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# More than skin deep

# What it's like to be a person of color on a predominantly white campus

#### By Melissa Kelly

When Marvin McNeese arrived at Albion as a transfer student this year, one of the first things he did was join the Black Student Alliance.

"I realized it's the chief socializing opportunity on campus for black students," said McNeese, Winfield, Ill., sophomore.

LaTrisha Lake,
Southfield junior, joined
BSA during her freshman
year. "I joined BSA because
I got to know the people
and they turned out to be a
very good support group for
me," she explained.

"Because of the fact that it's a predominately white campus and there are so few of us, occasionally you need someone to talk to where you have a few things in common, such as culture and background," Lake added.

For most of BSA's 40

members, the story is basically the same—most joined the group as freshmen, shortly after moving in to school.

"I definitely feel like a minority on this campus," Lake said. "In high school I never felt like a minority, because there was a good mixture. I think we made up about 40 percent of the school. But here there's no way you can feel other than [as a minority]."

Many members of BSA said when they visited Albion as prospective students, they were unaware of how few black

students were enrolled here.

"It was a little surprising, because of the propaganda I received," McNeese said. "I had the impression that there were a lot more minority students than there are.

"To be truthful, I thought it was the town that had a lack of diversity," he added. Each of these students said that, while they don't feel Albion has a racist atmosphere, they can all cite incidents when their race has come into play.

McNeese said he first became conscious of the lack of ethnic diversity when he attended the new student convocation on the first day of school.

"During the course of the program, the provost asked people to look around and see the diversity." McNeese said. "I guess when he said that he was talking about the different types of students.

"The first thing that hit my mind was racial diversity, so I stood up and looked around. I didn't see any other black students," he added. "At that point I felt like a minority, and I have ever since."

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Sophomores Ryan Williams, Bryan Williams and Derek Finley listen at the open forum Nov. 2 as President Melvin Vulgamore addresses the Issues raised by James DeBardelaben's arrest.

Photo by Jeffery Voris

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## Revised guidelines improve allocation

#### By Josh Deegan

Over the last few weeks. Student Senate has been focused on the allocation of social tax money to requesting groups.

"The whole process has been revised to give student groups written guidelines, which weren't there in the past," said Elizabeth McGovern, associate director of Campus Programs Organizations.

The allocation process begins with student groups submitting their proposals. Internal Affairs,

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—Joseph Rowley

Student Senate, classifies each item requested according to the guidelines and places them in categories of importance. IA then adds up all proposal

a committee of

requests. This total is subtracted from the set amount Student Senate has for this year's allocation.

This process, which was adopted last year and modified again this semester, forces student groups to submit high quality proposals so senate isn't forced to place a value judgment on student programs. What they do instead is prioritize programs so they are best able to allocate money, McGovern explained.

A student group requesting money from the senate must fulfill certain requirements. Members must first attend a budgeting workshop.

They then submit a proposal. This proposal must be supported with materials that enable IA to see their expenditures. It also has to follow the written guidelines. Finally, the group must have an individual, such as a president or treasurer, who can be held responsible for the group's money.

"They know what they must do to receive funding," said Joseph Rowley, Hudson junior and IA co-chair. "We consider it like writing a grant. With grants you have to be very specific."

IA is also in the process of proposing to the senate an auditing system where students must turn in their receipts for the money they've spent on the student allocation fee.

Through this process a system has been developed that places requests in generic categories. This eliminated value calls on programs, making IA's job easier and less time consuming.

"Before the guidelines it took nearly 30 hours to complete the allocations. With the guidelines it took about seven or eight hours," Rowley said.

Others have been pleased with the new process. Ned Garvin,

> professor and chair of philosophy, w a s particularly happy with the money given to the Philosophical Society. This organization recieved

\$4,730 in the 1992 allocations.

The department had tried for years to gain money through the administration for public speakers. During this time the department had only one speaker. This year the money allocated to the society was enough to bring in four internationally known philosophers.

"Major people with bibliographies as long as your arm. They are known and respected by everyone in the Demands from Albion College Students to the Albion College Administration

The following list of demands was created in response to the student arrest in Baldwin cafeteria on Sunday, October 25, 1992.

I. We demand that the following should be investigated by members of the President's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Student's, the Department of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of the President, and any necessary student representatives. Involved parties should be reprimanded if appropriate.

