

## Brod explains men's studies

Harry Brod, speaking to a group of faculty and students Nov. 28, explained the need for men's studies to complement women's studies. Brod, a visiting professor of philosophy and men's studies at Kenyon College, said that gender roles arise from the socialization of men and women.

In his speech entitled "Perspectives on Masculinities: Power, Pain, and Pride," Brod said the need for men's studies arises from the women's movement which has been successful at "making waves" in the male-dominated society. Questioning the traditional gender roles, then, is the function of women's and men's studies.

"Feminism is not anti-male," he said, "It is pro-female. Men have a lot to learn from the studies that the women's movement inspired."

Brod participated in an all-male panel discussion



the next morning concerning the role of gender studies at Albion. Photo by Jonathan Beeton

## New Amnesty group hosts week on human rights awareness

By Gia Oei  
Staff Writer

Some students received a surprise lesson in human rights abuse over the last two days: they were "arrested" and put in "jail" with no explanation.

These "arrests" were part of an attempt by members of the recently formed Albion chapter of Amnesty International to publicize the organization's role.

"We wanted to raise student awareness of what Amnesty does," said Kristen Cheney, Oxford freshman and co-coordinator

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of the campus chapter of Amnesty International.

Cheney explained that students paid \$1 to have anyone on cam-

pus "arrested" for a reason of their choosing.

"In order to get out of the jail we placed them in, prisoners had to write a letter to a real prisoner of conscience on behalf of Amnesty International," Cheney said.

Cheney said the group chose this approach because it is similar to what other countries do: arrest prisoners because of their religious beliefs, race, sex or ethnic origin.

Amnesty is an international human rights monitoring organization in which members write letters in attempt to free prisoners of conscience, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence.

"I think too often we, as Americans, take everything for granted. We don't realize that people in other countries are arrested simply because they believe something," Cheney said.

This event was just one of many happening during the observance of International Human Rights Week, which began Monday and will conclude with a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. in the Quadrangle on Monday, Dec. 10.

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## Falling tree damages five cars; college will pay deductibles

By Katie Ebbing  
Features Editor

She parked her car at approximately 12:50 a.m. on Nov. 7 on Jackson St. She and a friend got out of her car and strolled up to their rooms in Twin Towers, never dreaming that the next time she would see her car it would be a compacted mass of metal on wheels.

At 1:09 a.m., just minutes after Kirsten Van Meer, Birmingham senior, parked her car for the night, a 140-year-old white oak tree crashed to the ground, damaging five cars on its descent.

Van Meer's car, a 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier, had the most damage.

"It was totaled—non-driveable, unfixable," Van Meer said. "The steering wheel was on the floor and the ceiling was on the driver's seat."

"If I had parked the car just nineteen minutes later," Van Meer explained, "I would have been dead, and my friend would have been dead."

Under a blue tarp on Jackson St. sits a 1973 Pontiac LeMans, the second battered vehicle.

John (Mark) Meldrim, Glen Ellyn, Ill. junior and owner of the LeMans, said, "The car is basically totaled. The roof and the trunk are caved in. I thought at one point it was driveable, but it may have internal damages."

According to Meldrim, the car, which was once his grandfather's, has 58,000 miles on it and had been in good driving condition.

George Rendziperis, Rochester junior, owns the third badly-bruised vehicle—a 1990 Dodge Daytona.

"The back windshield of my car was smashed, the louvers were crushed, and there were scratches and dents in the body," Rendziperis said.

According to Rendziperis, the damages totalled \$2,500.

The bodies of other two cars had scratches from the falling branches, according to Campus Safety director Michael Sequite.

According to Sequite, heavy rainfall that week caused the tree to fall. He said the ground was very moist and the tree uprooted from the bottom.

The local tree expert called in to remove the tree disagrees.

"This is not possible," said Dwayne Beron of Beron's Tree Service in Marshall. "The tree sat high and dry. Down in the ground, the tree was solid. It had root rot, but there was no way to tell from the outside. It would do more damage to the tree to try to determine if it had root rot."

Root rot is a fungus that remains underground and decays roots, according to Ewell Stowell, professor emeritus of biology.

"There was no way to tell [above ground] that the tree was rotted," he said.

The city of Albion inspects trees that are 15 feet from the sidewalks, but they do not come onto campus because it is private property, Sequite said.

According to Kenneth Kolmodin, director of

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#### Letters, we get letters

Just like Santa at this time of year, The Pleiad was hit with an onslaught of "viewer mail."

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#### Expanding the community

Town-Gown relations are our focus this week. We show by example the college's ties to the community. See page six for a personal look at Albion resident/student Ruby Perry. Remember her as "President for the Day"? Also, see page seven for student outreach into the community through volunteers and student teaching.

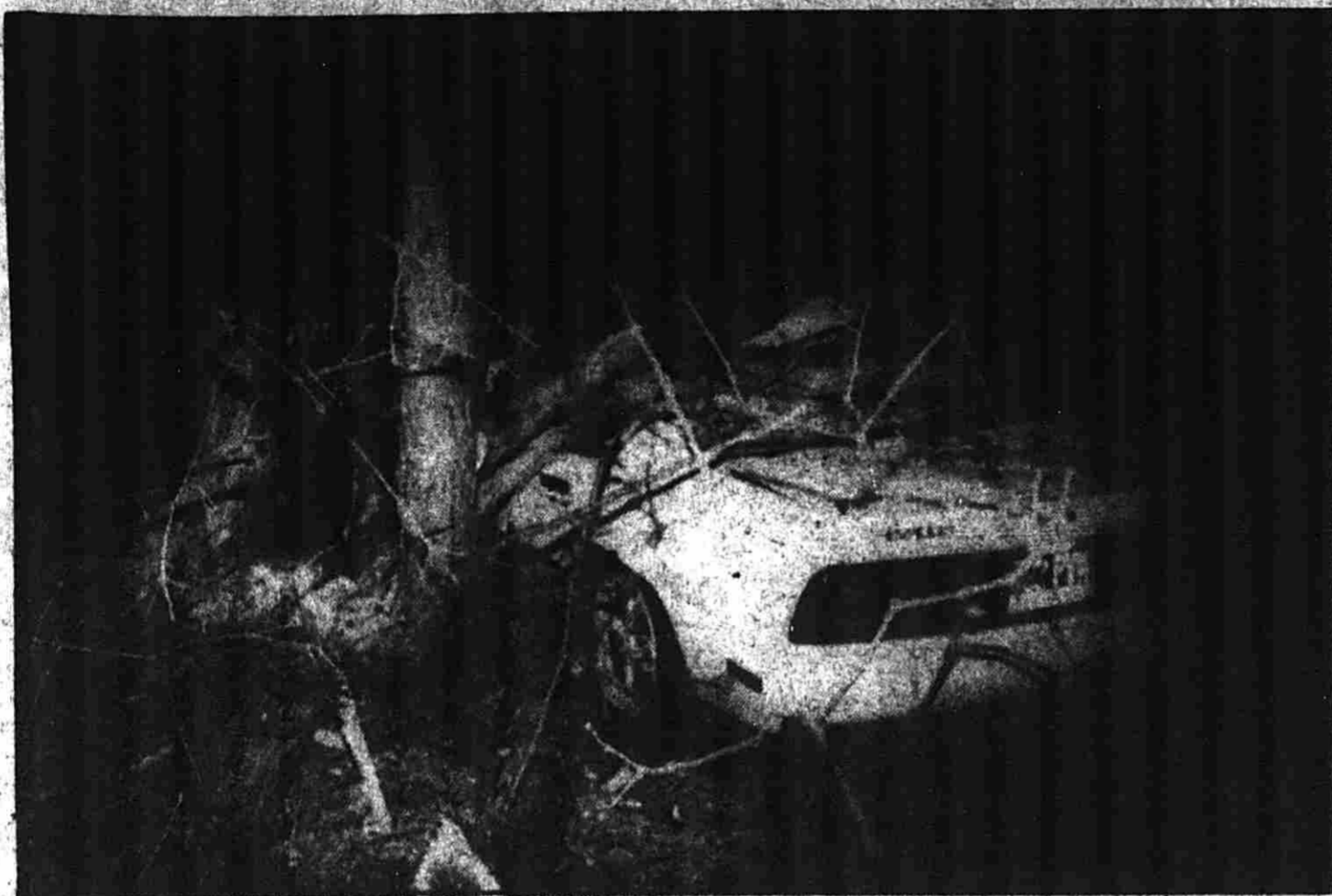
#### With deepest sympathy

The Pleiad staff wishes to express its deepest sympathy for the family and friends of sophomore Gerald Lee Missler II who died Nov. 21, 1990.

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Don't forget to pick up a Pleiad next Friday on Reading Day!





Kirsten Van Meer's 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier was one of five vehicles damaged Nov. 7. Photo by Jonathan Beeton

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facilities operations, there is no formal inspection procedure of the trees on campus. They are inspected when the trees are being pruned or treated.

