year project in 1987.

Reports on the initial \$470,000 grant explain that it was established to encourage a better relationship between the college and the community of Albion.

According to the report, the grant resulted from a request made to the Kellogg foundation to find a program that would highlight the importance of the relationship between a liberal arts education and involvement in the community.

The project was experimental: The first year was allocated for planning, the second year for implementing activities and programs, and the third year for evaluation.

The evaluation showed that over 10 percent of Albion students who volunteered through the project supply thousands of hours of community service. The program focused on the non-profit aspects of volunteerism and philanthropy.

Kelly Kellerman, Fenton senior, explained some of the ways the Student Volunteer Bureau and the downtown center coordinate their efforts.

"We try to act as a clearing-house for each other and work together. For instance, if they are working on something and they need volunteers, they can come to us and vice versa. There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer in the community and without the downtown center we might not know what is available," she said.

Recently, Albion College students joined with community members to host a volunteer fair. Albion residents and college students were encouraged to attend.



Mark Lelle

Kellerman explained that SVB worked with Mark Lelle, coordinator for Albion Volunteer Service Center, to find activities that could be easily sponsored by both volunteer centers.

An evaluation was done during the final year of the original program to assess the pros and cons of the project.

Provost Daniel Poteet commented on the success on the project: "I was very pleased with the first phase of the project. I was particularly happy with the development of the college course on the community, the development of the volunteer center in town, and some of the programs started in the Albion schools. I thought the project as a whole was very successful."

According to Poteet, the project has been simplified and refined for the next phase. The program will focus on the areas that were most successful. The staff is hoping to re-establish community forums, which were part of the original program, which will involve smaller neighborhood groups.

The \$220,000 grant from the foundation will be added to the \$150,000 that the project collected locally along with the funds carried over from the initial grant, explained Lelle who is also the Albion Civic Life project program director.

"It was very difficult to evaluate the program after only two years. With most community programs like this, you don't see results for 10 to 15 years. We did a lot in a very short time," Lelle explained.

"The most important thing now, is to make the program self-sufficient so that when the grant runs out, the program will continue," Lelle said.

Poteet agreed that it is very important to make the essential parts of the program self-sustaining so that they will continue. Significant support from the community and from the campus will be needed to do this, he stressed.

Interested students are encouraged to contact Julie Busch, director of Campus Programs and Organizations, or Kellerman in the SVB. Keeping contacts with SVB will help students find ways to volunteer in the community as well as on campus. Lelle can be contacted directly at the Civic Life Center, located next to the Bohm Theater in Albion.

Twin, Seaton governments pursue cable issue

By Chris Klinko and Ted Craig

Students at Albion College want their MTV—and their HBO, ESPN, TNT, and the rest of the alphabet soup available on cable television.

Recently Seaton and Twin Towers hall governments made known their desire to have cable television installed in residents' rooms.

Thomas Brideau, director of residential life, was present at both meetings.

"If a group came to this office with a request for an amenity like cable television in each room, we would pursue that," Brideau said in the Sept. 14 Pleiad.

At the Sept. 18 Twin government organizational meeting, juniors Austin Baidas, West Bloomfield, and John Meldrim, Glen Ellyn, Ill. expressed an interest in having cable installed. Students also attending the Sept. 17 Seaton government meeting discussed the idea of cable.

Both of these groups were informed that their concern should be taken up with the Residence Hall Association.

According to Gretchen Vasquez, North Muskegon sophomore and Seaton Hall representative to RHA, said that these groups need a petition showing campus-wide support for cable.

Seaton Hall president Jeff Snyder, Elkhart, Ind. sophomore, said that the matter could be handled with a petition, or RHA could just make the decision, bypassing the hall governments.

When asked about cable on campus, Brideau expressed support for the idea but explained that several issues must be decided upon.

One problem would be choosing between Triad Cable and Americable, who recently moved into Albion, Brideau said.

Brideau explained that the other problem is how the cost of install-

ing cable would be paid. While students would have to pay for the service like any other subscriber, Brideau said the initial costs would either be picked up by the college or added on to the overall tuition and fees.

A Triad Cable employee, in a recent telephone interview, said

that a college administrator she talked to was not interested in having the college foot the bill for the installation.

The Triad employee also said that it would be impossible for cable to be installed in some rooms.

Kenneth Kolmodin, director of

facilities operations, said that it is a little premature to make plans concerning when cable could be installed due to the obstacles still in the way.

"A climate exists right now that the college may open discussions with one or both [cable] companies," Kolmodin said.

Snyder said that they want to have the cable installed in the rooms over Christmas break, but he said that it probably would not happen until the summer.