- A. Student conduct inside of Baldwin.
- B. Powers and privileges of Dining Service staff and justication for their actions.
- C. Philosophy/Logic behind Campus Safety procedures.
- D. The relationship between Campus Safety and the Albion Department of Public Safety.
- II. The following demands are made in an effort to prevent a situation similar to the one that occurred on Oct. 25 fromhappening in the future.
  - A. Review Dining Service policies.
    - 1. Students must be involved in equal representation in the procedure to review the legitimacy of the current Dining Service policies as well any efforts to revise the current policies.
  - 2. Dining Serice policies must be made publicized and visible to all students and staff.
  - Review and if needed modify Campus Safety officer training.
  - Review the College's relationship with Albion Department of the Public Safety and make any necessary
  - D. In light of the fact that there may have been a cultural misunderstanding, the following demands are
    - 1. Establish a Center for Multicultural Affairs and Education. Supply any additional supporting staff that is needed.
    - 2. Establish academic programs specifically concerning studies in diversity and multiculturalism.
    - 3. Create comprehensive programs on diversity for all members of the campus community.
  - E. Create a general Harassment Policy that will cover any form of harassment. Secondary policies should also be put in place for special incidents (i.e. Sexual Harassment, Racist Harassment, etc...).
  - F. Create a policy statement on student dignity or student rights. Students must be involved in this process.
  - Make the above mentioned activities a budgetary priority.

As a group of students, concern for the future of the institution, we state these collected grievances in an effort to restore dignity to the student who was arrested in Baldwin cafeteria.

field," Garvin said. "We were astonished."

IA allocates money where it is needed and has developed a system which is time efficient and effective.

"We found the process that works and we are going to stick with it," Rowley said.

Money as not yet been allocated to the 30 organizations that have applied for funding by the senate deadline this semester—the same number as last spring.

Senate allocated \$88,782 in last year's allocations, \$38,610 of this went to Union Board.

Amoung the groups receiving the next highest amount of money where: Lecture Concert Series -\$6,700, Break the Silence-\$6,243 and SEARCH— \$6,028.

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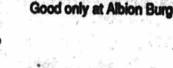
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## Literacy Awareness Week tries to educate community

Promoting literacy here in the Albion community is the focus of the annual Literacy Awareness Week beginning tomorrow.

Events include: Children's Reading Day from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Albion Public Library; The movie "Stanley & Iris" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Bobbit Auditorium; A panel discussion with Mary Tonye, director of Calhoun County Literacy Council and Lynne Blake, an adult who recently learned to read.

For additional information contact Julie Stone at ext. 1485.

## Leadership Advance program held tomorrow in I-House

Campus Programs and Organizations and Omicron Delta Kappa are sponsoring an annual Leadership Advance and Ewbank Lecture in the International House Lounge tomorrow. The lecture, by Jean Eder, is titled "Empowering Yourself: Making a Difference In Your Community." The lecture will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students can sign up until 2 p.m. today in the CPO office.

## Suzi Landolphi to speak on "Hot, Sexy, and Safer"

Suzi Landolphi, a nationally known speaker and entertainer will present her program at 8 p.m. Sunday in Norris 101. Landolphi's program, "Hot, Sexy, and Safer," is an entertaining look at sex and gender issues facing campuses and communities nationwide. According to Landolphi, she is not a lecturer—her program involves humor, drama, and audience participation.

Landolphi's visit is sponsored by Break the Silence, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.

## Students to present choral pieces in concert tomorrow

The members of the Albion College chair will present independently chosen pieces in a concert tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Goodrich Chapel.

Each member of the choir will perform in at least one ensemble. Several students chose to head ensembles, which includes choosing the piece of music to be performed, selecting other members to sing in the ensemble, and conducting the piece at the concert. Directors and their ensembles include "Project Jazz" by Brian McCarley, Noblesville, Ind., junior; "Albion Women's Ensemble" by Holly Bringman, Traverse City freshman; "Vocal Variety" by Ronald Weiler, Traverse City sophomore; and "Jay and Ron Extraordinaire" by Jay Schwandt, Pigeon sophomore.

#### British Eighth performs tonight

The last performance of the 1992 season will begin at 8 p.m. tonight in Goodrich Chapel. The concert will consist of different selections chosen from half-time shows performed during the 1992 football season.