Is the college responsible to pay for damages done to these five cars?

In response, internal auditor Fred Conant opened to page 83 of the 1990-91 Academic Catalog and read, "Albion College shall not be liable for any injuries to or property damage suffered by any student regardless of cause."

Conant explained that the students must "look to their insurance companies for relief. The college wants to be fair. If they have comprehensive insurance, then they usually have a deductible. The college will pay for their deductible even though we have no obligation to do it."

## Amnesty, from page 1

"Jamnesty," which begins at 6 tonight at The Alternative, is another Amnesty event.

"It will be very similar to a benefit concert, with five or more bands playing live music," Cheney said, adding that some bands are local and one is from Lansing. Tickets are \$3 and available at the door.

Over the weekend Amnesty will sponsor two films: "Kiss of the Spiderwoman," Saturday, and "Cry Freedom," Sunday. Both movies will begin at 8 p.m. in Robinson 317.

"We picked movies that showed different types of human rights violations in different countries," said Carrie Nuoffer, Bath freshman and co-coordinator of Amnesty in Albion.

Nuoffer said that, like Cheney, she also became an Amnesty member in high school and thought the college needed an Amnesty chapter.

"I was surprised that there wasn't a chapter on campus already," she said.

According to Frank Frick, professor of religious studies and chapter adviser, in the past there had been a chapter here.

"It was a case of one generation of student leadership not

passing the torch on to the next generation. But now it's back," Frick said. "I've been an Amnesty member for years and they have a fine track record for making a difference."

The Albion chapter of Amnesty received recognition from Student Senate Nov. 26.

"Our main purpose is to protect human rights and to free prisoners of conscience," she said, adding that one way they accomplish this is through letter writing.

Cheney explained that when Amnesty members hear of a case, they investigate it and then send all their members an explanation of the situation and give them addresses of various people to write.

"A lot of people think it's a political organization, but it's not. It has nothing to do with what government is there," Cheney said.

The Ethics Center provided the funds for Cheney and Nuoffer to attend Student Activism Day on Nov. 10 in Chicago, Cheney said.

She said the workshops they attended that day were designed to help college and high school students get their groups organiz-

Meldrim, however, does not have comprehensive insurance and consequently has no deductible to be paid. According to Conant, the school first offered Meldrim a fair market value of \$400 as compensation, then raised the offer to \$700.

"He (Meldrim) did not accept it. We have been more than fair. The school has offered \$700 for a car that is 18, almost 19, years old."

"At the moment," Meldrim said, "we are still negotiating. The school offered \$700 and I keep the car. But the blue book price for the car is \$1,250."

From the start, this incident has been a headache for everyone involved.

"Whether this accident was an act of God or a lack of attention for the trees," Van Meer said, "the whole ordeal has been a big inconvenience."

ed and plan events.

Cheney said the future of the Albion chapter looks good.

"I was really impressed by the turnout of about forty people at our first meeting and I hope the interest remains high," she remarked. "If we don't care about human rights, then one day we could lose them for ourselves."

"I'm really excited about the group and encourage anyone that's interested to attend our meetings," Nuoffer concluded. Amnesty meets at 7:30 Mondays in room 210 at the library.

# TKE's no-pledge policy hopes to halt hazing

By Geoff Lumetta  
Staff Writer

You're awakened at two in the morning; four guys from the fraternity you're pledging are standing over your bed.

Then next thing you know you're in the back seat of a car driving to Hillsdale. The person in the passenger seat turns around, hands you a bottle and says, "finish this before we get there."

This and similar situations have been faced by college men each year.

Deciding to rush and pledge a fraternity involves weighing your options. On one side, they may show four long school years ahead with the minimal entertainment the small college town offers.

On another side, they may show fraternities offering large groups of friends, housing without resident assistants, and parties, among other things.

For many the choice is clear: getting very sick for a while is worth it.

Last year the national fraternity of Tau Kappa Epsilon decided a college student should not be forced to make this decision. In accordance with the national decision, the Albion TKE chapter has phased out the pledging process in an effort to eliminate hazing initiations.

"Instead of placing the emphasis on achieving acceptance, this places the emphasis on learning how the fraternity works," according to Erin Lillie, Grand Haven junior and new members trainer for TKE.

"This will take away some of the fears and the stigma that the word 'pledge' goes along with."

Traditionally associated with the pledge period, hazing has caused 40 deaths in the last 10 years, according to the College Press Service. Many involve alcohol-related stunts.

Now TKE's pledge period—formerly three to four months—begins the day a student is asked to join the fraternity and ends when he initiates. With the no-pledge policy students who are asked to join the fraternity can become full members that same day, according to Lillie.

TKE is the second of 10 national fraternities and sororities to end pledging since last fall. This comes after continuing pressure from colleges to eliminate Greek societies. In recent years, five colleges have withdrawn recognition of their fraternities including three small liberal arts colleges, according to the May 11, 1988 Chronicle of Higher Education.

"There is a strong incentive for us to follow through on this," Lillie said. "It's a matter of survival."

According to James Hardwick, assistant director of campus programs and organizations and Greek adviser, ending pledging seems to be a national trend and something most fraternities will adopt in the future.

But TKE is the only Albion fraternity on campus to implement a no-pledge policy this year.

Many fraternities will discuss the role of pledging in relation to hazing and learning the fraternity's history at their national conventions, according to Hardwick.

The no-pledge policy "is clearly a positive step," according to Frank Frick, professor of religious studies and director of the Center for the Study of Ethics. "Whether it is a cure-all or not is a different story."

Lillie said he believes the overall reputation of fraternities could be improved by the new policy.

"If we take some of the secrecy and 'behind closed doors' aspect out of fraternity life, it will help some of the social stigma we have. It makes us a little more mainstream and a little more accepted."

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### Parallel committee named; to oversee ethos follow-up

The members of the parallel committee, formed to ensure the President's Steering Committee of the Campus Ethos report's recommendations are channeled to the correct group, were recently announced by the president's office. The members are Mary Agles, Birmingham senior; Kristina Brendel, Holly sophomore; Ellen Crane, Saginaw junior; Michael Fitzpatrick, Farmington junior; Tonya Morris, Chicago, Ill. sophomore; and Kathleen Westcott, Arlington Heights, Ill. senior.

The parallel committee will join with the faculty steering committee to create the Ethos joint committee, co-chaired by James Diedrick, associate professor of English, and Agles. The joint committee is not a policy-making body but will assign responsibilities developed in the Ethos report, set deadlines, and monitor progress on the issues, according to Nancy Kadunc, assistant to the President.

### Hazelton sentencing done; draws 60 months probation

Former student Todd Hazelton was sentenced Nov. 15 to 60 months probation and 12 months in jail—the jail term was suspended pending the probationary period—according to the Calhoun County Docket Office.

Judge Ronald Lebeuf dismissed the initial charge against Hazelton of first degree criminal sexual conduct and issued sentencing on the defendant's "no-contest" plea of second degree criminal sexual contact.

According to Assistant Prosecutor Jim Jenkins, the judge adjourned the first sentencing on Sept. 27 because the victim "expressed her distress with the plea." The prosecutor on the case, Pat O'Connell, later talked with the victim, a '90 graduate of Albion, and found she did not want to go to trial but did not want the reduced charge of assault, Jenkins said.

The case is a result of the reported rape of a female student attending a fraternity party last February. This incident sparked the formation of the President's Steering Committee on the Campus Ethos.

### Dumpster fire near house causes damage to windows

A fire in the trash dumpster near the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity began Nov. 28 when hot ashes were placed in the dumpster, according to Campus Safety Director Michael Sequite. Two Delta Sigma Phi members admitted that they placed the ashes from their fireplace in the dumpster, not realizing the potential danger, Sequite said.

The Albion Public Safety Department was called to extinguish the fire. Windows were cracked on the Delt Sig house after being heated by the blaze and then cooled by water used to extinguish the fire, according to Sequite. A couch placed near the bin by Sigma Nu fraternity members caught on fire after flames spread from the dumpster to the couch, Sequite added.

### Project 250 applications now available for students

Project 250 applications are available in the dean of students' office for freshman, sophomores, and juniors going off-campus next semester. The awards are given on the basis of student contribution in the areas of leadership and service to the campus and city communities. Applications are due March 1.

## Social tax increase up for vote

By Stephanie Krueger  
Staff Writer

The Albion College Student Senate activities fee will increase from \$60 to \$100 per year if students voice approval for the hike next week.

Senate will hold the campus-wide election Tuesday in Lower Baldwin, according to Ellen Crane, Saginaw junior and senate president.

Voters will decide on two separate measures. The \$40 increase is proposed along with a separate initiative that will institute a yearly social tax increase, based on inflationary rates, said Gretchen Rector, Grosse Pointe Shores sophomore and Internal Affairs committee chair.

