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Alternative living

Students describe Burns Street, Goodrich Club and Dean Hall as valuable housing options

By Nicole Bondl

Leslie Anderson, Owosso junior, and LeeAnn Missler, Dundee senior, lived in Seaton Hall last year. Hallmates played loud music at all hours of the day, and the thin walls meant that Anderson and Missler heard every noise from neighboring rooms.

But the final straw came one day when Missler was on her bed studying and heard a typical rattling coming from the vent. She barely gave the familiar noise a second thought until seconds later when she looked down and saw a cat crawling around on her bed.

The cat had come through the vent and landed on Missler's bed.

"I had fun in the dorms," Missler said, "but enough is enough."

So when Anderson and Missler began looking into their housing options for this year, they decided to give Burns Street a try.

"I love it out here," Missler said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

And according to Amanda Fisher, Holt junior, Burns Street is "a nice alternative" to dormitory life.

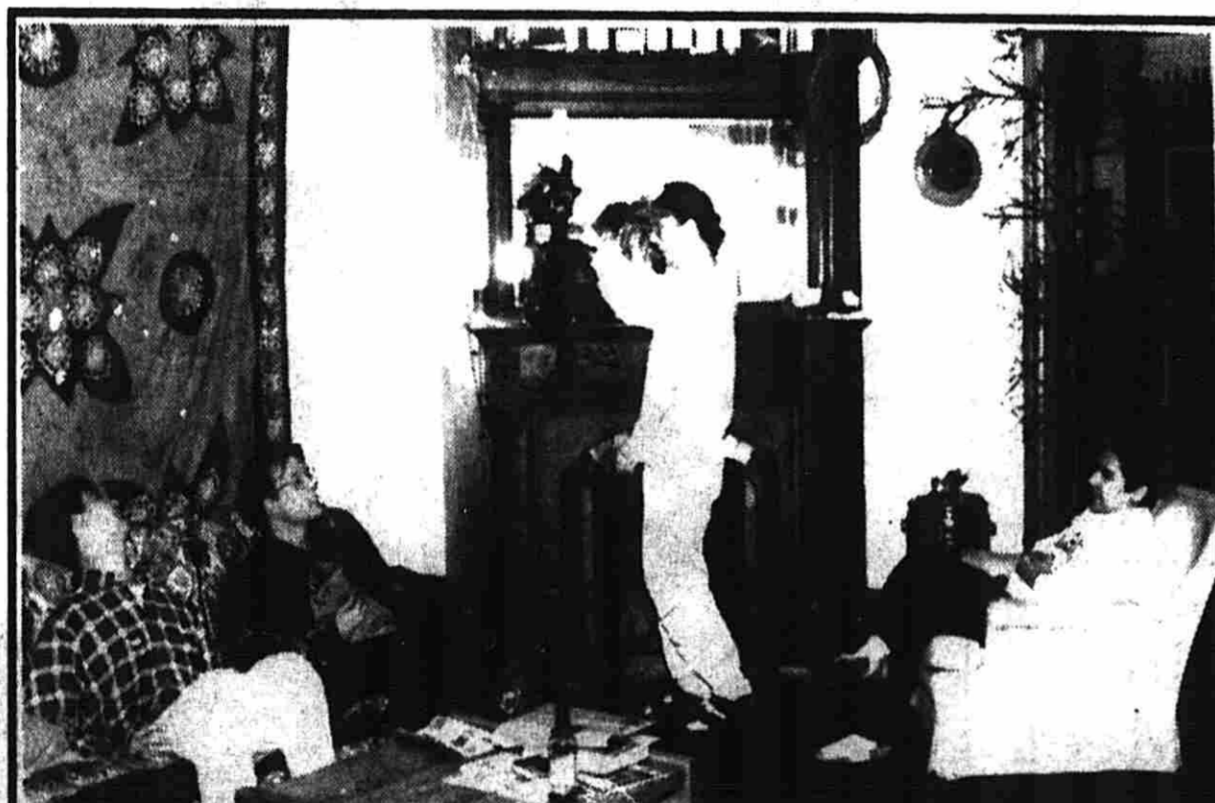
Most residents said that cooking their own meals is a definite advantage to Burns Street.

"I think I'm saving so much



Angle Breithaupt (front) and Carrie Hensel share house responsibilities as residents of Dean Hall.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton



From left to right: Mark Lewis, Thomas Barr, Christopher Eggert and Richard Pickens relax in the living room of the Goodrich Club.

money as far as Baldwin is concerned," Fisher said. She said she rarely ate in Baldwin last year, and, although she misses the social aspects of Baldwin, now she can invite friends over for dinner at her apartment.

Cooking her own meals also helped Missler realize the types of dishes and utensils she needed to acquire.

"[Living at Burns Street] makes you more aware of the little things you use and need that you never think about," she said, adding that it's "just like moving out on your

own."

"I'm really quite prepared now to live on my own," Fisher agreed.

The eight smaller efficiency apartments and 13 full-sized apartments at Burns Street were built by the college in 1959 for married students and are "a place where students can learn to live independently before leaving [school]," according to Anna Acerra, associate director of Residential Life.

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Suzi Landolphi discussed sex, AIDS and gender relations Sunday; page 3. One student's reaction to the lecture, page 5.

Student artists show their work Friday in the first annual 'Celebration of the Arts.' Pictures of artists and their work, page 11.

South Africa Night forum focuses on the college's relations with South Africa and personal experiences in the country, page 8.

Eco Club president criticizes campus recycling

By Matthew Davis

Recyclables piled high are waiting to be collected throughout the dormitories on campus. This is Albion College's new recycling program.

"As I see it, nobody is against recycling," said Lori Burrus, president of the Ecological Awareness Club. "It's just a matter of finding the proper venues for action to be taken."

"One recycling program which encompasses the whole campus, under one committee, would prove to be much more efficient, and I feel it's

important for the campus to work as a whole to create a sustainable community," Burrus added.

Albion College does not have a separate committee to manage the recycling program, according to Burrus. Instead, she said, recycling bins are now distributed with a responsibility placed on the building supervisors, department heads or organizations.

"It shouldn't be that hard, but nobody's willing to work for implementing a total campus recycling program," Burrus said.

Last fall the Eco Club started a recycling program, placing bins for glass, plastic and paper in Whitehouse, Twin and Seaton Halls.

According to Burrus, after Christmas break the Club came back to find that Residential Hall Association decided to take over the

program without warning and without asking.

"The bins in my common area haven't been emptied, not once," said a Whitehouse resident who asked not to be identified. "The

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-Lori Burrus

same Evian water bottle is still there since the first day of school."

The need for a comprehensive recycling program in Albion is now a pressing issue. Each day, Americans toss out almost half a million tons of trash.

According to John Javna, author of "50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth," that adds up to 154 million tons of

garbage every year—"enough to fill the New Orleans Superdome from top to bottom twice a day, every day."

Recycling offers communities the opportunity to trim their waste disposal needs and thereby reduce disposal costs, while helping out the environment.

Recycling metals, paper, glass and plastics lessens the necessity for landfills.

Burrus has proposed a factor in the solution for campus wide recycling. The Coca-Cola company will offer any campus free recycling bins upon request. "Even though this doesn't solve the chaotic mess of management, it is a start," Burrus said.

The Eco Club is willing to work with anybody in regards to recycling. According to the club, there is certainly a need to solve the college's recycling problems, and determining who is responsible for the collection of the recyclables.