Brideau agreed that installation would probably take place over the summer since the project may require extensive time and effort.

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Quad front project awaits Trustees' final approval

By Susan K. Mitchell
News Editor

In the near future, economics majors may stop going to classes in Epworth Hall and start attending class in Robinson Hall.

As part of the Quad Front Project, extensive renovations are planned for North and Rob halls. The administration building and Dickie and Epworth halls might be next pending approval of the Albion College Board of Trustees on Oct. 19.

If approved, some academic and administrative departments may move to different buildings, according to Dale Dopp, vice president for finance and management. The buildings undergoing major renovation will have improved space utilization, fire safety and handicapped access. Not all the specifics of the plan have been finalized, but some changes are definite, according to Dopp.

"It [the renovated buildings] won't be as plush as Olin Hall," said Gregory Saltzman, associate professor for economics and management and ad hoc committee member. The committee was formed to assess the space needs of the faculty and administration.

North, Rob and Dickie halls and partial renovation of Epworth Hall and the administration building. The mid-priced plan costs only \$300,000 less than the expensive plan and adds an extra floor to Dickie, according to Dopp.

The architects favor the most expensive scheme which includes massive relocations of faculty and administrative offices, Dopp said.

That plan calls for the closure of the buildings currently holding the offices of Institutional Advancement, the Health Center, and Career Planning and Placement, Dopp said.

Estimated building costs do not include the expense of relocating faculty, landscaping or inflationary building and construction costs, he said.

The architects will not produce formal blueprints until they are given a price range at the Oct. 19 board of trustees meeting, Dopp said.

The Pittsburgh architectural firm, MacLachlan, Cornelius, and Filoni, Inc., is handling the three to four year project, Dopp said. The final plan will consider the recommendations from a number of sources, including af-

Wesley Hall and Kresage Gymnasium renovations, Dopp said.

The brisk sale of the college's unsecured, unrated bonds exhibits the public's faith in Albion's financial strength, Dopp said.

Money acquired from fund raising will pay bond investors, Dopp said.

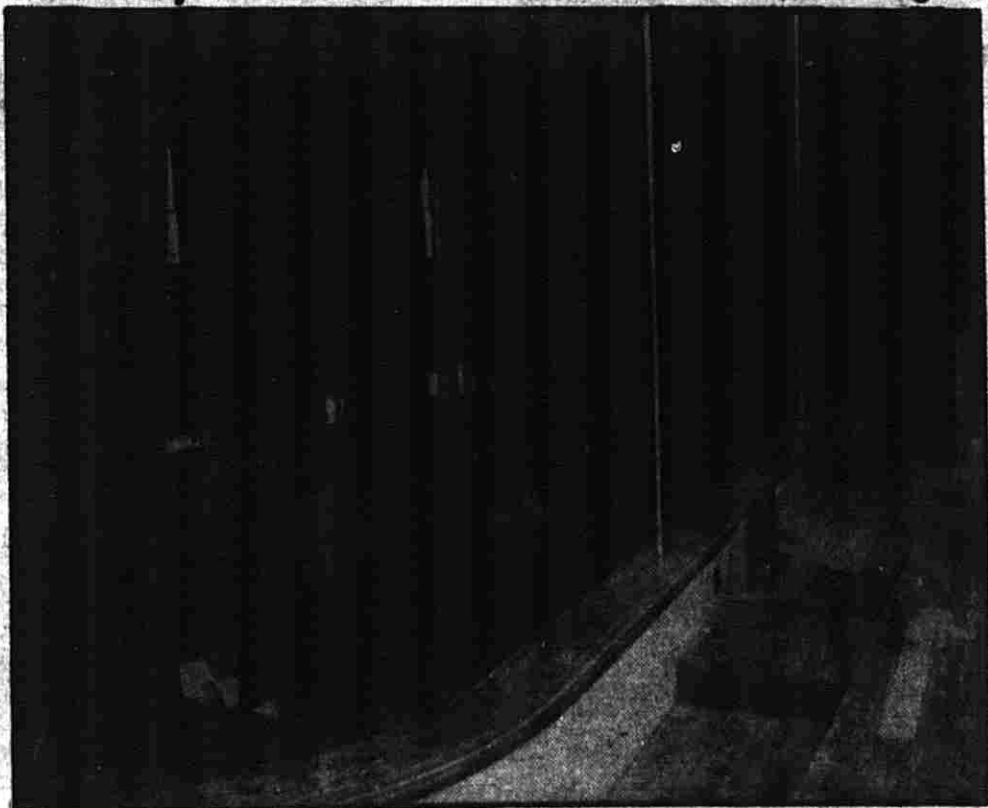
Official solicitation for the Quad Front Project has not begun, said Ben Hancock, vice president for institutional advancement and director of the campaign. Extensive efforts to raise money will not begin until they have specific information on the project, he said.