"If the social tax does not increase," Rector noted, "campus organizations will end up charging for movies, speakers, and other events. In addition, individual organizations will be forced to charge dues in order to do the activities they want."

These private payments would probably meet or exceed the proposed social tax increase, Rector said.

According to Crane, campus organizations requested \$76,059 for this semester, but senate had only \$44,000 to allocate, which led to substantial cuts.

"I'm cutting groups 40-60 percent on budgets," Rector stated. "A lot of organizations had their budgets cut 70 percent off the top."

Organizations often inflate their budgets expecting such cuts, Rector said.

According to senate member Jonathan Lauderbach, Midland senior, there has been "a lot of misuse of funds" in past years.

But Rector says she has tightened the budgeting process this

semester. "Organizations are now required to submit receipts for every penny [of senate-allocated money] spent and will lose their funding if misuse of funds is discovered."

Budget cuts, however, decrease the ability of campus organizations to thrive, Rector said.

"We can't do anything if we don't have money," said Morgan Knapp, Rochester senior and Beta Beta Beta president.

"We would like to get some big name speakers here, but we don't have the money," said Steve Arntz, Mt. Clemens senior and Beta Beta Beta vice president.

"We can't even consider big names."

Budget problems even touch large campus groups such as Union Board.

"There's just no way with the present enrollment and social tax that we can subsidize UB and all other organizations on campus," said Jerry Johnson, Tekonsha sophomore and UB president.

"The only way we can provide quality entertainment is to have the money," Johnson said. "We're trying, but there's just no way we can keep up with inflation."

For example, Johnson said that when entertainer Tom Deluca performed on campus Wednesday, it cost \$400 more than when he ap-

peared in 1986.

The social tax was last raised three years ago and it only went into effect last year, Rector said.

If the resolutions pass, they must be presented at the next Albion College Board of Trustees meeting for approval.

Because the executive trustee board will meet in February, the tax could be implemented next fall and be included in the new student catalog, according to Donald Omahan, dean of students and senate adviser.

"Albion College has one of the lowest such taxes around," said Eric Hildenbrand, Mt. Clemens sophomore and Faculty Administration Affairs committee chair. "Even with the increase, it will still rank quite low."

Johnson noted that "we're just way behind. We have the lowest social tax in the Great Lakes College Association."

"If students want better speakers, well-known bands, and other such activities on campus, they're going to have to pay," Rector said.

"Different organizations at Albion contribute to the campus' diversity," she said. "Without diversity, there is no society here. If the tax increases, everybody benefits."

### Student ceramics sale set for Thurs

The Art Department is sponsoring its third annual ceramics sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday in Taylor Lounge. The sale will feature student works.

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**Equal Opportunity**

There has been much discussion about the Ethos Committee's housing proposals. Building a community within an equitably-structured residential college remains the goal behind the proposals.

The issues are complex, and we feel compelled to address and comment on not only the proposed Greek changes but the overall residential inequities.

It is important to remember that the "community" is comprised of individuals. Gaining independence and individuality are worthy goals to pursue at college.

The places we live can encourage or stifle this growth.

We believe a greater diversity of housing options should be available. Dorm living has its strengths, but so does the independent living and meal planning students get in annexes or apartments. These latter housing opportunities should be expanded.

We agree that the Greek system is a vital source of social and leadership development. But the Greek system dominates the campus socially and greatly limits the housing options of all students.

When a man pledges a fraternity, he is expected to live in the fraternity house. When a woman pledges a sorority, she is not expected, or able, to live in a sorority house. With few exceptions all independent students and Greek women must live in the residence halls.

The current system is unequivocally inequitable.

Greek men should be allowed to live with their brothers and Greek women should be allowed to live with their sisters. But it should be privilege, not a requirement.

Lodges for Greek functions and residential living for about 20 members located on or near campus would give equity to the current system.

The fraternities have rejected this idea. Sororities have shown us that cohabitation is not necessary for brotherhood or sisterhood. If brotherhood is the main reason for joining a fraternity, why is housing so crucial?

The administration's move 24 years ago to concentrate the six fraternities in a gender block—the fraternity complex—may have been well-intended. But this arrangement is not appropriate or acceptable.

Relocating and spreading out the fraternities, as lodges, would not cause the segregation of 300 men from the rest of the community. Lodges spread across campus will increase interaction between students in the residence system and break up the gender block.

Losing track of friends made in Wesley after men pledge a fraternity is a complaint often raised by women and men.

Many women also find the current spatial arrangement intimidating.

Housing reform must happen and care should be taken when deciding the fates of the not-so-hallowed-halls of the places we call home.

"as we see it" is a weekly editorial which represents a majority consensus of the editorial staff.



To the Editor:

I wish to respond to the Ecology Club's goal of banning table grapes from the cafeteria because "one third of all pesticides on grapes are known to cause cancer." I call to your attention an article in the Aug. 31, 1990 issue of Science magazine. According to Ames and Gold, the authors of the article, a clarification of the mechanism of carcinogenesis is developing at a rapid rate. To quote the article: "This new understanding undermines many assumptions of current regulatory policy toward rodent carcinogens and necessitates rethinking the utility and meaning of routine animal cancer tests."

Just to bring you up to speed on how that testing is done I offer the following. The rodent is chronically treated with the maximum tolerated dose (MTD).

**Research supports use of pesticides: Dininny**

Results of that treatment are extrapolated to low dose (linear model). MTD amounts to a heavy insult to the beast but not heavy enough to kill it.

Using this model, about half of all synthetic chemicals (including pesticides) have been found to be rodent carcinogens. About half (27-52) of the natural plant pesticides tested have also been found to be rodent carcinogens. This suggests that if the insult is severe enough almost any chemical is probably carcinogenic. The fact that a high percentage of the carcinogens are not mutagens would suggest that the model used for carcinogenicity testing is flawed. This won't be the first time a flawed model has been used in scientific inquiry. Unfortunately, the truth does not come to us as full blown as the noonday sun.

We should all be aware that the human diet contains thousands of natural pesticides. These are chemicals that plants produce to defend themselves. Ames and Gold estimate that 99.9 percent by weight of pesticides in our diet are natural and that the normal diet contains about 1.5 grams of these pesticides daily. Compare this with their estimate of 0.00009g total of over 100 synthetic pesticides per day. If there is anything to this estimate, it would suggest that "organically grown" is of no advantage.

I recommend this article for your reading and close with this question. Why is it that in the face of increased perception of chemical risks, the average life expectancy is also increasing?

Robert E. Dininny  
 professor of chemistry

**Lancaster proposes co-ed dorm halls as one solution to housing problems**

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to letters concerning the housing controversy and radical feminism.

As a woman I feel that the times and places in which the sexes are separated are to be chosen by the individuals involved. Groups and organizations should have a right to do this. It is right for both men and women to have the option of joining groups of a single sex which are appropriate to each individual's personality and beliefs. The choice must be allowed!

On the issue of housing, there are a number of options that have been presented. One option could be a redistribution of current housing. This would involve the creation of single-sex floors that are to be occupied by members of fraternities, for example, or other organizations (male or female) who wish to be together. Fraternities are, at the moment, the only organizations that are allowed to live together. (They should not have to live together since the fraternal ties-that-bind should be stronger than that.)

I will suggest an idea that I have heard mentioned...coeducational halls and floors. Albion could allow men and women to be suitemates in buildings like Whitehouse, Twin Towers, and International House.

I spent the Spring of 1990 at Stirling University in Scotland and lived in a flat with three men and two other women. It was a wonderful experience. Everyone had his or her own room and we all shared a bathroom, toilet, and kitchen. In retrospect, cooperation was the most important precept we had to work with; or on a basic level, everyone had to take a turn at taking out the garbage. I did not mind seeing Paul, Ian, or Douglas in their bathrobes any more than they minded seeing Karen, Astrid, or I in ours. We were all equals.

As a woman I find men fascinating and I miss personal interaction with them on a daily basis. I have many male friends and acquaintances, but these relationships are not the same as the way one gets to know people when one is living with them. These are the differences between the sexes, and we must seek to understand what these differences are and why they are. Then, perhaps, we can live in harmony. Respect of ourselves as who we are is as important as the respect of other's beliefs. And people, judge each other on the basis of the individual, not as part of a group.

Michelle Lancaster  
 Flint senior

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"Oh, here they are. I'm always losing them."



Mark Lelle on...  
Voluntarism and "VD"

VD is running rampant on college campuses across the nation, and students and faculty alike are susceptible. In fact, recent research has demonstrated that there is a positive relationship between VD and the number of volunteer hours per week a person contributes. And what are colleges doing about it? I hope that they are following the lead of Albion College by establishing organizations such as the Student Volunteer Bureau and the Albion Volunteer Service Center, because the VD of which I speak is "values definition."

By volunteering in the Albion community, we at Albion College have the opportunity to wrestle with our beliefs, to understand the values which determine our actions, and to reconsider those values which appear to be incompatible with the world around us. Quite simply, values definition is the goal of a liberal arts education because it enhances our ability to find creative solutions to the complex problems facing us today.