According to Tamara Crupi, director of the Whitehouse Nature Center, one solution has to do with Albion College's contract with BFI Trash Disposal for all

of the college's removal of trash. Like the Coca-Cola Company, BFI offers an extensive recycling program that provides not only bins, but also a pick up service for the college's recyclables.

"All the administration would have to do would be to tell BFI, with a contract

stipulating that the college wants the recycling bins, pick-up service included, and the company would be obligated by law to do so," Crupi said.

According to Crupi, one centralized committee would benefit this new program.



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Newsbriefs

Celebrity item auction in Kresge tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Tomorrow in Kresge Commons, Committee on South Africa is sponsoring a celebrity auction at 2 p.m. Celebrities have donated some of their autographed compact discs or photographs for enthusiasts to purchase through this auction. Items from Jimmy Buffett, Billy Joel, Peter Gabriel, They Might Be Giants and R.E.M. will belong to the highest bidder. The items are on exhibition in the library for interested students to see. The college has donated some obsolete computers that will also be auctioned. Additionally, there will be South African jewelry for sale. Students are also encouraged to sign up for Skip a meal so the money can be donated to this movement. The money will sponsor non-white South African students to attend an open university in South Africa. Support C.O.S.A. to sponsor a South African student and own a piece of celebrity memorabilia in the process.

Pops Concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Baldwin

The Albion College music department is presenting a pops concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Upper Baldwin Hall. The orchestra will be directed by Phillip Mason, professor of music, and John Blakemore, assistant professor of music and director of bands, will direct the jazz band. The public is encouraged to attend this concert for an evening of pop favorites.

Albion's festivities for Christmas begin Dec. 1

Festivities for the Christmas season will begin on campus with the Annual Lighting of the Quadrangle Christmas tree on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 5:30 p.m. In downtown Albion, the mayor will preside over the Street Lighting on the corner of Erie and Superior Streets at 6 p.m. The evening will close with the Albion Christmas parade at 6:45 p.m. For additional information contact Dan McLean, ext. 1891.

Quale presents newest book to Albion Library

G. Robina Quale, professor emerita of history, recently presented her newest book, "Families in Context: A World History of Population," to the director of the Albion Public Library. The book describes family and society as interacting with diseases, resources and current technologies. Quale taught at Albion for 35 years and devoted much of her time to researching marriage, family and child rearing patterns. These studies have resulted in the publication of "Families in Context: A World History of Population," and two other books about the family. Her first book, "Eastern Civilization," published in 1966 is in its second edition. Her latest book has also been presented to the Albion College Library.

Landolphi discusses sex

By Bryan Bonnett

Albion College was host to a comedienne Sunday whose unique humor helped to shed light on an important social topic of our times: sex.

The comedienne, Suzi Landolphi, used the power of laughter to discuss the need for sexual awareness and safe sex. Two years ago she learned her brother was HIV positive.

Landolphi said when it comes to the AIDS epidemic, our society has been taught that the people truly at risk are those who are members of the four high risk groups: gay men, bisexual men, intravenous drug users and those who have received blood transfusions (usually before 1985 when blood was not tested for the AIDS virus). But Landolphi said these categories are misleading.

"It's never been risk groups, it's always been risky activity," Landolphi said.

To illustrate this point of who is truly at risk, she gave an example of two different individuals. The first individual was a heterosexual male, a "superstud" who never used drugs, never had a blood transfusion, but did have the "entire women's softball team."

The second individual was a gay man who never did drugs, never had a blood transfusion and never engaged in risky sexual behavior.

Landolphi said the "superstud" goes around thinking that the gay man is at risk simply because he's gay, and therefore the "superstud" is not.

Another topic Landolphi addressed was people's bodies and their perceptions of them. She said too many people are uncomfortable with their bodies, especially their "private parts." Men however, have an advantage according to Landolphi, because society conditions men to be proud of their genitalia.

Women grow up not having a clear understanding of how they work, while men do. Too often, Landolphi said, female sexuality and pleasure is solely associated with the vagina and with no mention or explanation of the clitoris.

"Does society ever tell women how we work? Does society give us any idea where our orgasms are? No."

She said this often causes women involved in physical relationships to think something is wrong with them. This in turn causes many women experiencing a lack of sensation to display the pretense of sexual pleasure to appease the man and thus appear "normal."

She also stated that people should realize that there are many other ways to satisfy each other sexually other than intercourse.

"We think that the only real sex is intercourse," she said.

Her one-woman show stressed the imperative nature of good communication between a couple.

Too often, Landolphi said, people don't communicate with their partners about how they feel or what they want because they fear rejection.

"If I can't tell my partner the truth about how I feel about anything sexual, then I'm not ready to be with that partner sexually."

She said that in sexual relationships you can't expect your partner to know what you want; partners need to talk to each other.

To demonstrate her point regarding the importance of communication, Landolphi enlisted the aid of a member of the audience. The object was for Landolphi to get the student to do something (swim the breaststroke on the floor) by touching him physically and not saying anything.

Partners especially need to talk to each other, she said, if in the midst of "making out" one thinks that the situation may be heading towards having intercourse. It's important, Landolphi stressed, that people do not engage in activity that they may later regret.

She also commented on what she feels when someone responds "maybe" to proposed sexual activity.

"'Maybe' to me is a no because if people don't know

what they want to do, then they're not ready to do it," Landolphi said.

Also, if more people communicate, fewer will be embarrassed to use condoms, she said.

A more practical experiment demonstrated that a condom is truly a "one-size-fits-all" item. With the aid of a student, Landolphi proceeded to fit a condom over the person's head, half way down his face.

Landolphi said that most of our perceptions regarding sex and sexuality are based on "how we are brought up" and that "we can change that because we are society."

"We've finally figured out you're born with your gender, you're born with your sexual orientation, your born with your race," she said. "I think it's time we're proud of who we are regardless of what society tries to do in terms of playing God."

Landolphi predicted that this generation will be first "to be sexually proud and confident" and "the first generation to get rid of homophobia, racism, sexism, child sexual abuse and acquaintance rape."

"When there's less diversity...it's like we don't have enough confidence to really come forward...I've been hearing good things about this university. I hear this college is starting to make a difference; that you're starting to realize that we were put here to help one another."

Landolphi's lecture was sponsored by Break the Silence, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.

Landolphi's campus appearances are partially underwritten by the Okamoto Condom Company.



Landolphi, with the aid of a student, displays that with condoms, "one size fits all."

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

as we see it

More to the story?

In a letter to the editor last week, dining service workers claimed there was more to the James DeBardelaben arrest on Oct. 25 than has been reported.

We believe it is important to our college and to the "staff," defined here as dining service employees, academic department secretaries and housekeeping employees, that dining service workers are treated fairly in this incident.

As of now, dining service employees have not been allowed to speak to The Pleiad by orders from their union. As the letter stated Friday, the silence has not helped the students know more of the details of the incident; neither has it helped student perceptions of dining service employees or the staff in general.

Some reports of the incident told to Pleiad staff members have said the students involved in the incident were being more abusive to the dining service workers than was originally believed. The college should be aware of all the facts of the incident—not to place blame, but to know what problems we should be discussing.

This raises the question of how students treat the staff on campus, and whether this problem deserves as much attention as Albion's racial climate.