## Clean-up involves students

by Patti J. Eastman

Old toilets, rusted tire rims, broken umbrellas, children's toys, old paint cans and torn mattresses littered the side of D drive South, off of M 99 near the cemetery outside Albion, until 30 people cared enough to clean up the mess.

The clean-up program was initiated by Toti Larson, Dearborn senior; Tamara Crupi, director of the Whitehouse Nature Center and Larry Taylor, professor of geology.

Larson stumbled across this dump sight in his freshman year when he was riding his bike, yet

it wasn't until now that something was actually done about it.

"It just kind of snow-balled," Larson said. "It started off with just a few people coming out here. Now we have the Rotary Club, Starr

Commonwealth Schools, and the Albion Public Schools involved."

Other service organizations involved in the clean up included the Geology Club, the Ecological Awareness Club, Sigma Chi, Rotary Club, and Albion Public Schools.

Lee Williams, director of campus programs and organizations, said this clean-up effort was part of the "Into the Streets" program, a national program aimed at involving college students in community projects.

"We really hope the focus is on how disgusting this is," Crupi said. "And we hope cleaning this up will help prevent people from dumping here again, but we've done clean-up before, and they've just dumped again."

Crupi said her main concern is the continued use of this land as a dumping ground. "The permanent solution is education, and providing a place where [people] can put this stuff," she said.

It was Taylor who got the Albion Public Schools involved. 
"I've known about his [dumping area] for about four or five years.

But it was Toti's idea to get the college involved in the cleanup," Taylor said. He said the Rotary Club has been involved in many different community service projects: such as a river clean-up, planting trees, and other Albion area clean-up projects.

"I hunt, so I see a lot of this," said James Davis, Albion High School senior. "You just get tired of seeing it."

"We have a student [from our school] that lives on this road, and he was very concerned about it," said Danialle Strope, another Albion High School senior involved in the clean-up.

example [of the effects], "said Jen Condon, Bloomfield Hills sophomore and member of the Ecological Club and clean-up crew.

John Harden, a concerned citizen and member of the Rotary Club, was ready to help clean-up the mess. "I was just concerned about all the trash. I live on a country road myself where [people] dump their trash. When I heard about this, I wanted to help," Harden said.

Ken Ponds, chaplain at Starr Commonwealth Schools and Rotary Club president heard about the project through the Rotary Club. "You see more and more

> dumping along the side of the road. People don't know what to do with their trash," Ponds said. "If the mandatory pick-up goes through in Albion, it will help, but we need a county-

"Students were approaching me about this," said Wes Dick, professor of history, who teaches Environmental History and advises the Eco Club.

wide pick-up service." Ponds said he agrees that educating people and providing a place to dump trash both need to be done in Albion.

"There is a recycling place in Albion," Ponds said. "We need to encourage people to recycle. [The recycling center] will take all kinds of things like bottles, plastics, and cans."

If you would like to get involved please contact Tamara Crupi at 629-2030.



Students also went "Into the Streets" Thursday for community service projects around Albion.

Photo by Johnsthan Beeton

"It's shocking, but it reflects ignorance as well as poverty. It is something that destroys the land."

"Toti was telling me about "There is a Albion," Pond encourage peo recycling center of things like to

Albion having no mandatory garbage pick-up. Then he showed me this sight as an

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## BSA strives to boost minority enrollment

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"There was no diversity," said James DeBardelaben, Saginaw senior. "The only black kids I met on my visit were all football players. There's a lack of cultural diversity."

DeBardelaben cited his desire to play football as classes wondering one of his main reasons for deciding to come to Albion.

Lake said if she had realized how few minority students there are at Albion, she might have decided to go to another school.

"I can't honestly say that I would have come here if I had had a clearer picture," she said. "I'm almost positive I would have gone somewhere with more here. black people."

Lake said Albion's good academic reputation played a part in her decision to stay once she got here. "Overall Albion is good for academics, but the social life is ridiculous, and I say that with utmost honesty."

"I think there's a lot of racism in this world, and this campus is a microcosm of society, and therefore you can read into that what you like," DeBardelaben said.

"I find myself becoming increasingly angry, not so much at the students on this campus, but at the culture within which they were raised," McNeese said. "I know they probably don't have anything against me or any other black students, but because of the way they students."