However, volunteering alone cannot bring about values definition. Just as environmentalists believe that recycling doesn't occur until people have purchased products made with recycled materials, I contend that a person has not truly served the community until he or she has learned from the volunteer experience. This kind of learning requires that students find volunteer activities with the length and depth necessary for serious reflection, and it requires students to seek opportunities for reflection, whether it be in class, in an organization, with friends, or in a journal. The Student Volunteer Bureau and the Albion Volunteer Service Center exist to help students find appropriate experiences for volunteering and for reflecting.

As anyone who has ever volunteered can attest, community service isn't always "fun". It can be challenging, trying and even overwhelming at times. Community service is, however, nearly always rewarding if it is the kind which brings about values definition. I challenge you to begin picturing community service as an integral part of your Albion College education, like classes, homework, and studying, and not as a supplementary activity for your spare time. Please feel free to call on the Student Volunteer Bureau or the Albion Volunteer Service Center if we can help you find a community service experience which meets your needs.

Editor's note: Mark Lelle is the program director and coordinator for the Albion Civic Life Project.

Crane presses students to support fee increase



To the Editor:

Each semester Student Senate has the task of allocating the funds generated from the Student Senate activity fee in our tuition. These funds are distributed to senate recognized campus organizations. Last semester money was given to 24 campus groups including Union Board, Lecture Concert Series, Residence Hall Association, athletic clubs and academic clubs and honor societies. These groups use the money to provide speakers and activities for the entire campus. They receive the money after senate carefully reviews their receipts and financial records in comparison to their future budget plans.

There has been a strong calling for non-greek organizations to provide more social activities which are open to the entire campus. Unfortunately, the current activity fee does not generate enough money for more large scale functions. Senate has always encouraged fund raising and alternative sources of

funding, but these activities alone cannot generate enough money.

For this reason senate is holding a campus wide election to increase the activity fee. We would like to raise it by \$20 per semester, from \$30 to \$50. Adrian College's activity fee is currently \$50 per semester. Alma and Oberlin charge \$49 per semester. The increase would not be inconsistent with other similar schools.

Last semester we had to cut budgets an average of 50 percent. The demand for funding next semester has increased which will force us to make even greater cuts. An increase in the activity fee will help campus organizations plan better events which will benefit our entire community. Please support us and our campus organizations by voting for the activity fee increase this Tuesday, December 11 in Lower Baldwin.

Ellen Crane  
Saginaw junior  
Student Senate president

A call by Hall to y'all with gall to not 'fall' his History 131 class

An open letter to those students in history 131 who never bother to come to class:

Please note that the final exam for this class is at 8-10 a.m. Monday December 17 (for the 10 a.m. section) and 8-10 a.m. Tuesday December 18 (for the 11 a.m. section).

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you when you kindly attended the mid-term in October, and I look forward to the opportunity of seeing you again when you come to take the final. If I

have not met any of you before, perhaps you could be so kind as to introduce yourself to me before the exam begins?

The exam will take place in the same room that the classes were held (103A North Hall). For those of you who may have difficulty locating either the room or the building, please feel free to phone me at x0298 for directions. We faculty live to serve.

John Hall  
assistant professor of history

Decker supports U.S. News ranking for Albion, criticizes administration

To the Editor:

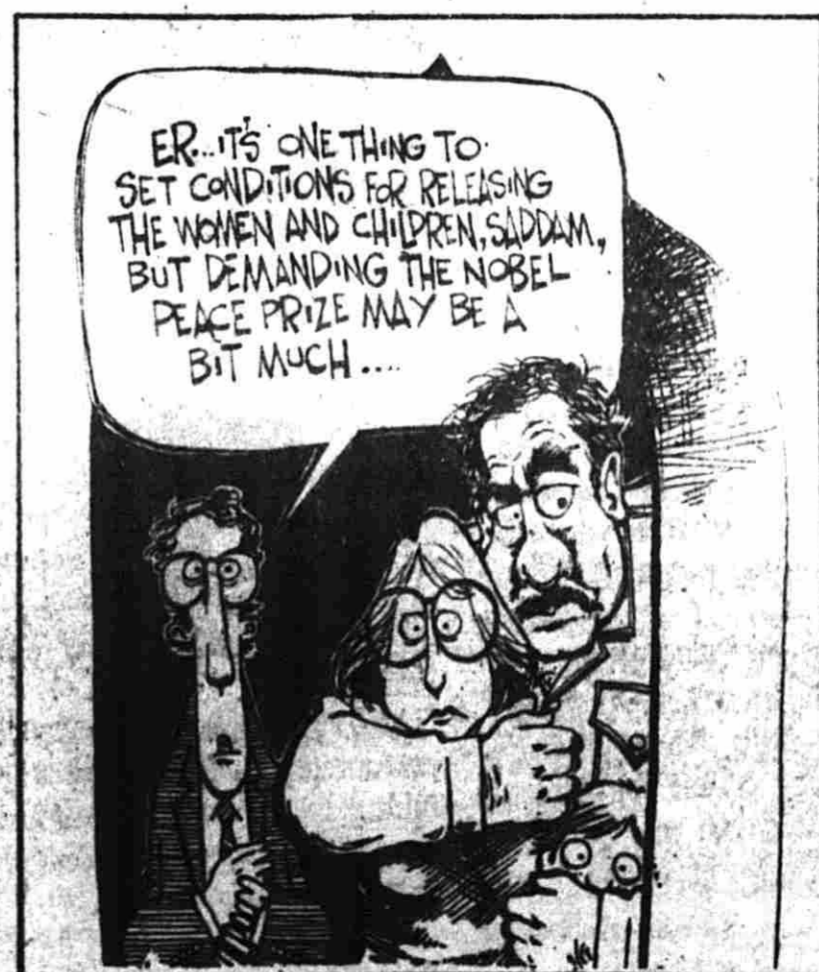
It was with mixed emotions that I read the article in last week's Pleiad concerning the U.S. News and World Report ranking of American colleges. Of course I would like to believe Albion is worthy of being ranked in a more selective category than the mediocre placement it receives, but realistically it should not. I have found my education at Albion terrifically enlightening, but the fact that many of our students come here because they do not get into Western Michigan University or some other mass-education

haven is one that we at Albion must face. I find it particularly humorous that the article refers to categories such as "highly competitive" and "less competitive" as discrepancies.

I wonder on what qualifications schools should be based if not on the calibre of the students it accepts. I think that U.S. News and World Report did interpret the data accurately and that this school's administration is afraid to admit that Harvard is not the Albion of the east—or even the other way around. For my part, I will continue to work hard here

and continue to subscribe to this fiendishly unfair magazine. I refuse to cry about this insignificant ranking and believe the administration should work on other problems facing the school...such as declining enrollment, student apathy toward virtually everything, the lack of legitimate social options to all students, and so on. I mean this criticism to be constructive and hope it is taken in that context.

Brett Decker  
Troy sophomore





# Encouragement and faith guide Perry to graduation

By Jennifer Smith  
Senior Staff Writer

**Editor's Note:** Pleiad staff writer Jennifer Smith met Ruby Perry when Perry spoke in her religious studies class as part of the president for a day exchange. The following is a first-person account of a later interview.

The pipes in the house her husband built were clogged and she could not leave. I said I understood, we rescheduled, and she came the next day, though she said she was still "up to her elbows in water." The plumber had not yet arrived.

When we met for the first time, Ruby Perry described some of her experiences as a non-traditional student, but I called to talk with her again. I wanted to understand her courage, her peace and the faith that guides her life.

Perry was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and moved to Albion in 1975. She is president of her local Neighborhood Watch organization, attends Grace Temple Church of God and Christ, and has two teen-age children.

And this semester, at age 44, Perry will graduate from Albion College with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Perry graduated from high school in 1964 and worked for over 10 years in Houston before she was introduced to her future husband, Earnest, over the telephone. They talked about marriage the first time they met in person in Albion. When Perry returned for a second visit, they bought their wedding rings.

The Perrys moved into their first home on Earnest's birthday (Aug. 5, 1975) and cared for foster children for over a year. In '76, their son, Chris, was born and daughter Qiana followed a year later. After Qiana was born, Perry's time was devoted entirely to her home and family.

"My husband was very chauvinistic," she said. "He believed a woman should be at home. It was my job to take care of the house."

Although Perry stayed home to care for her children, she said Earnest knew she had her own mind and never stopped her from doing what she wanted to do. In fact, Earnest encouraged her to go back to school.

But despite her husband's encouragement and Perry's feelings that she was "bored with being just a housewife," Perry waited until two years after her husband's death to return to school.

"The first two years are the hardest," she said of her husband's unexpected death to cancer in February 1984.

Earnest Perry worked at Harvard Industries. Perry said she thinks his cancer was probably related to the chemicals he inhaled daily at the plant.