Both these topics are vital to the welfare of our college community, and the college should be sure that neither group, racial minorities or staff, is alienated because of this or any other incident.

In a letter to the editor this week, Charles Schutz, professor of political science, discusses the prejudices students and administrators bring to their interactions with the staff. The college cannot allow this incident to add to these prejudices.

We believe more needs to be done for the staff on campus. The college can help the situation by allowing them to create worker support groups, encouraging them to attend Lecture/Concert series events and allowing those who are interested to take classes in subjects that interest them. More interaction may ease the separation between students and the staff.

At the same time we hope the staff workers' union will allow dining service members to be as open in discussing the DeBardelaben arrest as the rest of the campus has been.

The staff members here work to make Albion run smoothly and efficiently. It is up to the students and the administration to make sure they are not treated like "servants," but rather as essential members of our college community.

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

Opinions



Student questions work - study ethics

To the Editor:

Educational success cannot be measured simply in terms of hours spent studying. While being a student may be a "full time job," as asserted by Glen Perusek in his Nov. 13 Pleiad letter, the job description of "student" at Albion involves much more than simply time spent hitting the books. Students at this school are encouraged and even expected to "become involved" on campus, to "lead" and to "volunteer their time" to non-academic endeavors. This "volunteer time," while not solely academic, is educational and worthy of consideration as a vital student function.

Time spent by students in these non-academic pursuits can be added to average academic study amounts. An average Albion student may study "only" 12-15 hours per week, but that same student may spend another 12-15 hours in organizational meetings and activities on campus. The student then is "being a student" at least 24 hours a week; this minimal figure alone exceeds the commonly accepted part-time limit of 20 hours per week.

Some students must work in order to maintain their ability to be students at this increasingly expensive private school. If one adds any paid work functions to students' volunteer and academic activities, time spent "as a student" rises. If a student, for example, works a maximum of 20 hours a week in addition to classroom and non-academic work,

than "time as student" figures exceed 40 hours (taking the 24 hour base volunteer/academic figure seen above). The student is then technically working "overtime" as a student.

Let's take an example. Let's say that I follow Perusek's advice and spend at least 40 hours a week in academic studies. My non-academic involvements typically involve at least 15 hours per week, and I typically work for payment about 20 hours per week. Let's then assume that I sleep 42 hours per week (six hours per night), spend 21 hours per week at meals (3 hours per day) and am in class 15 hours per week. Together, these "student activities" total 153 hours. In one week there are 168 hours. Only 15 hours remain per week in which I am "allowed" not to be a student—just over 2 hours a day.

Granted, many students on campus are not this active at Albion and many could study more. However, the above example illustrates the need for more complex methods of measuring educational success than by simple "hours spent studying" amounts. Student life is multifaceted, complex, and involves much more than simply reading about life in books. There are active roles that students must play at Albion College to improve themselves, their fellow students and the school itself, and these roles must not be ignored.

Stephanie Krueger, Midland senior

Evaluating students' work week

To the editor:

We are writing in response to Perusek's letter that appeared in the Nov. 13 issue of The Pleiad. We don't feel that his "informal survey" of study habits adequately represents the student body.

By considering an average class week of approximately 12 hours, Perusek has omitted an important segment of Albion's population: the science majors. As a science major, a typical semester includes at least one, and usually two or more, laboratory classes either as part of a major or as a necessary cognate for further study. The end result is a 20-30 hour class week, before home-

work. Also, if a student chooses to do independent research or work as a lab assistant, a typical week can add up to 40 hours. This is still before homework. Now, even if we assume that Perusek's estimate of a fifteen hour study week is correct, this adds up to a 55 hour week for science majors—and most of us attest to studying much more than this.

We also feel that Perusek is leaving out other essential aspects of our Albion College education, specifically extracurricular activities. It is virtually expected that Albion students support guest speakers, volunteerism and campus organizations. In addition, most students hold at least one job

on campus. These activities can add substantial hours to a student's "work" week.

Perhaps Perusek should take some time to reevaluate the true character of student life at Albion College.

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More letters...

'Commoncultural center'

To the Editor:

Some considerations regarding the suggested establishment of a multicultural center and its relationship to the recent Baldwin-DeBardelaben fiasco.

The proliferation of "centers" on campus is reaching amusing proportions. Our passion for centers is making us in fact eccentric. Soon we shall have almost as many centers as faculty committees.

Less entertaining is the question of how a multicultural center would have obviated this latest or any future such incidents. In light of this present case, such a center would have to be directed at, provide whatever it would have to provide, to food service and other staff, campus security people and ADPS personnel. And what would it provide? Instructions to food service, for example to recognize that students of "different" skin color are of different cultures? Besides the question as to whether or to what extent this correlation is valid, what would it mean? That the presumed culture difference allows the student to take food from the cafeteria? That something in the "different" skin color culture permits this action, while the culture of other skin colors does not? Bluntly: that nothing is to be said to the "different" skin colored student because taking food from the dining hall is an imperative of his/her culture and is therefore to be condoned/celebrated in his/her case, not questioned? Such a culturally enlightened instruction, especially in regard to the specific turkey sandwich involved in this present case, runs the risk of building on, mirroring an old stereotype about the role of poultry in African American culture and the propensity of black men to be discovered raiding hen houses.

Much of the reaction the Baldwin-DeBardelaben incident rests on the assumed presence, however obscured, of just such an old stereotype. But. Since danger was perceived in the situation first by a female food service employee and then by a female safety officer, but not by a male professor, was the problem caused by gender rather than culture? Would a multigender center be more in order?

A recent letter to the Albion Recorder by food service personnel expressed dismay at the college's treatment of them in this matter and asked for "justice." A sign on the ad building during the sit-in said "It's about human dignity." Are justice and human dignity matters of culture? Are we really expected to understand them differently, depending on a person's cultural background? Currently fashionable modes of thought eschew "essentialism" in favor of "diversity." But when we call for "justice" and "HUMAN dignity," aren't we understanding a universality and Western culture values (which we are, by the by, applying around the world by means of groups such as Amnesty International)? Don't these terms also suggest that the Baldwin-DeBardelaben conflict involved ethics rather than cultural diversity (ethics understood as principles of moral conduct—i.e., how humans relate to one another)? Would an ethics center be more in order?

Aren't such events more likely to be avoided if people are made more aware of what they share rather than of how they differ? At the GLCA Multicultural Conference last spring, someone remarked that we don't clearly know what we mean by "culture," let alone "multiculture." Even granting that cultural misapprehension was the root of this incident, avoiding such in the future would be better served by a commoncultural center. But then, as a college in the liberal arts tradition, isn't that the kind of center Albion as a whole is supposed to be?

Eugene Miller, professor of English

Quotation of the week...

"I hear this college is starting to make a difference; that you're starting to realize that we were put here to help one another."

Suzi Landolphi, sex orator

Opinions

Schutz calls student arrest an injustice to Baldwin workers

To the Editor:

I accuse the bourgeois (property-owning, business-minded, educationally-certified status-bearing) collegiality of Albion College of flagrant class discrimination in the alleged racial incident at Baldwin Hall, Nov. 1, 1992. I charge that the contrived racism of the confrontation between a senior college student and a food service employee disguises the real injustice done to a worker by a student, students, faculty, and administration. In the name of justice for a member of the collegiate bourgeoisie a one-sided injustice has been dealt to a college worker.

