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## Calvin thwarts Albion



Phillip Crum, Sterling Heights junior, drives the lane for a layup in Saturday's game against Calvin. See story on page 8.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

## Albion College adopts sexual assault policy

*New policy separates assault from "indecent treatment"*

By Jonathan Beeton  
Staff Writer

Is sexual assault on college campuses underreported?

A sexual assault, as defined by Michigan law, is estimated to occur on Albion's campus every weekend and possibly every Wednesday night, according to Kathy Rand, assistant director for Student Affairs.

And yet she said at most two or three sexual assaults on campus are reported per semester.

Sexual assault, as defined by Michigan law, ranges from penetration to fourth degree sexual assault, in which "the actor knows or has reason to know that the victim is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated or physi-

cally helpless" (including cases in which the survivor is high on alcohol or drugs).

On Jan. 21 a new sexual assault policy was unveiled that will separate sexual assault from other general student behavior.

The new policy, effective fall 1993, has three main components: a definition of sexual assault taken from Michigan law, procedures to be followed when responding to survivors of sexual assault, and ongoing education programs "for all members of the Albion College community."

The key component of the new policy is the incorporation of sexual assault advocates who are trained by and affiliated with Safe Place in Battle Creek. Under Michigan law, rape crisis center workers are covered by confidentiality laws.

The advocates, who will be on call 24 hours a day, will walk survivors through the procedures which follow a sexual assault and can give advice on medical and judicial options.

Under current college policies, sexual assault would fall under behavior governed by the sexual harassment policy or

general policies concerning student conduct.

The worst charge that can currently be leveled against a student suspected of committing sexual assault is "indecent behaviour to another student," according to Leigh Bacon, Grand Rapids sophomore and sexual assault policy committee member.

"That was really vague and

it could be looped in a big way," she said. "The new policy gives a very clear and concise definition."

Bacon, after researching sexual assault policies at other Great Lakes Colleges Association schools, said most GLCA schools already have separate sexual assault policies.

She added that the new policy is different due to the employment of the sexual assault advocates, which puts Albion "in the same league as University of Michigan and Michigan State University," she said.

The decision to develop a new See Assault, page 2.



Kathy Rand

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

## Department budgets cut as financial need rises

By Kirk Warner  
Staff Writer

The piggy bank has been used as a monetary reserve by Americans for centuries.

Albion College has a kind of piggy bank. It's called the quasi-endowment fund.

And like so many piggy banks, Albion's quasi-endowment fund is being used at a rate that is threatening to empty it sooner than expected.

The Albion College Board of Trustees devel-

oped the quasi-endowment fund over the past 10 years, according to what President Melvin Vulgamore said at the Jan. 21 faculty meeting. The money for the quasi-endowment fund, about \$5 million, is the result of a surplus from "several prosperous years where we actually exceeded enrollment goals," said Dale Dopp, vice president for finance and management.

In the early 1980s the trustees realized there would be a decline in enrollments for several years because of the number of available high school stu- See Deficit, page 2.

The possibility of bringing Habitat for Humanity into Albion moves one step closer to reality.

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Albion's new Medieval Society holds its first fighting practice.

See page 6.

A review of the art installation "Treading Water," now on display in Bobbitt Visual Arts Center.

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# Deficit spending increased to meet financial need

Deficit, from page 1.

The deficit was growing smaller, Dopp said. With the quasi-endowment fund Albion would be able to weather "five to six rough years," without having to cut academic programs or staff, Dopp explained.

In the 1990-91 school year Albion first felt the decline in enrollments, he added. The college targeted a full time enrollment of 466 students that year, according to Dopp, but got only 427. However, apart from that academic year, the college has not experienced a significant decline in enrollment.

But the trustees, knowing they had the quasi-endowment and thinking it would not benefit the institution to get smaller, decided to use the fund to improve the college, Dopp said.