**Perry said maintaining the house is more difficult without her husband, and she doesn't like relying on servicemen.**

"Men will rip women off," she said. "I've had work done on my house when it really didn't need it and I've had work done on my car when I did not need it done."

In 1986 Perry finally decided to follow her late husband's advice



Ruby, Qiana, and Chris Perry

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

and enrolled in Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek where she received her associate's degree in May 1988. Then, relying on financial aid and loans, Perry entered Albion College in August 1988.

"It was not easy for me to come here, but I prayed and the Lord opened up doors. I never had any doubt I would get here because I have that kind of faith," she said.

Perry's faith in God is, she said, the focus of her life and even guides her academic studies.

"Anyone who knows anything about God knows you can't function without Him," she said. "Psychology is so parallel with the Word. You have to know what's inside you before you can do anything for anyone else. Without

Him, I could not have made it this far."

Although Perry relies on God to guide her through her studies and has had some opportunity to share her faith with other students, she said she has encountered some of the "stigmas" associated with non-traditional students.

"I'm older than most of my professors," she said. "Some of my instructors are not used to me. It's just not knowing what to expect of me. Am I serious or just doing this to fill some time?"

When Perry graduates in May, her family plans to be in Albion to celebrate, she said. She will be the first of her parents' seven children to earn a bachelor's degree.

After commencement, Perry's family members will return to their homes in Houston, but Perry said she will stay in Albion to finish her student teaching and to seek a teaching position at Albion Senior High School.

"I've established myself here as an adult. My husband built our house and it's so much a part of him I feel like—I know he's dead—but if I leave, I'm leaving him."

Perry said that juggling school and family has not always been easy. Perry said that the children accompanied her to classes at Kellogg, but now both are involved in school and making plans for college. Both Chris, who is now 14, and Qiana, who is 13, supported their mother's decision to return to school.

Perry said her children were "self-sufficient" by the time she went back to school.

"I don't feel guilty about having them fix dinner. I paid my dues," she said. "We're all waiting until I finish so I can get that job and make some money."

Albion community members have supported Perry in her decision to attend Albion and, when she was recently selected to be President for a Day, Perry said she received congratulatory cards from friends. However, she admits that the relationship between the college and the community is often limited by the "arrogance" of both students and community members.

Perry, who lives at 502 Wild St., said she can see the projects out her window.

"People in the projects are not different. Sometimes, when I think about it, I wish I could live there," she said smiling. "Then I wouldn't have the plumbing problems I have now."

## Literacy program for kids kicked off at college

By Doug Ropa  
Staff Writer

"We're looking for a few good readers."

This is the request of Grand Rapids senior Laura Brown, who is organizing a Literacy Training program at Albion. Students are trained to tutor first and second graders in Albion who need help in reading skills. Brown is searching for more students who are interested in the program.

"The purpose of the program is to help children who are deficient in reading skills. There's a five-hour training course for Albion [college] students who are interested," Brown explained.

**New volunteers train from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for two days, Jan. 8 and 10. For those who have completed a previous training session, there is a 'returning tutor' class from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the same dates.**



Once the initial training has been completed, tutors meet with children two hours per week and attend an on-going training session for one hour per week.

Betsy Gauss, who has been involved in education in the city of Albion for 32 years, initiated the program at the college. Gauss is also a member of the Literacy Council of Calhoun County.

"This is an idea that I had while working with adult education for 13 years. I saw that they [adults] had problems in reading. I thought, let's start with first and second graders," Gauss said.

Finding Albion college students for the program was more successful than Gauss had anticipated. After inquiring about students interested in becoming tutors, Gauss felt "overwhelmed" when nearly 50 students volunteered to participate. The program, in its seventh week, helps the children

focus not on comprehension, but rather on phonics and blending the words. Gauss believes that once children can 'sound out' words and sentences effectively, comprehension will come more easily.

According to Gauss, local teachers targeted children who needed help in reading. Then the program was offered to those who needed the extra help. Gauss explained that about two-thirds of these children are now taking part in the tutoring.

This year is the first of a three-year program, according to Gauss. Funded by the Kellogg Foundation, the program provides teaching materials such as flashcards, office supplies.



# Teaching experience: not all fun and games

By Corinna Kortum  
Staff Writer

A softball flies through the third-grade classroom. A boy catches it and starts spelling: "T-O-A-S-T."

"Good job!" says Jill St. Clair, Wheaton, Ill. senior. St. Clair is currently student teaching in Albion's Harrington Elementary School for one semester.

The softball spelling game is just one of the classroom activities St. Clair conducts with her third-grade students.

"It is wonderful to see how the children's minds are working and how they pick something up," St. Clair said. "I like to help people learn, and the feedback from the kids is a great reward," she said.

St. Clair is becoming more involved as the ten-week teaching practicum progresses.

"In the beginning Jill only observed me teaching," said Patricia Smith, third-grade teacher at Harrington and St. Clair's supervisor.

"After several weeks she gradually took over the class, and in December she will be teaching the whole time," Smith said.

St. Clair will not be left alone with the class, however. Smith always attends St. Clair's classes

and gives her advice.

The teaching experience has brought St. Clair's educational studies to life.

Maintaining discipline in a class of 20 nine-year-old students is especially challenging, according to St. Clair.

"I already learned a lot about myself, especially how much I can handle in certain situations," she said.

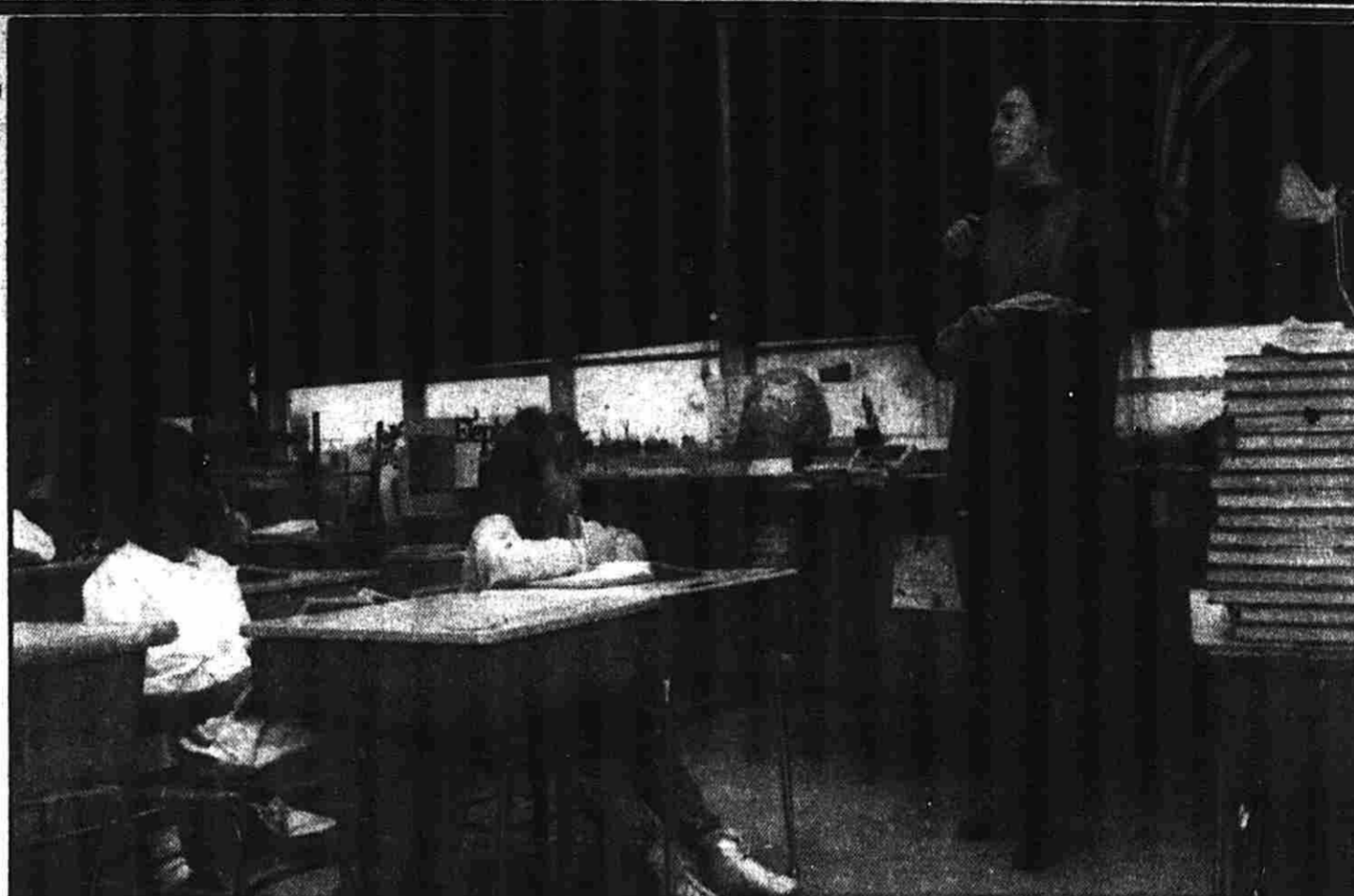
There have been moments when she felt like breaking down, but, as St. Clair explained, in such situations the children gave her unexpected support.