The proof of the charge of class injustice must rest in the omissions of the authorities. At no time did the college investigating agencies present the details of the employee's conduct, nor the circumstances, or the directions and orders under which they acted. Instead of focusing on the specific question of who did what to whom and why, the collegiate upper class rallied behind their student member and diffused the facts into the ethereal realm of multicultural affairs. Thereby, real personal injustice was effectively dodged for another moralistic venture into the comfortable

abstractions of social injustice.

The false consciousness of the employee class clearly can be seen in the fears that permitted them to sacrifice an employee to their sense of the college's common good.

The fear of racial strife was groundless given the solidarity of the students with one of their own, a soon-to-be certified member of the dominant middle class. The charge of racial bias was groundless given the near unanimous support of the alleged victim by faculty and administration. Finally, the solid ground of collegial class solidarity was stunningly evident in the championing of the student by the chief authority of the educational enterprise. He criticized his own campus police, denounced the city police, and declared medieval sanctuary for student fugitives from social oppression; and he rewarded the side of the collegial "right" with promises of a new center, staff, and budget ("Albion Recorder, Nov. 3, 1992). If this be hell, may I never see heaven.

And what of the real consciousness of the employees, accused of the prime sin in the social conscience? Never was a word of it reported in any of the college accounts of the racial discrimina-

tion. Instead the workers' union sent a "letter to the editor" of the Albion Recorder complaining of "the lack of openness" and lack of the "whole picture." The letter speaks to the specifics, and the breach of "rules and policies set forth." The workers take "great offense" at being called racist for "merely trying to do our jobs ..." they speak of "the tremendous humiliation, tension, and stress caused ..." They conclude, "Where is justice?" ("Albion Recorder," Nov. 5, 1992).

For those of us still open-minded enough to admit to our class biases, I would point out that whatever the truth of the incident, justice and truth can never be found in a one-sided accusation, indictment, and judgment of guilt. Justice is a weighing and balancing of facts and principles and it is blind to ideological partialities of all kinds, be they of class or organization.

And, finally, let John Stuart Mill remind the liberal arts. Even if truth be wholly on one side, if error be not allowed to speak its case against it, truth becomes the falsity of dogma. Dogma acts with the force of rigidity; argued truth acts with the freedom of enlightenment.

Charles E. Schutz
professor of political science

personal view

Suzi Landolphi's safe sex talk tainted by commercial motives

By Jon Ritterbush

Last Sunday, Albion College students filled Norris 101 to hear Suzi Landolphi talk about sex. Despite her raunchy style of comedy, Landolphi had some good things to say. She expressed the need for more communication, honesty and trust in relationships. Two thumbs up! But when it came to talking about "safe sex," Landolphi didn't present the whole story. She neglected to mention abstinence, and I can tell you why.

Landolphi talked candidly about using latex condoms and spermicide to prevent unwanted pregnancy and the spread of venereal diseases, including AIDS. Yet, despite the candor of her message, she never once mentioned the word abstinence. Under her philosophy, abstinence is acceptable if one partner doesn't want to have premarital sex, but if both partners agree to it, they can go like rabbits. Landolphi would just ask that you use an Okamoto condom and spermicide if you do have sex.

There's a loophole in Landolphi's thinking, however (assuming she's tried thinking). This "it's all right if it feels good" attitude towards sex has devalued and dehumanized it. Both partners lose any sense of responsibility for their actions, and sex becomes an act of two selfish people instead of a sharing experience with one special person. On a grand scale, this mentality has severely damaged the institutions of marriage and the traditional family.

Back to my theory why Landolphi didn't mention abstinence, however. It's no coincidence that Okamoto condoms were distributed like candy to the entire audience before the show Sunday night. It's also no coincidence that Landolphi herself promoted Okamoto condoms as the best available. Okamoto sponsors Landolphi to give these talks to college groups all over the country. Is this because Mr. Okamoto wants you to be sexually knowledgeable? I don't think so. He wants you to use prophylactics to increase his profits, and Landolphi is his sales agent.

Oh, by the way, your tuition money helped finance Landolphi's trip. I'm sure she was laughing long after her show was over Sunday night.

Home, sweet home

AWAY FROM HOME

Albion's housing alternatives offer escape from dorm life

'Family atmosphere,' big rooms lure students to Burns Street

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Although at least one apartment is set aside each year for married students, there have not been any married students living at Burns Street for the past three years.

The 38 students living at Burns Street this year were chosen by a committee based on their applications, academic and disciplinary status, involvement and roommate choices. Seniors and students who did not want to board with the college were given first preference.

"I think almost everyone who wanted Burns got into Burns," Acerra said.

In addition to the meal option, independence and space attracted many residents to Burns Street. Most residents also agreed that cable television, which is offered in every room, was a plus.

"I liked the idea of the independence and being able to have bigger rooms than the dorms offered," said John Grzywack, Detroit senior.

"I like my space, [and] I felt cramped in the residence halls," said Jeffrey Snyder, Elkhart, Ind., senior and Burns Street facilities manager. "I got tired of little dinky rooms and getting only one TV channel."

"Basically it's a bigger-sized dorm room with a bathroom," Grzywack said.

Anderson said she likes the additional privacy the apartments provide. "If I don't want to see [my roommate], I just shut the door," she said.

Many residents also said they found it easier to study at Burns Street than in the dorms.

"It's definitely more conducive to studying," Snyder said, adding that it's a lot more quiet out at Burns Street.

The quiet and seclusion can be both good and bad, most residents said.

"The advantage of being secluded can also go against you," said Jason Rebeck, Beverly Hills senior. He mentioned in particular that campus mail is always late, and the fliers and posters found in the dorms and in Baldwin usually don't make it out to Burns Street. "I am clueless to what goes on on campus at times," he said.

Fisher has the same problem with campus mail, but her involvement in so many activities on campus has kept her from feeling isolated, she said.

"If there's anything I need to know about, I find out

about [it]," she said.

"You're only isolated if you let yourself be isolated," Grzywack said.

On the other hand, Jennifer Crawford, Novi sophomore, said living at Burns Street was too secluded, and after about a month she moved back into the dorms.

"Albion is such a close-knit school, being so far away it seems you're not part of the school," she said. "I feel more a part of campus living in a dorm than out at Burns Street."

"It's only meant for some people," Snyder agreed. "If people are really into the group thing, the seclusion can be very nasty."

In addition to the isolation, life at Burns Street is noticeably different from dorm life. Residents are responsible for contracting their own phone service. They deal directly with Michigan Bell and are not a part of the campus direct dialing system.

According to Acerra, the college is looking to change this policy, but no plans have been set.

"It's something that's a long process, but it is being looked at," she said.

Interaction between residents also differs from the dorms. While students living in dorms pass each other frequently in the halls, there is less of that at Burns Street. But most residents said they have not had a problem with interaction.

"Because there aren't as many people out here, it's more personal," Missler said.

Although Grzywack said there is less interaction than in the dorms, he has still managed to get to know other residents.

"You bond more with people out here, and you create your own little family," he said. "If I want to go to the dorms, I can just walk over there and get a little of dorm life."

"There's quite a bit of interaction between Burns Street residents," Snyder said. "It's like a little community out here."

The Burns Street apartments are also surrounded by permanent residents of the city of Albion and not other college students. This has led to more involvement in the community for some students.

Grzywack said he is more in contact with the community living out at Burns Street.