Lake said classes are often a source of racial tension. "I've never felt any specific tension from my professors," she said. "However, I have felt tension in general in the classes.

"Maybe it's just because I'm overly sensitive, but it feels like when I walk into a room, everybody looks up and registers that I'm there and that I'm black, instead of the normal, 'Oh there's so-and-so,'" she added.

DeBardelaben agreed. "I don't think I've ever experienced a situation where a professor said something or did something to me that was bla-

tantly racist, but I think a lot of professors are very race conscious. It's funny that they have to do that, but we appreciate it," he said.

**Tungia Morris** 

McNeese, the only black student currently enrolled in the honors program, said that many of the professors he met at the new student convocation greeted him by saying, "I can't wait to get you in my class."

"It made me feel like a guinea pig, like maybe they

selves out on my black mind or something," he said. "I find myself going into whether this was one of those professors that couldn't wait to get me into class.

"But I try not to think about that," he

added. "I try not to be racist. I just try to enjoy my time

BSA members are now working to recruit more minority students and are looking at plans to host a minority recruitment day, but they say bringing minority students to Albion is not always easy.

"If you want to attract more minority students you have to give them something other than a good education, because they could get a good education at Howard," DeBardelaben said. "You have to sit down and think what is the formula for getting more black

Derek Finley, Belleville sophomore, agreed. "I think we need more black faculty members," he said. "I think they should keep trying to get more minority were raised, they feel uncomfortable around black students on this campus through financial aid and any

other things that are possible." According to Tungia Morris, Chicago, Ill., senior and BSA president, BSA has been working with the administration on a program to help bring black alumni onto campus. Another cause for concern among members of BSA is the admissions

"Overall it's a nice video," Lake said. "However, I feel that it's a very white video. And I'm not just referring to blacks when I say that-I'm referring to the Asians, Native Americans, Latinos. Although, when it comes down to it, the video does represent the campus very well."

DeBardelaben said he is often referred to as "Joe Minority" by other BSA members, because he is the

only black student in the admissions video. "I told the people last year in admissions that the video really needs to be changed because I'm the only black kid you see in it.

"All the black kids that come to campus say, 'That was you, I saw you in the video. You were the only one I saw, but it was you," he added.

Members of BSA are also looking into founding a



From left to right: Shelly McDonald, Tungia Morris, Thomas Brown, Derek Finley and Marvin McNeese discuss a variety of issues with other BSA members every Tuesday night. Photo by Jonathan Beeton

black sorority or fraternity at Albion.

LaTachia Murray, Southfield junior and BSA vice president, is a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs, which has been looking at the option of installing a black sorority or fraternity.

"We've been throwing around ideas as far as getting more minority support groups on campus," she said.

"That's very important, not only as a social activity, but I believe also that it would help in getting people here," Lake

"Anyone who says our getting an all-black sorority or fraternity would isolate us is just full of it," DeBardelaben said. According to DeBardelaben, only five to seven people are

needed to found a chapter of an historically black fraternity or sorority on a campus. He said he thinks about 40 black students on campus would be interested in founding a Greek chapter

DeBardelaben also said he thinks more support groups for minorities should be established.

"In the situation that we find ourselves in, in a white world and on a super-white campus like Albion, you need BSA," he said. "You need a group like ours when real issues come up, because for a black student to go to this school without a group like ours, they wouldn't make it."

BSA members also hope to expand their influence on campus. "I see us expanding right now into a large voice on campus, trying to get involved with Student Senate and becoming more visible on campus," Murray said.

"For people who say BSA is radical, to have a voice and to want to have it be heard is not what I consider radical," DeBardelaben said. "I think that's intelligent. There's no sense in having a voice if you won't use it.

"Radical can be taken in a lot of ways," he added. "To say our group is a radical group because we want more black professors is crazy. We're not getting the same education as everyone else."

DeBardelaben said he thinks hiring more black faculty is important to the campus in general.

"How can you teach a class on the welfare system if you're a white, middle-class male that's never seen it? How can you teach a class on modern China if you just read about it in a book? Get a Chinese person in here to teach it," he said. "It's like having a gym teacher teach political science."