"Kids are very sensitive and perceptive," St. Clair said. "They are not academically smart, but they do have common sense."

Education students spend more time observing in elementary schools as they move through their education requirements at Albion.

Students teach in the fall or spring semester of their senior year. There are five weeks of theoretical preparation in the classroom, and then the ten-week teaching practicum under a teacher's supervision.

Experience outside the classroom is an integral part of



Jill St. Clair, Wheaton, Ill. senior, instructs third graders at Harrington Elementary School. Photo by Jonathan Beeton

the education program.

"By the time I am finished and graduate, I need 100 hours of outside-classroom activities," St. Clair said, adding that this includes observing classes, tutoring, and conducting workshops.

"Those ten weeks are very important for the students to decide if they are on the right path and actually enjoy teaching," according to Kathleen Fear, assistant director of education.

"When they start teaching, most of the students are nervous and feel uncomfortable, but as soon as there is personal contact with the kids, they love it."

Student teachers also have an opportunity to meet the children's parents.

"To see the parents of the kids is somehow an enlightenment," St. Clair said. "You really get a sense of where the kids are coming from and that helps to understand their behavior."

The practicum is not only an interesting change from normal education classes, but it requires hard work. In addition to teaching preparation and actual classroom experience, the students must record their observations and experiences in journals.

The practicum prepares students for teaching after graduation. But before students can actually teach, they must be certified by the state.

According to St. Clair, the state tests and requirements are demanding.

A lot of people do not give elementary school teachers the respect they deserve because they work with young children, according to St. Clair.

"They should realize how important elementary teaching is," St. Clair said. "To teach kids the basic skills is the biggest responsibility you can imagine."

# Big Brother/Big Sister program develops lasting friendships

By Karen Gruebnau  
Staff Writer

Kelley picks up her pink note pad, decorated with ribbons and stickers, and checks Becky's schedule. Sometimes when they get together, Becky takes Kelley rollerskating or to the library. Or they go back to Becky's annex and just "hang out."

Although Kelley and Becky have only known each other 13 months, they have become great friends. In fact, they have quite a unique relationship. Becky is Kelley's big sister, and they are not even related.

Kelley Blakemore is 11 years old and in the sixth grade. Her parents are divorced, and she lives with her father and 16-year-old brother. Kelley's father wanted her to have a positive female role model, so he called the Big Brother/Big Sister office in Albion and requested a big sister for Kelley.

Becky Russell, Indianapolis, Ind. senior, became interested in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program last year. Russell said she has a good relationship with her real little sister back home and

wanted to do something "consistent and service-oriented."

Russell knew of other students who had strong relationships with their "Albion" little sisters, so she contacted the program director.

After almost a semester of interviews, Russell and Blakemore were matched up.

It did not take Russell and Blakemore long to get to know one another.

"Kelley and I hit it off really well," Russell said. "Kelley is a very energetic, very bright girl."

For their first meeting, Russell bought poster board and magazines, and they cut and pasted their favorite things on the poster board. It was a good ice breaker, Russell said.

Next, Russell made a schedule book for each of them—to let each other know what the other one is doing during the day. For Blakemore, they decorated a pink note pad with Blakemore's favorite stickers and some ribbons. It contains Russell's entire schedule inside.

"This helps us communicate," Russell said. "Kelley understands, for example, that



Little sister Kelley Blakemore with big sister Becky Russell. Photo by Steven Yurhoff

between 5 and 6 o'clock, I have class."

Russell describes Blakemore as a "very out-going girl."

"Kelley feels comfortable with people right away," Russell said, adding that Blakemore "loves Baldwin, loves to see my friends and loves to dance and do cheers."

Russell also tries to instill in Blakemore the importance of an education.

"I tell her school is very im-

portant and there are a lot of different activities to be involved in," she said. Blakemore currently attends Washington Gardner Junior High School and plays the trombone in the school band.

"We also work through problems together," Russell said. They talk about everything from schoolwork to boys, she said. "The neatest thing," Russell said, "is showing her a different perspective of life that she doesn't see at school."

Russell said being a big sister is a big commitment, and she has tried to be consistent regarding the amount of time she and Blakemore spend together. They usually meet once a week and Russell said their next goal is to go swimming.

Russell will be graduating this spring, and she said they have already begun talking about it.

"I tell her that I will always be her big sister. We'll always have each other's address and phone number so we can keep in touch," she said.

Russell does not think that Blakemore will be matched with another big sister after she leaves.

"Her father just got remarried, so now there is a female role model for Kelley," she said.

But graduation is not until May, so Russell and Blakemore still have plenty of time to spend together. Blakemore simply checks her pink note pad to see what she and Russell will be doing next.

**For more information on how to become a big brother or big sister, contact Laura Swan at ext. 1561. Male volunteers are especially needed.**





Sophomores Philip Oakes, Fremont; Sheldon Frankel, Huntington Woods; and Caroline Ducharme, Keego Harbor in part of the Workshop Theatre production this weekend. Photo by Steve Yurhoff

## Workshop Theatre opens tonight

By Hope Bailey  
Events Editor

Final exams are still a week away for most of us, but for the four students taking advanced acting class, exams begin tonight.

For their final exam these students will present "Scenes and Soliloquies" at tonight and tomorrow night's "Workshop Theatre" at 8 p.m. in Herrick Center Auditorium.

"We each perform a monologue and a two-person scene representing different styles of theatre," according to David (Chris) Bolender, West Bend, Wisc. senior.

The monologue styles include Greek, Shakespearean, comedy of manners, and epic, Bolender said, while the scenes are an example of farce and comedy.

According to Susan Kernish, adjunct instructor of speech communication and theater, 75 per-

cent of the grade for her advanced acting class is performance. Just as music students have recitals, so do theater students, Kernish said. It is a "recital situation for them," she said.

In addition to "Scenes and Soliloquies," "Workshop Theatre" features a one-act play and a reader's theatre presentation.

The play, a surrealistic comedy entitled "After Magritte" is directed by Bolender. Written by Tom Stoppard, "After Magritte" is about "a gung-ho police officer who thinks he's the greatest in the world, but others tend to think differently," Bolender said. A bizarre set and lighting add an element of mystery and help to add to the comedy of this perfor-

mance, Bolender said.

Erin Lillie, Grand Haven junior, is director of Richard Armour's "Twisted Tales from Shakespeare," a reader's theatre presentation. Five members of the national theater honorary fraternity Theta Alpha Phi, will read from this humorous work that "takes the guise of a serious report on [Shakespeare's] plays," Lillie said.

According to Lillie, this will be one of the few chances you have to see the Herrick curtain down. The five just sit on stools in front of the lowered curtain to deliver the sketch—much like "the cartoon before the movie," Lillie said.

## What The Rock Doesn't Tell You



Friday Sunday

The Albion Film Co-op presents "Jimi Hendrix," at 7 p.m. and "Malcom X," at 9 p.m. Both documentaries will be shown in Norris 101. The first film is on the life of Hendrix, a legendary black musician, who died tragically at 27. The second is the autobiography of Malcom, a leader in America's Black revolution, written with the help of Alex Haley.

The men's basketball team hosts the Albion College Invitational. Teams participating in the invitational include Albion, Nazareth, Oberlin and Tri-State. Although the record shows 2-5, "we've lost a lot of close games," said Chris Conklin, Brighton junior and team member. With this tournament, "we want to rebound from our early losses and start over." Games this evening start at 6 and 8 p.m. in Kresge Gymnasium.

The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols begins at 7 p.m. in Goodrich Chapel. Beginning with a candlelight procession, this traditional service arouses the holiday spirit. The festival was created by Robert Benson, a 19th century Bishop of Truro. The Albion College choir and Briton Singers will perform choral responses to scriptural lessons. The Albion College Brass Ensemble and Flute Choir will each perform before and after the service.

Thursday

On the last day of classes for the semester, the Albion Film Co-op has its second annual presentation of "It's a Wonderful Life." The 1946 film stars James Stewart and Donna Reed. George Bailey, played by Stewart, contemplates suicide on Christmas Eve and is sent a guardian angel to show how dismal life in his town would be without him.

—Solveiga A. Spalvins

Saturday

The losers of the Friday night games go head to head at 1 p.m. in Kresge Gymnasium, while the winners play in the championship game at 3 p.m. Come cheer on the Brits!



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## No more 'little sisters' for campus fraternities

By Susan K. Mitchell  
News Editor

Little sister organizations are quickly fading from the memories of Albion students.