"The families around here take us in as their own kids," he said. Grzywack has coached basketball and soccer at St. Johns school in Albion for the past two years, and occasionally he'll toss around a football with some of the neighborhood children, he said.

Anderson and Missler said they both enjoy the family atmosphere too. They said they see more families and young children, and they get to know them.

"It's nice when the little kids say hi," Missler said.

"The thing that really stands out is becoming a member of so many people's families," Grzywack said.

The differences between dorm life and Burns Street have led many students to reapply to Burns Street for a second or third year.

"Once people go out here, they usually don't want to go back," Snyder said.

"I love it," Rebeck said. "I refuse to live in a dorm."

Anderson agreed. "I wouldn't go back to a dorm after living out here."

Missler said she considers her Burns Street apartment home.

"You work all day and are in class all day, and when you're through there's somewhere to go home to that's whatever you want it to be," she said.



Maydeen Body (left) and Amanda Fisher study in their room at Burns Street Apartments. Students named independence, bigger rooms and cooking meals as reasons for living in the apartments.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton



Dean Hall helps foster responsibility, tolerance for diversity in residents

By Carrie Dibble

Freshmen women deciding where they will live next semester may be pleased to know that Seaton Hall and Twin Towers are not their only options.

Dean Hall, located at 400 E. Erie St., is an alternative housing plan, available to all sophomore through senior women. There are enough rooms to house 26 women. Currently, 18 women reside at Dean.

"It is a great alternative to dorm life," said Kristen Cheney, Oxford junior and resident assistant in Dean.

"When you are in a dorm, it is hard to separate your personal life from your school life. When I am done with my classes, it's nice to leave the classroom life behind me and come back to a real house."

Although she is physically removed from campus, Cheney said the women there are still active in campus activities.

"We are not trying to be separatists," she said. "Cooperative living means you learn more give and take. Besides, we have great meals."

Kimberly Lohuis, Muskegeon sophomore who moved to Dean this fall, said she chose Dean to work with people in a close environment.

"I see myself growing and changing and I see the people around me grow and change," Lohuis said. She added that this may not have occurred if she

would have lived in a dorm. "Dorms are very cold and impersonal," she said.

Julie Marcos, Albion senior and president of Dean said they are currently looking for women to live at Dean next year.

The women who want to live at Dean "have to be open minded to different people and the person has to be willing to help with the work around the house," Marcos said.

"Dean Hall is about more freedom and is a more liberal type of place were we all get along," Marcos said.

She admitted that she is more removed from campus at Dean, but said this was part of her decision.

"I wanted to live in a co-op where people have the same goals and are open to alternative ideas," Marcos said.

She added that the women at Dean are given more responsibility than students in the dorms.

"The house makes the rules, not the RA," she said.

Despite the fact that Dean has been a part of campus housing since 1927, students seem to know very little about the house and some seem to foster stereotypes about the women who live there.

"People still ask what type of women live at Dean," Cheney said. "People always have a funny look on their faces when you tell them you live at Dean."

"Everyone who lives here is not a lesbian, man-hating bitch," she added.

Marcos agreed, saying there are a number of different types of women who live at Dean although "most of the people are activist," Marcos said.

She added that they avoid the kind of "racism, sexism and homophobia" that exists more on campus.

Cheney also said living in Dean has helped foster better relationships with the Albion community, which "seem to give us a better cross-section of life."



Kristen Cheney



Students said they enjoy the free and liberal atmosphere at Dean Hall located 400 E. Erie Street.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

Housework, cats and changes a part of life at Goodrich

By Carrie Dibble

Goodrich Club, founded in 1932, is the male equivalent to Dean Hall (above). The one difference is that Goodrich, located on Erie St., is independently owned by the residents.

Male students who are interested in living at Goodrich Club have to go through an interview process. Freshmen, sophomores and junior men are invited to dinner by a member. This process would be similar to a potential initiate interested in a particular fraternity. Next, the potential Goodrich resident fills out an application, which entails what interests the applicant to want to live at Goodrich.

Thomas Barr, Ann Arbor junior and President of Goodrich Club said, "all of the members review these applications at our Monday meetings."

Monday meetings are a time when they "normally talk about the house projects."

Last week we repaired the



Thomas Barr

front porch steps. We each have our own house jobs. One person may vacuum, another may cook.

There is a ten dollar fine if your house job is not completed by twelve o'clock on Sundays" said Aaron Schwoebel, Kalamazoo sophomore.

Cal Lee, Rochester Hills junior, one of the four National Merit Scholars living at Goodrich said, "We have six kittens and one dog. It's nice to come home to a fire in the fireplace and drink some tea," Barr commented.

Goodrich Club is now dis-

cussing the possibility of having female residents next year. "This plan is similar to what the college is doing, with co-ed halls in dormitories," Barr said. Ev-

eryone would have his own single at Goodrich. No final decisions have been made about this proposal, Barr said.



Founded in 1932, The Goodrich Club houses 10 men who share cooking, cleaning and repairs around the house.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

Albion News

Students, faculty share concerns about apartheid during second annual forum on South Africa

By Kirk Warner

Since the abolition of apartheid, many Americans have assumed that race relations in South Africa are now similar to those depicted on a Benetton advertisement.

According to the students and faculty who spoke Nov. 11 at the second annual South Africa Night forum, that perception is inaccurate.

The speakers at the forum addressed issues ranging from their personal experiences in South Africa, to Albion College's relations in South Africa.

"It's difficult as an American to imagine what racial situations are like in South Africa," said Daniel Steffenson, professor and chair of chemistry. Steffenson, the first Albion professor to instruct in South Africa, taught chemistry at an "open university" in Cape Town. (An "open" university enrolls both black and white students.)

"I miss South Africa," Steffenson said. "I wish I were back there in many respects."

Frank Frick, professor and chair of religious studies, said democracy is "stalled" right now in South Africa. Frick said apartheid is not a thing of the past, and "there's a long way to go yet."

Both Frick and Steffenson worked on the Educational Support System while in South Africa. Frick said this program attempts to "bridge the educational gap" between black and white students in South Africa. Frick said that in many parts of South Africa there are black students being taught by teachers "that only got through sixth grade." Steffenson said laws no longer prevent black students from going to college, but most cannot afford it.

The Albion College community is helping to further the educations of many black South African students through

the Committee on South Africa. COSA, which sends financial help to churches and orphanages in South Africa, is currently funding full scholarships for six black South Africans at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Albion College also donates large amounts of scholarship money to visiting South African students, according to Frick. He said only one college in the United States donates more scholarship money than Albion to visiting South African students.

Siphiwe Mashinini, East Lansing freshman, is one South African student who has benefited from Albion's scholarship generosity. Mashinini came to the United States three and a half years ago with her father and settled in East Lansing.

Mashinini said she had the misconception of America being "the land of milk and honey"

first offered in 1989. The first time South Africa 220 was offered, 86 students enrolled, but last year only about 40 students were interested in taking the class.

"You can't sit in on the course without getting really interested," said Martha O'Kennon, associate professor of mathematics. O'Kennon is going on sabbatical to South Africa in December.

"Support is needed," Frick said, referring to the class on South Africa. Frick said that even if students can't take the course, they could "drop in once in a while, we have lots of resources [on South Africa]."

For students interested in internships to South Africa, there are choices, despite the discontinuance of the Albion Exchange with the University of Cape Town. Kathy Lane, Brighton senior, said she organized her own internship in Cape Town.