"Once the college determines what its priorities are with the Quad front and determines what would be needed to fund the project then I feel that we will be capable of meeting that goal from support of trustees, alumni and friends," Hancock said.



A damaged ceiling located on fourth floor Robinson Hall.

Photo by Jonathon Beeton



Former Dickie auditorium now serves as storage space.

Photo by Jonathon Beeton

"We had a lot of outside money to build Olin," Saltzman added.

"The front steps in Robinson will be torn out and replaced with a staircase and an elevator," Saltzman said.

"The architects will address the air-circulation systems as they renovate," Dopp said. "Right now there is a question if the air-circulation system in North actually works. After renovation we will have a completely new air handling system that will greatly improve the operation," he said.

The architects have proposed three plans ranging from \$5.1 to \$9.5 million, according to Dopp. The least expensive plan involves the total renovation of North and Rob halls.

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affected department chairs, the President's Steering Committee on Campus Ethos and the ad hoc committee, he said.

In lieu of directly raising the initial construction costs, the administration sold municipal bonds, according to Dopp. With today's escalating costs, it would be unwise to forestall the project by waiting to collect contributions, he said.

Bonds valued at \$11.1 million were sold, Dopp said, adding that \$5.2 million will pay off an old bond issue, \$4.8 million will be designated for the Quad Front Project, and \$1.1 million will be held in reserve.

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Albion is one of the many stops for the first U.S. tour of the Figuralchoir Stuttgart, a choir from newly re-unified Germany. Tonight's concert is free for students, so be at Goodrich Chapel at 8 tonight and hear music from some of the world's greatest composers.

The Albion Film Cooperative presents a Woody Allen Weekend with "Love and Death," at 7 p.m. and "Annie Hall," at 9 p.m. in Robinson 317. "Annie Hall" is a film that may hook you on Woody Allen for good. Fans say that these comedies represent some of his best work.

Tomorrow

On a more serious note, "Crimes and Misdemeanors," sponsored by UB, will conclude the Woody Allen Weekend. It will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m. in Norris 101. This award-winning film is thought-provoking, but doesn't exclude Allen's humor.

Sunday

A new art exhibit displaying work of students and two professional artists begins Sunday. The show includes quilts by Marta Amundson, '76, ceramic sculpture by Lea Topping and prints by Albion College students. The show runs through Nov. 4 in Bobbitt Visual Arts Center.

The Lecture/Concert film "Baghdad Cafe" starts at 7 p.m. in Norris 101. Baghdad, a truck stop somewhere between Las Vegas and Hollywood, is the setting for this crazy comedy. Here is a chance to see an offbeat film directed by Germany's Percy Adlon.

Congratulations to the football team and all participants of Homecoming '90 for making it great! And just a reminder, Fall Break begins one week from today.

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German choir to perform in Goodrich tonight Group on first U.S. tour

By Doug Ropa
Staff Writer

Bringing Albion's International Week to a musical conclusion, the Figuralchoir Stuttgart will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in Goodrich Chapel.

The choir's program, which features pieces from Bach and other German composers, closes this year's International Week, "Germany: Transition to Unity." The Figuralchoir Stuttgart is a 40-member choir from Stuttgart, a large city in Germany. The choir has never before toured in the United States.

"This will be a new experience for them," said Rollin Kearns, professor of religion at Ohio-Wesleyan University. Kearns helped bring about the choir's first U.S. tour after becoming acquainted with the group during his frequent travels to Germany.

"I do a lot of research in southern Germany and I had met some of the choir members. I just helped them, informally, set up and organize their tour," Kearns said.

Kearns explained the format of the choir's show.

"The first half of the show features religious music," he said. "The second half is secular. But in both parts the choir performs German music."

Kearns said the choir sings in German in order "to show how a good German choir interprets its own musical tradition."

The choir will be staying overnight with members of Albion's academic community, according to Michael Posey, adviser to Lecture/Concert Series.

Tonight's performance is a joint effort between Lecture/Concert Series, the music department and the department of foreign languages.



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Fine analyzes holocaust

By Kasey Clark
Staff Writer

One of the strengths of the United States is its ability to face up to its shortcomings and the unpleasant things that have happened, professor Sidney Fine told his Albion College audience on Sept. 25.

Fine, a professor in American History at the University of Michigan, has taught history to over 25,000 students in 43 years of teaching. One of his classes, U.S. History since 1933, is popular on campus and is always filled beyond capacity.