Lake agreed. "They need to increase the minority staff and

## Asian Awareness Group helps East meet West

By Cara Schinkel

During the recent sit-in and campus forum, members of one group, Asian Awareness, have been vocal in expressing their perspective on minority life at Albion. The Pleiad recently interviewed several members to find out more about what the group does for the Asian Americans on campus.

"Our constitution states that we are generally a forum for the bantering about of ideas that concern or are important to those people who are members of or interested in the Asian

community," said member and founder Charles Yun, Grosse Point Farms senior.

The group is made up of 95 percent Asian Americans The other 5 percent are either interested in Asia or are friends of the current members. The group was formed to educate Albion about Asian-Americans on campus and their different cultures: Quite a few of the members also said they regard it as a type of support

group for Asian students. "This campus tries to be aware of the difficulties we [as Asians] face, superficially," said Shelly McDonald, Albion junior. "They've begun trying through groups such as the President's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs and the Black Student Alliance. What I think they should do is recruit more Asian students, more Asian administrators and provide some Asian literature in the library."

As a support group, Asian Awareness is always there for the various members when they need to talk about certain aspects of being a minority on campus. A few members don't

feel as if they are treated as minorities, while others have been victims of prejudice and harassment.

"You never know if someone looks at you and looks again if it's because you're not white or if your fly is open," Yun said. "It gets nerve-wracking, but you learn to live with it."

"I feel very smothered [on campus]," McDonald said. "The campus needs more Asian students. At least through Asian Awareness, we have a voice on campus."

Others were more positive. Joanne Kim, Korea sophomore, was born in the United States and then moved to Korea at age four. She was recruited at her high school in Korea by Richard Robyn, associate dean of admissions and director of the Center for International Learning and Off-Campus Programs. She lived in Korea until last year when she came to Albion.

"I personally feel culturally comfortable here," Kim said. "I don't know about everyone else because there are a lot of racist incidents on campus."

There are representatives from many of the different countries and nationalities in Asia in the group. There are members from Korea, Japan, China, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Vietnam and Sri Lanka. There is also at least one member from each of the different major provinces in India.

"I feel stifled in the way if I wanted to learn anything new, [Albion] doesn't have the popu-

lation of Asian people that I can go to," Yun said. "There also isn't an Asian grocery store here. At home I could find anything I needed to cook anything I wanted. Here I have to drive somewhere. You just can't eat what you want."

To many Asian students, Albion is represented on both sides of the spectrum when it comes to culturally open-minded individuals. Several Asian Americans said there are those who are open-minded and there are those who aren't. Usually, the consensus was that those who aren't are polite enough not to voice their opinions in front of the students. Some of the Asian students said they can usually tell who is

just being polite and who is generally interested.

Asian Awareness does more than just offer support for the Asian students. This year will be the fourth year of the annual Lunar New Year's Dinner which takes place every spring. Various speakers come to campus each year also.

Two speakers will be here this month who will be speaking on the Vincent Chin trials. Vincent Chin was killed in June 1982 by Ronald Ebens, a supervisor at Chrysler Motors. Ebens was first sentenced to 25 years in prison but then was acquitted by an appeals court. He and his accomplice, Michael Nitz, also an auto worker, were fined \$3780 each for violating Chin's civil rights, and neither spent a day behind

The speakers are lawyers that were involved in the trials and

happened to be part of that process that formed a group called the American's Citizens for Justice. Asian Awareness will also be involved with the National Collegiate Leadership Conference on the Diversity Week project in late February.

Tia King, Saginaw freshman, said she feels the group is a good representation of the 5 percent of students who are Asian at Albion. "It is a wonderful support group, but we need more activities to let the campus know we are here," she said.

"It is hard to recruit new members to a group like this," Yun said. "Once they know that it's

there, they'll go. They've spent most of their lives trying to adapt, trying to mainline themselves to a culture, and now we are asking them to step out."



-Shelly McDonald

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Asian-American Students 1992 entering class: 14 (3%) Year 1993 1994 1995 1996 1994 22 4.4% 25 5% 20 4% Number Percent Information from the office of the registrar

faculty, and not just with the intention of a semester here and a semester there, but with the intention of giving tenure," she said.

Morris said she likes the changes she has seen so far. "The campus is moving in the right direction," she said. "Changes have been made that should have been made a long time ago. Things are happening, but there's still a long way to go before it's perfect.

"Maybe perfect is too high for this campus," she added, "but to reach an ideal where minority students would be able to stay on this campus and feel comfortable."