Currently, Delta Sigma Phi is the only fraternity maintaining an auxiliary organization, but they are no longer accepting new members, according to Kurt Ranka, Grosse Ile junior and Delt Sig little sister chair.

Little sister organizations have disbanded because of campus pressures, Panhellenic disapproval and national rulings by fraternities and sororities, according to Ranka.

"There are good and bad points to the little sister program, and we are getting rid of our program because of the bad points," Ranka said.

James Hardwick, associate director of Campus Programs and Organizations, said their negative aspects outweigh the positive.

"I think many of [the fraternities] started to see the problems with little sister programs," Hardwick said. "I believe that there was an underlying concern that men did not want to support a program that demeaned the

status of women or took a paternalistic view," he said.

Last spring the Delt Sigs renamed their little sister program "Friends of Delta Sigma Phi" in an "attempt to eliminate the derogatory connotations of the word 'little sister,'" Ranka said.

The Nov. 3, 1989 Pleiad reported that most people involved with little sister programs said the programs provided a social outlet that did not always include partying. The article mentions some of the events the little sister organizations sponsored: hay rides, road trips and a comfortable way to socialize with fraternity men.

Mary Agles, Birmingham senior and Panhellenic president, said the Panhellenic Council passed a resolution last spring stating that no sorority can pledge a woman affiliated with an auxiliary organization of a fraternity. This resolution will apply to the upcoming sorority rush, according to Agles.

Little sister programs are "just not needed," Agles said. "It's like we outgrew it somewhere along the way."

Hardwick agrees. "I think it was probably a nice social crutch at the time," he said.

## Toxic pesticides pose grave grape problem: Chavez

By James Campbell  
Staff Writer

Cesar Chavez issued a general call to stop purchasing all table grapes when he spoke to the campus on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Chavez, founder and president of the United Farm Workers of America, is a prominent crusader for the boycotting of California table grapes due to the carcinogenic pesticides used on them.

Table grapes, Chavez explained, are different from wine grapes and raisins in that they must reach the consumer free of bruises, impurities and insects. Some form of management is therefore needed, but according to Chavez, the growers have disregarded the safety of the workers and consumers.

According to the film, "The Wrath of Grapes" which Chavez showed to the audience, "8 million pounds of pesticides used on grapes are known to cause cancer. Some are so toxic they affect the workers weeks after spraying."

The film portrays the grisly effects of pesticides on farm workers, their children and people living around the California grape fields in the San Joaquin Valley. According to the film, more than 300,000 farm workers are poisoned in the United States each year and "grapes are the most dangerous crop."

Because of this phenomenon, Chavez is asking America to join the third boycott of California grapes. The farm workers are not going to make the difference, he said, it is up to the consumers.



Cesar Chavez illustrated the hazards of the grape industry when he spoke here Nov. 27.  
Photo by Jonathan Beeton

The most powerful ally of the farm workers is public action, Chavez said.

"There are more ways than one to vote," he said. "You vote in an election, say, every two years, but you can vote in the marketplace every time you go to the market. If you don't buy the grapes, you are voting, and voting very directly...by not buying the grapes you are sending the growers a message."

The goal of the boycott is not to end the growing of grapes altogether, Chavez said. The boycott is an attempt to find a way to reduce the use of pesticides and make the growers find safer pesticides.

Chavez said there are two things he requests from Americans to help in the boycott: don't buy grapes; and—if you are ambitious—go to your grocery store and ask the manager to remove the advertisements for the grapes from the store.

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# Lee Missler's friends, relatives mourn his death, remember his fun-loving and generous personality

By Susan K. Mitchell  
News Editor

Gerald Lee Missler II, Dundee sophomore, died over the Thanksgiving weekend in an automobile accident. Those who knew him say they will miss his cheerful and giving personality.

"Lee was the big-hearted lion," said LeeAnn Missler, his sister and Albion College junior. "If everything was going wrong, he always made you laugh or look on the bright side of things... Lee in his entire life never got upset."

His roommate agrees. "Lee was always there to take you places and help you out on anything you had a problem with," said Christopher Hull, Albion sophomore.

Lee entered Albion in the fall of 1989 from Dundee High School, where he was an all-conference lineman. At Albion he played offensive lineman.

"I guess Lee really came here [to Albion] for the football," Hull said. "He really liked playing football."

He was supposed to start this year, but he separated his shoulder during training camp... and was

out for the entire season," he said.

Lee was "willing to help anyone at any time," said Peter Schmidt, assistant professor of physical education and football coach. "He was an extremely big-hearted person. Lee always had a big smile on his face," Schmidt said. "Lee had a very positive outlook on life."

Although Lee suffered some unfortunate shoulder injuries that limited him for this year, "he really exhibited a lot of potential for the future," Schmidt said.

"School was very important to Lee," LeeAnn said. After graduation he hoped to open his own automotive repair shop with two high school friends, who are certified mechanics.

He planned to take automotive repair classes after completing his economics degree here. He wanted to take care of the business aspects of his business and let his partners fix most of the cars, LeeAnn said.

Lee was also a member of the Dundee Achievers 4-H club and had been active with the Monroe County 4-H program.

"4-H isn't just a club; it is a family. Lee was definitely a part of it," LeeAnn said.



Gerald Lee Missler II

Lee was very proud to be named grand champion showman at the 1990 Monroe County Fair, LeeAnn said. This award is based on the winner's ability to judge small animals and requires a great deal of memorization.

It is hard to win 4-H competitions in Monroe County, according to LeeAnn. "Our county 4-H is big, the biggest in the state."

Lee did not limit his hard work to football and 4-H.

"We grew up with a lot of chores and a lot of hard work," LeeAnn said. She explained that their family raises a large number of small animals as a hobby and has used these animals in 4-H competitions. At one point they kept over 1,000 guinea pigs, she said.

Lee was also a campus safety officer, and worked the night shift.

"Lee started working for us his freshman year," said Campus Safety Director Michael Sequite. "Matter of fact, we didn't hire many freshmen back then. He was one of the freshmen we hired because he was very responsible, and we felt that he would be a good addition to the department," Sequite said.

"Lee just did his job and got along with everyone really well."

Sequite said he believes Lee joined campus safety because he cared about other students and wished to help them.

Lee showed special dedication to campus safety this semester. While he was working the midnight to 4 a.m. shift, his replacement failed to show. Although Lee had two ex-

ams at 9 and 10 a.m., he worked until 8 a.m. because "that was the way Lee was," LeeAnn said. Despite his need for sleep, he did not want to leave his co-workers short-handed, she said.

Lee's home-town pastor, Gerald Elsholz of the Saint Johns Lutheran Church, spoke at Lee's memorial service Nov. 29 in Goodrich Chapel.

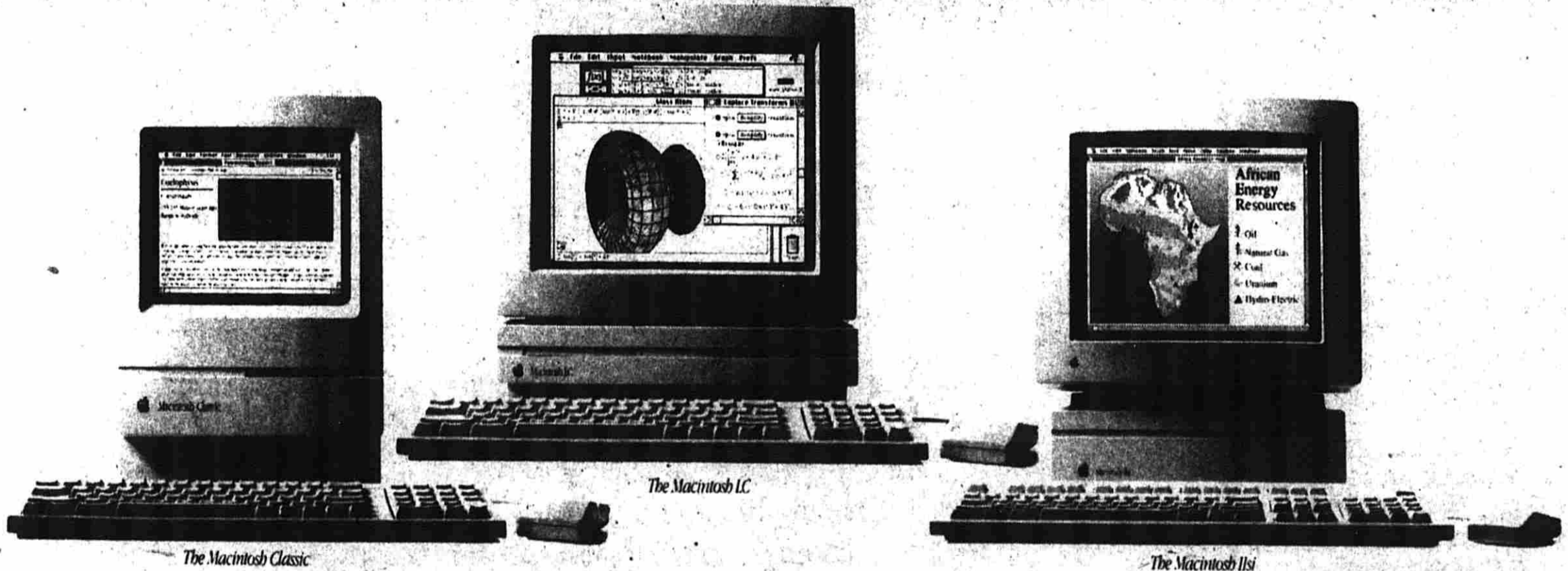
Elsholz said Lee was "always at home" with different types of people. Elsholz later told this reporter that Lee could relate to all types of people: those in high and low social stations and fellow members of football, 4-H and campus safety. Lee's high school peers voted him homecoming king his senior year.