The lecture was part of the annual Yinger family lecture series. The series, which brings distinguished speakers to campus and provides programs covering diverse topics, was begun in honor of the Yinger family. Fine's lecture titled "The United States and the Holocaust" was the sixth lecture since the series began.

At the onset of the Nazi regime, the U.S. thought that intervention in Germany would only make things worse, according to Fine. Fine explained that 67 percent of the American people were against allowing Jews to immigrate to the U.S.

Because of this fact, many Jews in Nazi Germany were left with nowhere to go. As a result, Fine said, the U.S. had a significant impact in the Holocaust.

How could such a generous and civilized country like the U.S. refuse refuge to the Jewish people? How much did the U.S. know about what was happening to the Jews in Nazi Germany? Could the U.S. have done more to help the Jews than they did? Fine focused on these questions and others in his presentation.

One explanation for American reserve, he noted, was the large amount of anti-semitism in the

U.S. government and among the American people at the time. Many believed that Jews, "could never become decent citizens," he said. Some American people, about 60 percent, thought that Jews had objectionable features and could never make a positive contribution to the U.S., according to Fine.

A comparable number of Americans believed that, "The persecution of the Jews by the Nazis was the fault of the Jews themselves," Fine explained.

When it came time for the U.S. to give the people in Germany the help that they needed, the U.S. dragged its feet, Fine said.

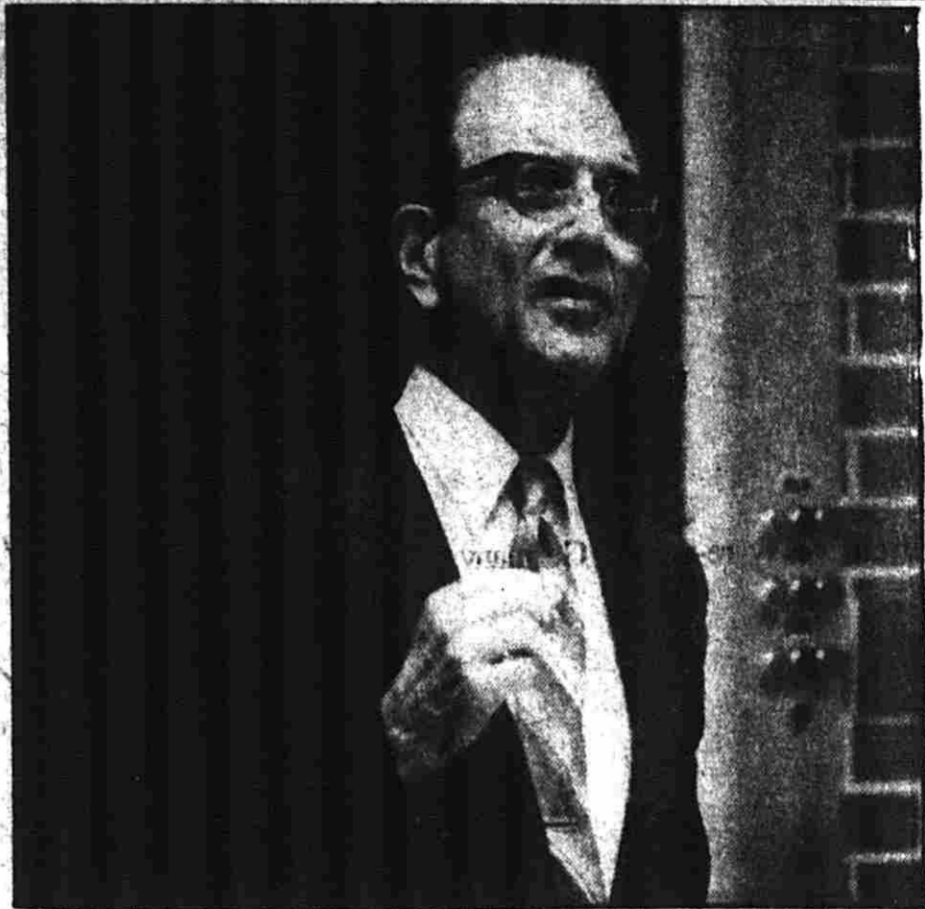
The whole problem of Jewish

emigration was downplayed in non-Jew U.S. papers, according to Fine. The desire in the U.S. to help was very small, Fine emphasized.

"Clearly," Fine stated, "the U.S. could have done more."

There was a general unwillingness to save the Jewish people in all levels of government, especially in the State Department and the population at large, Fine said.

"It was a failure of sympathy and imagination," Fine concluded, "It was a classic example of man's inhumanity to man. We must not forget the historical significance of this murderous time."