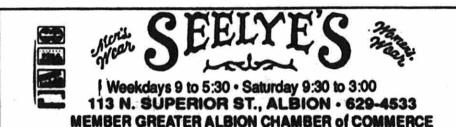
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Albion's mostly white, Christian and upper-middle class environment is perceived by many here as a difficult place for ethnic and cultural diversity to exist. Many believe that more integrated environments such as the University of Michigan are more conducive to a diverse, liberal arts education.

The responses by members of the Black Student Alliance and Asian Awareness Group in this week's articles certainly support this general perception.

In spite of Albion's undiverse environment, there are a number of people on campus who see enough potential for improvement to remain here working for change.

Members of BSA and Asian Awareness, the people involved in Atmosphere and the President's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs see enough promise in Albion's community to work on improving it.

The implications of their involvement are far reaching, especially when we admit that America is still not as open to diversity as the University of Michigan.

When we realize that the American work place and business world may be as poorly integrated as Albion, our challenge to improve the racial climate on campus is even greater.

We believe the problems Albion students face here, no matter what race or culture they are from, are very similar to the problems we will face in the outside world.

If we can learn to alleviate these problems in this much smaller environment, we will be one step closer to alleviating these problems in the larger society.

Despite the situation on campus, our discussion of racial and ethnic problems has been both open and advanced.

In this discussion, we have realized that diversity means more than recruiting minorities. It means educating every member of our college community about cultural differences; it means creating an environment where minorities and non-minorities are accepted and respected; and it means having a curriculum that encompasses ethnic diversity but still leaves room for the open discussion of issues.

Because Albion is behind the times in achieving a community more tolerant of diversity, we can learn by the mistakes other schools have made and find the best possible solution to our problem.

It may not be less discouraging to know that the situation we face at Albion is far from being unique. But it should motivate all of us to try and solve Albion's social problems.

As President Melvin Vulgamore said at the Oct. 2 open forum:

"The country is stretched very thin. The unfinished agenda of this country is to bring us back together again to discuss racial diversity." He added that opening our country to racial diversity is the biggest challenge of democracy.

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

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#### **Letters:**

#### Holbrook: Satiric Top Ten list still offensive?

To the Editor:

The defense of Carrie Dibble, Ann Arbor senior, in last week's "as we see it" editorial suggests that Dibble's Top Ten lists in the last two issues were meant to be satirical, and asserts that the Top Ten lists are afforded no special status in terms of inclusion or placement based on their content. In fact, "as we see it" seems to imply that not including these lists would constitute censorship.

It is important to distinguish between satirical material and the expression of convictions on the one hand, and the manifestation of retaliation through the editor's (Dibble's) use of material and layout on the other.

Satire, as defined by several dictionaries, includes work in which irony, derision or wit is used to expose folly. My own reading of Dibble's "Top Ten Ways to Catch Your Man" list was that it was a poor though earnest attempt at satire. My reading of her second "Top Ten" list cannot be so kind: its deliberate juxtaposition with Lisa Evans's, Livonia junior letter protesting the earlier list is not satirical, but mean-spirited vengeance.

I am particulary concerned that, because the offensive material was about women, Dibble may have considered her actions as acceptable. Supposing the original "Top Ten" list had contained stereotypical comments about African-Americans, Jews or AIDS victims?

Would Dibble have even considered writing a

second such Top Ten list placing it directly under a letter of protest? Indeed, would she have considered writing such a "Top Ten" list in the first place? And would the editorial staff of The Pleiad have felt equally inclined, under such circumstances, to claim that the work was satirical? Would they have judged it appropriate for this editor to ignore the consequences of printing her own opinion, heedless of the sensibilities of the group she was slurring?

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Finally, would members of any cultural, religious or ethnic group be required to consider insults as satire or risk being derided as humorless? If such treatment would be unacceptable for other groups, why must women be a special case?

I would also like to apologize for including false information about the number of letters received in protest of Dibble's Oct. 23 Top Ten list. Although I was assured that several letters had been sent, I have checked with those who claimed authorship.

Most of these letters were indeed not sent to the Pleiad at all. At least one was misdirected by the author to the advisor of The Pleiad rather than the editor. This does not change the fact that Dibble showed contempt for Evans's opinion, and that the manifestation of this contempt within the format which was Dibble's responsibility and under her control was unethical.