At the service Elsholz said "tonight we gather because we believe Lee is at home with the Lord."

Lee died Nov. 21 near Dundee. The passenger in another car also died, and its driver was treated for minor injuries and released from the hospital, according to LeeAnn.

Lee is survived by his parents; his younger brother, Anthony; and his sister, LeeAnn.

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# Spanish experience valuable to psychology major

## Honors thesis compares American and Spanish social support systems

By Kasey Clark  
Staff Writer

When Krista Oliver, Midland senior, arrived at the home of her host family in Seville, Spain, she found pet pigeons walking around in the kitchen. Her acquaintance with Spanish culture had only just begun.

Oliver, who spent five months off campus last spring, found her experiences in Spain valuable in many ways. She said her cultural experiences were as valuable and interesting as her experiences and work at the Juan Ramon Jimenez University.

**'I learned a lot more participating in the culture than I did from my classes'**

—Krista Oliver

Looking back, Oliver remembers the many differences in every day life. "No one eats breakfast there," she explained. "They eat their big meal at 2:30 or 3 p.m. and then they eat dinner, which is a light meal, at 10 p.m.," she said.

"They also have very extreme weather in Spain. In January the temperatures were in the 30s and 40s, which would be normal except that they don't have central heat," she explained. "We never took our long underwear off."

In the summer, however, temperatures reach 120 degrees making it unbearable outside. "It gets so hot that the streets are deserted during 'siesta.' Everyone stays inside from 3-7 p.m. Store hours revolve around weather and the siesta, and work does too," Oliver said.

According to Oliver, siesta is the time after their 2:30 meal that no one goes outside due to this ex-

treme heat. People do not go back to work until 5 p.m. and return home at 9 p.m.

Oliver found her academic experience unique as well. She took classes in the Center for Cross Cultural Studies, where American students studied Spanish and the Spanish students studied English.

"All the classes were taught in Spanish, which was a big change, but I saw the biggest differences in the professors. I know that the professors at Albion are involved, but it was really different in Spain. They really went out of their way to get to know you. It was more of a companionship; we would even go out with them to have a beer," Oliver explained.

"The work load was not very strenuous, but I learned a lot more participating in the culture than I did from my classes," she said.

Oliver was working on a directed study while she attended the university. The study was a cross-cultural study that she has used as data for her honors thesis in psychology.

"I am writing my thesis on a study that compares American and Spanish children's perceptions of their social support systems and their self concepts: how children view the people in their families and how much support they get," she explained.

Oliver is trying to make a correlation between a child's self concept and the support that a child receives from family members. She said she believes her results will show that a child with a greater amount of support at home will have a higher self concept.

She also hypothesizes that because Spanish families often have extended family members living nearby, Spanish children receive more support from their relatives than do American children.

She tested second and third graders in Spain and also at an elementary school in Marshall.

Two different tests were given. The first was a self concept test which was given to children as a



Krista Oliver, Midland senior, and her host family members decorate Easter eggs; an American tradition she brought to her Spanish friends.

Photo courtesy Krista Oliver

group. The second test was given individually. This test identified persons who gave children support and measured the amount of support the children received in different situations. Oliver is presently completing her analysis.

"I don't know if I have proved my hypothesis or not," she ex-

plained. "I have been working on this project for a long time and it's been a lot of work, but it's also been very exciting."

"I hope to go on to graduate school to earn a Ph.D. in child clinical psychology," Oliver concluded, adding that she hopes this research will help her do just that.

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# Britons' holiday tourney could help escape slump



By John Locy  
Assistant Sports Editor

With three straight losses, the Albion men's basketball team has slipped to a dismal 2-5 record.

Following a tough weekend in Denison, Ohio, the Brits must regroup and prepare for the Albion holiday tournament beginning tonight.

Although the Brits record is poor, it isn't indicative of their performance.

"Our record doesn't show it, but we've been in each and every game," said David Marcinkowski, Royal Oak junior.

Going into the Denison tournament last weekend Albion's two top guns of Marcinkowski and Christopher Conklin, Brighton Junior, were averaging 40 points between them. Marcinkowski averaged 22 ppg and Conklin was averaging 18.

Last Friday against Indiana Southeastern, both players came through by combining for 35 points in a 72-68 loss.

Saturday was a different story. Conklin was held to just two points, 16 below his average. Marcinkowski, on the other hand, filled for only five points and missed a game tying lay-up with two seconds left in another close 74-71 defeat to MIAA rival Olivet.

"The play wasn't called for me," said Marcinkowski. "I got open, caught a pass and laid it up. I really thought it was in."

Three of the five Briton losses have been decided by a total of just nine points.

"In reality we could be 7-0, at least 6-1," said Dave Bogataj, Allen Park senior and student assistant coach. "We lost in OT to Grand Rapids Baptist, two games we should have won at Denison and two at John Carroll. We just have not gotten the breaks we've needed."

The hole left at point guard by Ken George's ('90) graduation has quickly been filled.

Freshman Marcus Wourman, Detroit Southwestern, has played extremely well in Albion's first

seven games.

Although Wourman has played well, the Briton backcourt has not.

Going into the season Albion expected good outside shooting especially from three point range.

Through seven games the Brits have a shot a horrible 23 percent from three point land and 50 percent overall.

"Were taking good shots," said Steve Sheckell, Birmingham junior. "We just not hitting as we should. Our shooting is struggling."

The Brits need to pull it together as they host their annual Holiday tournament this weekend.

The four team field includes Albion, Nazareth College, Tri-State College and Oberlin College.

Albion's first game tips-off at 8 p.m. against Nazareth College at Kresege Gymnasium. The championship game takes place at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

# Eight Britons named to All-MIAA first team

By Matthew Banovic  
Sports Editor

The MIAA Champion Briton Football team placed a league-best eight players on the 1990 All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team. However, neither of the two league most valuable players selected were from Albion, but from third-place Olivet.

The first team offense includes Tackle Arthur "Charcoal" Gray, Grand Rapids junior; Receiver Thomas Hart, Union City senior; Tailback Henry (Hank) Wineman III, Huntington Woods junior; and Kicker Stephen Moffatt, Albion senior, who reached All-MIAA status for the third time.

The all-conference defense includes Backs Lance Coleman, Grand Rapids senior; and James Debardeleben, Saginaw junior; Linemen

William Johansson, Troy senior; and Scott Ammons, Grand Rapids senior who also attained first team honors for the third time in four years.

Lineman Bradley Smiles, Romeo junior; Quarterback Michael Montico, Berkley freshman; and Fullback Brian Dawood, Troy senior, all made second team all-league offense.

Noseguard Gregg Vander Kooi, Holland junior; and William Deery, Rochester senior, were named to the second team defense.

The Britons' Men's soccer team landed two of its' players on the All-MIAA soccer team.

Midfielder Jonathan Pope, Troy senior; and Forward David Cooper, Bloomfield Hills sophomore, are both repeat members on the all-league list.

The Women's soccer team had Forward Michelle LeFlere, Almont senior named to the Women's All-MIAA soccer team.

# MIAA to undergo major changes

Beginning in the spring of 1992, women's golf will become a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association sponsored sport.

This addition, which was established by the league's athletic directors during their fall meeting, will give the MIAA nine league sponsored sports for women.

MIAA sports for men total eight.

No league schools currently have women's golf as an intercollegiate sport.

The MIAA has authorized a post-season men's basketball tournament on an experimental basis for the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons.

The MIAA champion will continue to be determined on the basis of the 12-game regular season, but it is the intent of the conference to have the tournament champion become the league's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Switching the qualifying status to the tournament still needs NCAA approval.

Albert L. Deal, the commissioner of the seven-member MIAA, announced his intention to retire from that post at the conclusion of the current school year. Deal has been commissioner

since 1971. He is only the sixth person to serve as commissioner of the oldest collegiate athletic conference. The MIAA marked its 100th year in 1988.

Under Deal's leadership, the MIAA in 1978-79 combined into a single structure the administration of the men's and women's athletic programs of the member schools. This structure is viewed as a model by college athletic conferences across the nation.

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