Sidney Fine, an American history professor at the University of Michigan, spoke Sept. 25 in Norris 101 about American attitudes during the Holocaust.

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Britons to wrap-up fine season

Second place possible for Albion golf team

By John R. Locy
Assistant Sports Editor

With winter peeking around the corner, it's just about time to put away the golf clubs for another season.

With two tournaments remaining at press time, the Briton golf team was in third place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Although the Brits have played well this season, they still trail league-leading Olivet by a wide margin.

"Olivet is playing very, very tough," said Brian Henderson, Grand Rapids junior. "They've got two players who have shot par on a regular basis which really helps a team."

Albion began the season with strong finishes in the first three tournaments, ending up second once, and third twice.

Unfortunately, their downfall came last Thursday when the Brits took a disappointing fourth place at Grand Haven Golf Club in Holland.

"We really did not play all that well," Henderson said. "We just didn't have it."

Henderson has been a bright spot for the Brits this season. He is ranked third out of 42 players in the conference and hopes to move up before the clubs are put to rest.

The Brits have not won a league title in over seven years dating back to 1983 and unless

Olivet's three top players just don't bother to show up for any of the remaining matches, that string could move to eight years.

"Everyone is just hanging in there right now," said Henderson. "Basically we have our sights set on taking over second place. We just have to take one match at a time."

With so many young players, the Brits see bright things in the future.

"Our four returning players have been the backbone this season," said Scott Kuhna, Petoskey sophomore. "The young players have really showed a lot of potential."

"When the younger golfers get the courses down, they will really improve," said Henderson. "Next season the depth of our team will definitely be a plus."

With two tournaments remaining, the Brits' chances to win the MIAA are slim. To win the title, the team's scores are totaled at the end of the season and a champion is crowned on the basis of fewest strokes in the seven tournaments.

Last season Albion finished third in the conference and Henderson does not want a repeat.

"We really want a league win," said Henderson. "Olivet is just too tough right now. With two freshmen and a junior in the top ten in the league returning next year, they could be even tougher next season. Our team has really come together this year and I expect a very good finish."

Albion's final meet of the season takes place Monday at Kent Country Club in Grand Rapids.



Eye on the Britons



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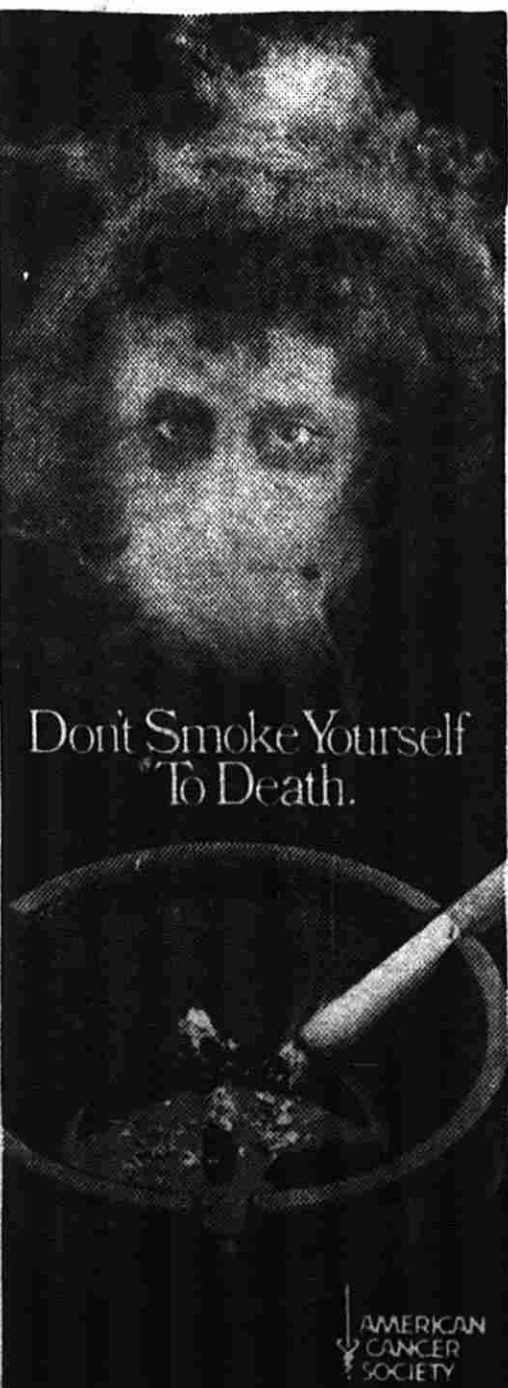
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