Jennifer Holbrook assistant professor of psychology

### Top 10 Ways to Survive a Weekend at Albion: by Carrie Dibble

10. Cow tipping,

9. Find out where your prof lives and see how much money he or she really makes.

8. Go to a fraternity formal.

- 7. Plan an outfit for your Sunday service.
- Come up with new, sneaky ways to "steal" the food that you have already paid for from Baldwin.

5. Watch the grass grow.

- Blow into beer bottles and play name that tune while removing your friend's toe jam.
- Take a walk on the wild side; don't wear a white, lace collar underneath your Greek sweatshirt
- 2. Prepare your man his favorite dish, and throw in your own spices.

1. Go to Ann Arbor.

## Quotation of the week:

"What is it about the student culture at Albion that makes people so casual about intellectual work?"

Glenn Perusek, assistant of political science

#### Correction:

The photo on Friday's sports page was taken by Jeffrey Voris, Rivers Junction sophomore and photographer for the Albionian.

### **Opinions**

#### More Letters...

### DeBardelaben's version questioned

To: Editors of the Pleiad and Campus Community Hurray!! We have a "celebrity" on campus. This

Hurray!! We have a "celebrity" on campus. This great "celebrity" is noted for his courage, leader-ship, etc., pp

because he chose to be vulgar and verbally abusive when asked to leave dining services where rules and policies outlined by Albion College staff have existed for some years now.

Our "celebrity" is a senior! Someone who should be quite familiar with rules and policies.

It would appear that this "celebrity" has some past experiences in side-stepping rules, yet according to coverage by the media he is certainly the "hero" of the day!!

This letter is prompted to support all the really "bad guys" at dining services and Campus Safety. From management to the employees of dining service, campus safety, maintance, department, grounds, custodians, etc., we strive to do the best job that we can do for the students. Sometimes problems arise for one reason or another, and usually these problems, whatever they may be, can and are resolved, most often by the head of the department The first and upper-most concern is the student.

This particular "happening" at Baldwin Hall is not the fault of the people in charge trying to do their job. That's the bottom line and now because these

folks were following rules drawn by the College staff they are being subjected to vulgarity and ridicule. Shame! Shame!

We know some members of the campus community had questions as to the whole story e=relating to these incidents. Some dining service employees were told not to discuss this incident. Silence in this particular case has not been "golden!" It merely let wounds fester and just caused additional stress and tension on all employees in the departments.

We haven't talked with those students involved in the sit-in or the forum but obviously they were not asked to be silent on this issue. Good message sent on human rights here!!

We think this has to be said in regard to operations anywhere of any kind.

Lastly, to our "hero," you too will be asked to enforce rules and policies whether it be your own company or someone else's. What will you do?? Throw out policies that have been established for the most efficiency and good for all concerned?? Perhaps you should give this some thought or maybe you would prefer to have rules and policies made up as we go along. That should make for a nice chaotic state of affairs.

GMP Local 120B, Dining and Hospitality Services and Physical Plant, Judy Deyoe, Sandy Carter, Sandy Smith, Wand McIntosh, Bruce Moore



#### Intruders need exposure

To the Editor:

I am greatly concerned about stories that surfaced during the past week about some rather unsavory situations on campus. Several students have been talking about male trespassers found hiding in dorm rooms and in women's dormitory bathrooms. Another rumor is circulating about a man who has attempted to expose himself to female students on campus.

While these stories in and of themselves don't really surprise me that much, I am disturbed by the possibility that such events may have transpired without the student body being properly warned after the first incident. None of the students I have spoken with was directly involved in the incidents nor do they seem to know if Campus Safety was called or what their response was if they were called. However, if problems like these exist, students need to be informed immediately and warned about how to handle such potentially dangerous situations. Sometimes we don't realize that by changing minor details in our routines or our demeanors we can discourage these types of things from happening to us. From my personal experience at a similar undergraduate institution, I believe it is much more important to keep the students aware of potentially suspicious people as well as possibly threatening situations rather then keeping silent in order to maintain the school's reputation.

Does anyone know anything about this?