"For anyone interested in going down to South Africa, there are an amazing amount of possibilities," she said. Lane worked for the Program for Technical and Engineering Training, tutoring black students who are preparing to enter predominantly white South African universities.

"Because of the job Lane did, they want more students from Albion," Frick said.

When Albion students do go to South Africa, their experiences could be different than they might expect.

"When I went home, for the first time in three and a half years, I was shocked to see all of the killing," Mashinini said. "People are afraid—every third person carries a gun."

According to Steffenson, few people realize how beautiful South Africa is. "I couldn't

prepare myself for the beauty," he said of Cape Town.

Frick said he expected to find black South Africans drained of energy after years of conflict, but instead found them full of

whether apartheid can be abolished peacefully in South Africa. He said there is a commitment on the part of black South Africans to end apartheid and begin democracy peacefully. But Frick questions whether or not the white minority ruling class will relinquish its power without violence.

When asked how she and her friends could joke about apartheid, Mashinini responded, "If we didn't joke



Kathy Lane in South Africa
Photo courtesy of Kathy Lane

we would go crazy." Many Americans are under the impression that South Africa is well on its way to becoming a democratic, non-racist country. But according to the South Africa Night panel speakers, there is as much racism and violence in South Africa now as there was before the abolition of apartheid.

life and expecting change. While in South Africa, Frick said a good friend gave him a memorable piece of advice about the tendency of Americans to feel morally superior to white South Africans: "When you study South Africa, remember that the problems here do not exist to make you feel moral." Frick said he is not sure



Two students outside the University of Cape Town in South Africa
Photo courtesy of Frank Frick

before she visited Detroit. While visiting certain parts of the Motor City, Mashinini lost some of her Utopian perceptions of America. "They didn't show us that," she said, referring to the poverty in Detroit.

Mashinini said she plans to return to South Africa to take part in the struggle for equality when she graduates from Albion. "I can do more for South Africa than I can do for America," she said.

The students and faculty at the forum were unanimous in their concern that interest in South Africa is dying on Albion's campus. For example, enrollment in Frick's class on South Africa has declined since the course was

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Carrier speaks out against 'Jaws' stereotype

By Kirk Warner

When most people picture a shark they see Jaws: a great white shark with a brain and no conscience that will devour anything from boats to babies.

Jeffrey Carrier, professor and chair of biology, hopes his research will help change the "Jaws" stereotype of sharks and uncover more information about this mysterious species.

"There are more people attacked and maimed by pit bulls every year in New York City, than are bothered world wide by sharks," Carrier said. He added that myths about sharks are over-exploited and founded on a lack of education and understanding.

"I'm working with a group of animals that need a good PR firm," Carrier said. "They've got a bad reputation."

The first time Carrier encountered a shark was on a fishing trip in 1960. The fishing was slow, so the owner of the boat took Carrier scuba diving.

"The very first fish I saw was a shark," Carrier said. Back then, even Carrier stereotyped sharks as swimming monsters.

"I thought that when you saw a shark, you were supposed to die," he said. Carrier was so intrigued by these animals that after he returned from the fishing

trip, he went straight to the library and checked out a book on sharks.

Carrier's interest in sharks is as strong today as it was after that fishing trip 32 years ago. Carrier is currently researching the reproductive biology of sharks. Last summer he became the first person to ever videotape sharks mating. Carrier said he has been studying nurse sharks for 15 years and has seen them mate many times. Nurse sharks are a type of small, spotted shark common to the Gulf of Mexico.

"I assumed someone more interested in reproductive behavior would have filmed it," Carrier said. Although "[the videotape] wasn't a matter of fortune. It was a matter of study—I knew a time and place."

While Carrier is currently studying the reproductive biology of sharks, his interests lie mainly

in the aging, growth and migration of sharks. Carrier said sharks don't produce a large number of offspring, and they grow and mature very slowly.

Because of their slow reproductive rate, many species of shark are being threatened with extinction by commercial fishermen, according to Carrier.

"Commercial fishing is decimating the shark population," Carrier said. "There are many



Carrier's interest in sharks has expanding into a lifetime of research and commitment.

Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Carrier



species off the East Coast that aren't likely to ever recover unless fishing is stopped immediately."

According to Carrier, there is a large market for shark fins and shark meat. Shark fin soup is a popular dish in the Orient, and shark meat has become very trendy with "yuppies" in this country, Carrier said.

But because of the efforts of many biologists like Carrier, as well as ecologists, legislation is currently getting passed to regulate shark fishing in this country.

Carrier's video of sharks

mating is currently being edited for a presentation this summer to the American Society of Ichthyologists [study of fish] and Hermitologists [study of amphibians and reptiles]. Carrier said it is "standard to present your research for review," when doing scientific research.

While most of Carrier's research was done in the Florida Keys, he has done some work in labs at Albion College. "Living in Southwestern Michigan doesn't limit the research I do," Carrier said.

According to Carrier, it has not been a challenge adapting to

winters in Michigan after spending summers in the tropical Keys. "As long as I'm permitted to get my ocean fix periodically, I'll probably survive [living in Michigan]."

Whether he is in Florida or in Albion, Carrier continues his research in an effort to learn more about this "misunderstood" species. He said it is not difficult for him to maintain interest in his research.

"When you see a shark in the water, it takes your breath away," Carrier said. "You're hooked."



Carrier's main interest deals with the aging, growth and migration of sharks. Here Carrier is measuring the growth of one of his specimens.

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Europe still uncertain: Treverton

By Nicole Bondi

Is it the best of times or the worst of times?

According to Gregory Treverton, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, the changes Europe is undergoing will have both positive and negative effects on the whole European Community.

In his Nov. 12 lecture "How New is the New Europe?" Treverton said the unification of Germany is "at the center of a lot of the things we see going on in Europe."

"The collapse of communism and the disintegration of the Soviet Union is the most important strategic event of my lifetime," he said. "I think that the unification of Germany is a close second. It is a big strategic change, and it's a big piece of all the changes we see in front of us in Europe."

Treverton, who came to Albion as a part of International Week, said most people used to define Europe as Western Europe. But now "the question of what is Europe, is very much up for grabs."

"We thought we knew what Europe is, and now I think we aren't quite sure what Europe is," he said.

According to Treverton, the unification of Germany has put a strain on the Western European community, and national interests must be weighed against the interests of Europe as a whole.