Pamela McNab Wilson, assistant professor of Spanish

#### Perusek criticizes student study habits

To the Editor:

I have completed an informal survey of student study habits. The astounding result: Albion students spend about 12-15 hours per week studying. That means the "job" of being a student is pursued as a part-time endeavor—about 25 hours a week when class attendance is included.

It strikes me that a minimum of 40 hours per week of studying (in addition to class attendance time) is necessary to prepare for post-graduate work (law school, medical school, graduate school). And for real success more like 50.

What is it about the student culture at Albion that makes people so casual about intellectual work?

Glenn Perusek, assitant professor of political science

#### Asian Awarenes supports Debardelaben

To the Editor:

After reviewing the facts and circumstances regarding the arrest of Mr. DeBardelaben, we, members of the Asian Awareness Group, feel that a statement is necessary. But first, we support the BSA in their actions and commend them on how they dealt with and handled the incident.

Our position is as follows:

- 1. We do not approve that our fellow students can be arrested. We, in fact, condemn it.
- 2. In our opinion, this incident is primarily a student's well. rights issue interwoven with racial overtones.
- 3. We also find that the underlying causes are systemic in nature. Specifically, we have these questions:
- a. If students pay for food, then why can they not take food out? And if the college's response is profit-oriented in nature, then the profit structure of dining services's policies must be subject to review. It is our opinion, if the school continues to grow through the adoption of diversity, then the absenteeism-for-profit policy will not be able to

handle the increase. This essentially translates into a lowering in the quality of students' lives.

b. The situation could have been defused very easily up until the arrest. Why wasn't it? We find fault in the policies of Campus Safety as well. The officers could have spoken with DeBardelaben but chose not to. Do they not have the authority? The assistant director could have intervened and offered dining service to watch him eat the sandwich and then leave. Does she not have the authority? Perhaps a review of the command/decision-making structure (i.e. power structure) of campus safety is in order as well.

We feel these are valid concerns and hope that the administration responds to the aforementioned points with expediency and great dispatch. We also hope that the matter will be resolved so as to make lasting real change.

The AAG is open to anyone of any race, creed or color. We condemn all forms of behavior that present impasses to the establishment of an equitable living and learning environment.

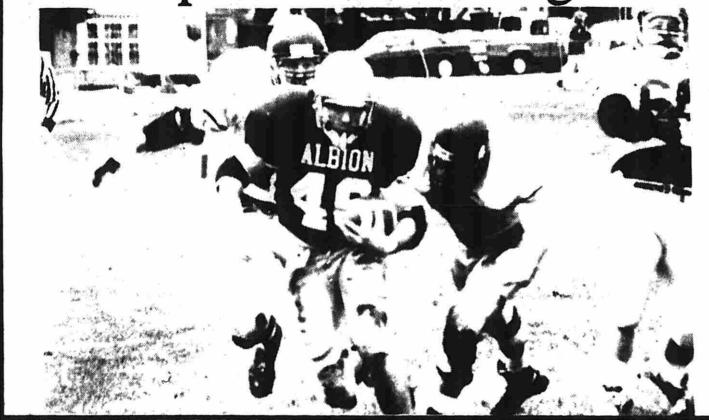
The members of the Asian Awareness Group

## Union Board Presents

Keith Glisser & The Bird Comedian

Wed. Nov. 18th @ 9:00 pm In Upper Baldwin

### Brits capture fourth straight title



Albion claimed its fourth consecutive MIAA crown Saturday, by defeating Alma 31-7. The Britons were led on offense by record-breaker Mike Montico, Berkley junior, who completed 14 passes for 191 yards and one touchdown. Over the past four years, the Britons have posted the best overall record of any college football team in the state of Michigan. Above: Todd Morris, Highland sophomore, tears through Alma's defensive secondary.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

#### **Final** MIAA Standings Football

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#### Intramural All-Sports Standings

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#### Eye on the Britons

Last week's top performers:

Name: Mike Montico **Sport:** Football Postion: Quarterback Class: Junior Hometown: Berkley

Name: Susie Schulz Sport: Volleyball Position: Outside Hitter Class: Junior Hometown: Battle Creek



 Montico broke three school records in Saturday's victory over Alma. He now holds career marks for most touchdown passes, 40, and completions, 334. Montico passed the old record for completions in a season with his 122.



 Schulz was the only player on this year's volleyball squad to be recognized by the MIAA conference. She was named second team all-MIAA for the 1992 season.

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