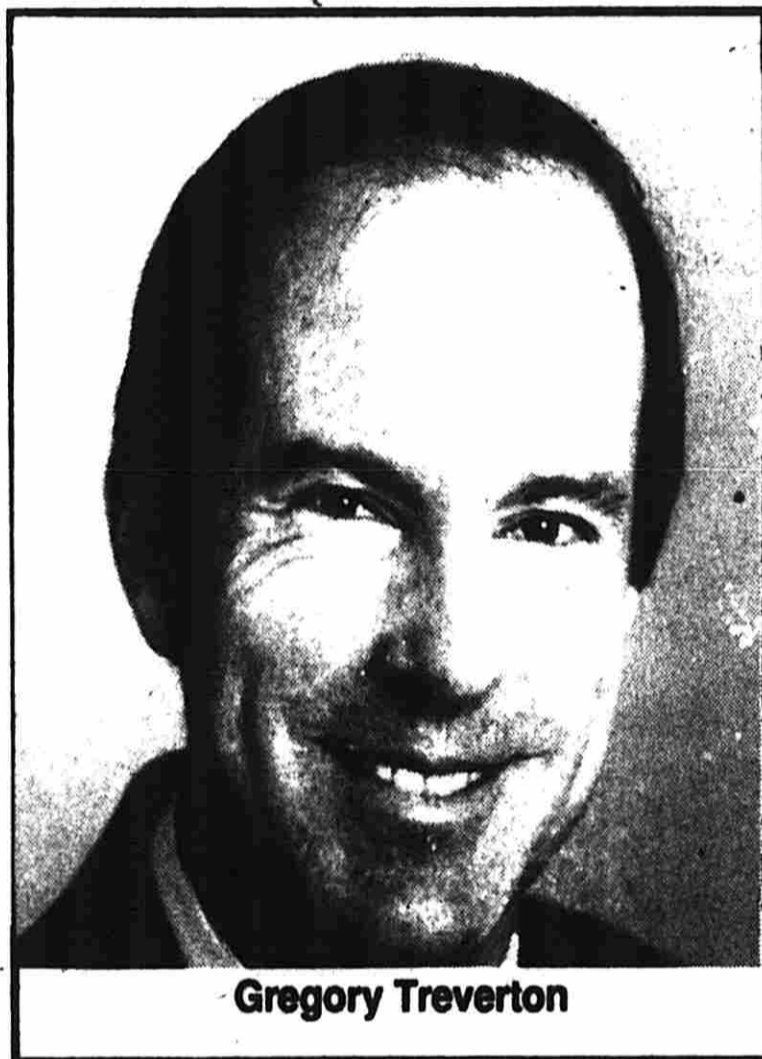
"The practical facts of Germany's situation make for some tension between European and national roles," he said.

"Germany is now pursuing its own brand of Reaganomics: very tight money in an effort to keep inflation from getting out of hand [and] very loose fiscal policy, that is, big money is being spent to build up Eastern Germany," he said.

Treverton added that this is the root of Germany's recent monetary and economic troubles. There has been backlash against the prospect of giving up the

deutsche mark and the people who have lost their jobs during this transition period, he said.

"There are powerful political reasons to want to sustain the community," Treverton said. "But the domestic task Germany has at Europe's center suggests that that's going to be given priority, and therefore the process of European restructure is likely to go slower...than we'd imagine."



Gregory Treverton

Treverton said the Maastricht Treaty, which would provide Europe with a common currency and economic policy by the end of the decade, has met with a lot of opposition. Nobody understood the long text, and the treaty immediately became controversial, he said.

"It is a treaty beyond what the political traffic would bear," he said. "It reflected a kind of grass roots feeling that somehow Europe was too bureaucratic, too technocratic, too far removed from their daily lives."

In France, the treaty was ratified by a very narrow margin. The strongest argument in its favor was that it was "the only way to get some handle on Germany," Treverton said.

"I fear that European leaders will put themselves through this walking the plank to try and ratify Maastricht to have it not amount to very much in the end anyway," he added.

Another issue affecting the European community is the conflict in Yugoslavia.

Traditionally, the Balkans have not been included as part of Europe, and Yugoslavia has been "walled off" in relation to the rest of Europe, Treverton said. The question remains, is Yugoslavia a "big bump in the road" on the way to the new Europe or is it a feature of the new Europe?

"I don't think any of us understood how ferocious [and] bloody...that would be," Treverton said of the Yugoslavian conflict.

Russia is another questionable part of the new Europe. Some people see it as too big, too poor and too Asian to be part of Europe, Treverton said. The United States is tentative to make a full commitment to Russia.

"We say it's important, we say we want to help it," Treverton said. On the other hand, we're not really prepared to do very much about it.

"This is a chance to make some difference, at least to help assure that we never have to spend that much money [\$11 trillion] on defense in the future and maybe to nudge

Russia...toward a happier and more decent, if not a fully democratic and free market, future," he added.

Treverton said it is important that the United States becomes involved with the changes in Europe.

"For all the change in the world, it's important [for] the United States, not to be leading in the way it did during the Cold War, but to be engaged and active," he said. "The lesson I draw from Yugoslavia is that for all the change in the world, for all the change in Europe, if the United States is absent then the result is likely to be gridlock."

Treverton predicted political crisis in Russia sometime in the next six months. With the continuing turmoil and unrest, only time will tell if the new Europe will bring the best of times or the worst of times.

Workshop Theater



Tonight and tomorrow there will be a series of one-act plays beginning at 8 p.m. in the Herrick Center for Speech and Theatre Auditorium. Above: Kimberly Verrill, Swartz Creek senior, and James VanderVeen, National City freshman, perform in the Workshop Theater.

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Artists, writers share their works at 'Celebration of the Arts'

The student artists who gathered one week ago to showcase their works in Upper Baldwin represented a variety of academic disciplines.

This is exactly what Tom Brideau, director of residential life, was hoping for when he went to the Residence Hall Association with an idea. Taking his inspiration from "similar programs at other institutes" such as the University of Virginia, where he was employed before coming to Albion, he visualized a "Celebration of the Arts."

It would be an opportunity to display works of art where they could be appreciated, like the traditional senior art show in Bobbitt Visual Arts Center, but instead showcasing the talents of students in all classes and majors. He said he was concerned that artists on campus don't get enough exposure because most of them aren't actually art majors or in an art class, but make their work an extracurricular activity.

To add interest to the celebration, \$50 prizes were awarded to the best entries in each category, as judged by nine faculty from the art and English department. Brideau notes that these prizes were meant as a positive recognition, though some students would see it as a "pizza motivation ... when they're running short [of cash]."



Amanda Pringle, Bloomfield Hills sophomore, with her writing division entry, entitled 'Barns.'

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

"Creative abilities come out of the woodwork when you do this," Brideau said, citing other such art shows at other schools. "The students are usually very receptive."

And this idea has been well received in Albion as well, according to Brideau. He said that Residence Hall Association, the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council were supportive and happy to sponsor the event in cooperation with the office of residential life.

A lot of student put in hard work to make the celebration happen, and the faculty were "excited ... happy to take the extra time to judge entries," Brideau said. "The response has been really strong. I'd like to see this go off every year."

Finally, the significance of this event is that it brings the community together, Brideau added. That was apparent when the works were on display from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday in Upper Baldwin. A steady stream of curious students filed through, seeing what their friends had done and sometimes checking out the competition.

A few artists were happy to explain why they had entered works at the celebration.

"I didn't have anything to lose—so I decided I might as well enter something and see how it went," said Judd Baker, Rockford freshman, who was part of the committee who "put time and effort" into making the celebration a success.

"Because there's no other outlet" for artistic expression was the reason Jenni Bramble, Albion senior, entered her pencil drawings of horse and unicorns.

Joyce Stuckey, Grosse Pointe sophomore, summed up the spirit and purpose of the celebration: "I just did this for fun—I didn't expect to win anything. I'm normally pretty shy about my work."



"Self portrait" by Robert Kinnaid, Grosse Pointe Farms senior. Kinnaid placed first in both the photography and ceramics categories.

Photo courtesy of Robert Kinnaid

Winners of the 'Celebration of the Arts'

Art division

Drawing: Daniel Pask, England freshman
 Painting: Roselle Agles, Boca Grande, Fla., senior
 Photography: Robert Kinnaid, Grosse Pointe Farms senior
 Graphics: Martha Trickey, Chagrin Falls, Oh., senior
 Sculpture: Eliza Carey, Winnetka, Ill., senior
 Ceramic: Robert Kinnaid, Grosse Pointe Farms senior

Writing division

Poetry: Zachary Constan, Saginaw sophomore
 Fiction/Short Story: Aaron Nash, Marshall sophomore
 Essay: Kristen Cheney, Oxford junior



Martha Trickey was the winner of the graphic category.

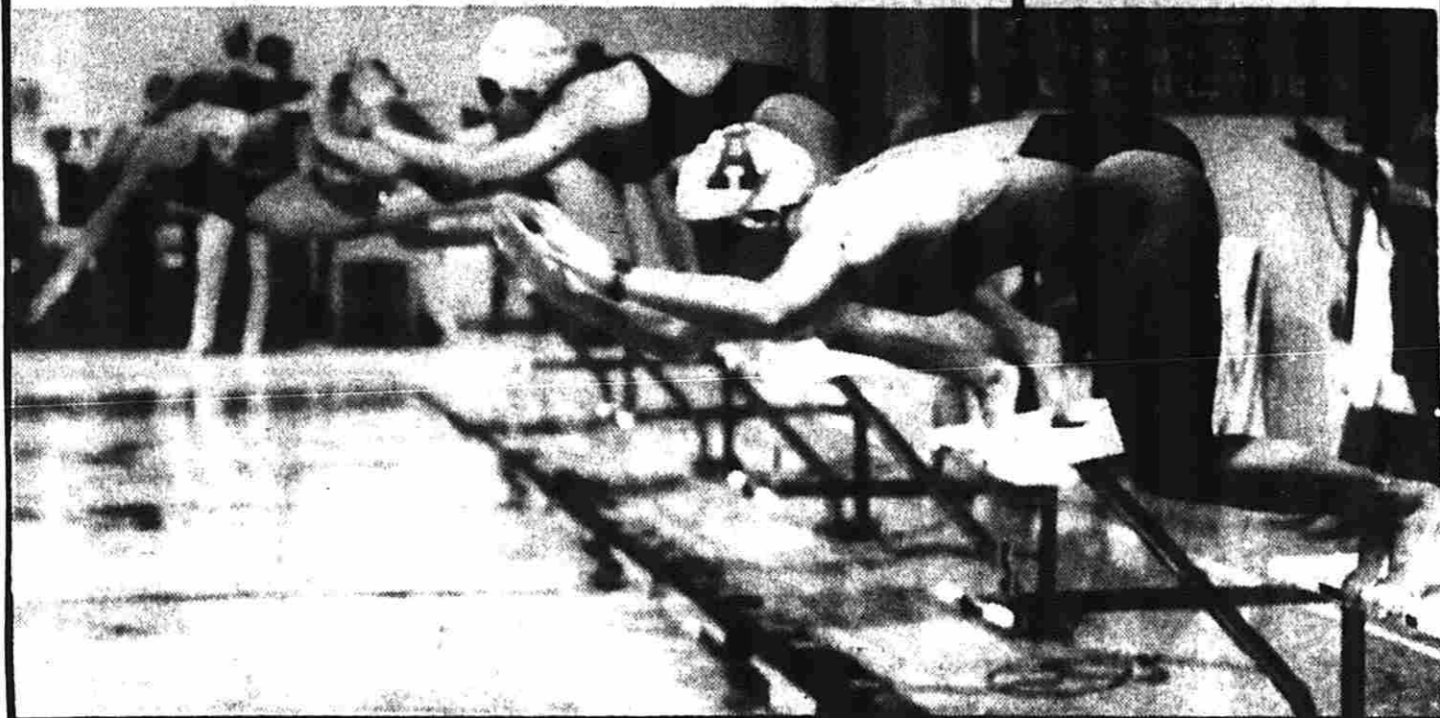
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Roselle Agles, Boca Grande, Fla. senior with her prize-winning painting.

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Swimmers make a splash



In the first home meet of the season on Saturday, both men and women swimmers registered victories over Grand Rapids Community College and Hillsdale. Above: Karen Smallwood, Birmingham junior, dives off the block during a race.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

Montico, Knobloch top list of MIAA honors

Albion had 19 football players earn honors from the MIAA conference for their performance during the 1992 season.

Heading the list were Mike Montico, Berkley junior, and Kris Knobloch, Hopkins senior, who won offensive and defensive MVP's of the league.

Other first teamers include: Ron Dawson, Grand Rapids junior; Adam Morris, Williamston junior; Steve Gilbert, Milford senior; Tom Reason, Pickney junior; Gabe Cooper, Eaton Rapids junior; Mike Juchno, Troy senior; Jim Heaslip, Marine City sophomore; Ron Smith, Toledo Ohio, junior; and Todd Sebold, Frankenmuth junior.

John Volmering, Harbor Beach junior; Scott Merchant, Bloomfield Hills senior; Eric Baxman, Pleasant Ridge junior; Charles (Torrell) Humphries, Ceresco senior; and Jeff Shooks, DeWitt sophomore, were named to the second team all-MIAA.

Martin (Chip) Heyboer, Grand Rapids sophomore; Derek Mazur, Southfield sophomore; and Todd Morris, Highland sophomore, earned honorable mentions.

Eye on the Britons

Last week's top performers:

Name: Elizabeth VanDyke
Sport: Swimming
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Holt

Name: Michael Allen
Sport: Cross Country
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Port Huron



• VanDyke anchored the women swimmers' victory over Grand Rapids Community College and Hillsdale College on Saturday. She recorded first place finishes in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle with times of 5:47.25 and 11:56.8 respectively.

• Allen was the only Albion runner selected to an all-conference team. He was named to the MIAA second team for the 1992 season.



The NFL's best and worst

By Wayne Lippert

As the NFL season winds down, let's take a look at how it has unfolded.

Team of the year: Dallas Cowboys

Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman are having Pro-Bowl seasons on offense, and the addition of Charles Haley on defense has made the Cowboys serious contenders for Pasadena in January. Without any serious injuries, look for them to be unstopable.

Most surprising team of the year: Minnesota Vikings

With a rookie head coach and mediocre talent, who would have believed the Vikes would be sitting on top of the NFC Central after the mid-point of the season? With traditional powerhouse Chicago having an average year and last year's division champ,

Detroit, out of the picture, Minnesota seems to be a cinch to win the division.

Most disappointing team of the year: Detroit Lions

Let's face it, Detroit had an easy schedule last year. If the Lions were real champions, what are they doing in the cellar?

Player of the year: Emmitt Smith

No one means more to his team than Smith. He can run and catch with the best of them. Only Thurman might be better.

Most surprising player of the year: Barry Foster

How has this once fumble-prone running back turned into a 1000-yard rusher?

Most disappointing player of the year: Barry Sanders

Or should I say Detroit's offensive line?

Comeback player of the year: Herschel Walker

The Eagles are using Walker in off-tackle plays where he is the most effective. Philadelphia's offensive line is helping him out by controlling the line of scrimmage.

Coach of the year: Bill Cowher

No one predicted the Steelers to be in first place in the AFC Central. Cowher has revitalized a franchise that appeared to be headed downhill.

Rookie of the year: Carl Pickens

Pickens has proved he can make the big plays in the NFL as he did in college. He was a steal going in the second round of the draft.

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