The trustees believed faculty salaries needed to be increased, and decided to use money from

the quasi-endowment toward that goal. They voted to spend \$5,082,660 between 1992 and 1996 to raise faculty salaries to the top half of GLCA faculty salaries.

Also in 1991-92, \$1.5 million was provided by the trustees to fund scholarships for National Merit Scholarship finalists, Vulgamore said.

However, the trustees did not project the significant increase in need-based financial aid requests when they authorized this spending, Dopp said.

According to Vulgamore, in the span of two years Albion families have gone from 47 percent to 62 percent needing financial aid. Vulgamore said that when he arrived at Albion in 1983, 14 percent of the college's general expenses went to financial aid. This year 36 percent of the college's expenses went to financial aid, he said.

The need for financial aid should increase by 27 to 47 percent next year because of a new government guideline, Vulgamore added.

The new guideline states that home equity and student earnings will not be included in the assets that families list on their tax returns, according to Dopp. Because of the change more families will qualify for financial aid and schools will have to "pick up the slack" financially, Dopp said.

As the need for financial aid increases, so does the college's deficit. Because of the increase in

families that qualify for financial aid, the new deficit projection through 1995-96 is \$13,836,733, not the anticipated \$5,082,660 allotted to the quasi-endowment fund, according to Albion College Budget Projections drawn up by Dopp.

Albion is currently receiving recommendations from an enrollment management consultant on how to alleviate the increasing deficit, Dopp said. He said that Albion will still "try to

continue meeting 100 percent of the students' financial aid needs."

Dopp said the college is considering letting students take out two student loans, which would help relieve some of the college's financial aid burden. Currently Albion limits the number of loans a student can receive to one, in order to keep students' after-college debt to a minimum, Dopp said.

While students are still guaranteed to receive some kind of funding for school, most academic departments face certain cuts, said Gene Cline, associate professor of philosophy.

Cline, who is on the Budgets, Salaries and Benefits Committee, which suggests to the provost how funds should be allocated, said there will be a two percent cut, plus inflation, in most departments' budgets for next year.

According to Cline, Stockwell Memorial Library, the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service and the Honors Program will receive the same funding next year as they did this year.

The Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs will receive an increase in funding from this year, Cline said. All other academic departments' budgets will receive a funding cut for next year, he said.

Cline added that the administration's focus on funding faculty salary increases and scholarships for National Merit Scholars will continue despite the departmental cuts.

### Where is the money going?

•\$5,082,660 will be spent between now and 1996 to increase faculty salaries.

•The trustees provided \$1.5 million for scholarships to National Merit Scholars.

•The number of families needing financial aid has gone from 47 to 62 percent in two years.

# Albion adopts assault policy

Assault, from page 1.

The policy which covers sexual assault exclusively was made last spring. In October a nine-member committee of students, faculty and administrators was assembled to develop the policy.

According to Patricia Franzen, director of the Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs, the need for greater confidentiality sparked the development of the new sexual assault policy.

"If someone was a survivor

of a sexual assault, she often felt that everyone was talking about her assault, even when she hadn't given permission for it to be discussed," Franzen said.

Another problem with the existing policies covering sexual assault is the lack of a clear procedure for survivors to follow. Franzen said she talked to several survivors of sexual assault who went through the existing framework to handle a sexual assault on campus.

"They did not get one person working with them through the existing system," she said. "The student felt that every time a

sexual assault happened the procedure was reinvented and they never knew what would happen next.

"They didn't know what their options were," she added. "I think that when you are in that state,

after a trauma and a violation, you need clear information."

"But we don't just want to respond more effectively to sexual assault, we want to prevent it," Franzen

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—Patricia Franzen

said. This is where educating the campus comes into the new policy.

"I'm hoping that because we will have better education everyone will feel safer," Franzen said. "We can't eliminate all assaults, but if something does happen they will know that they will have a clear, qualified response and someone to work with them through the process."

Rand agreed. "I feel that by having something in place people will feel more secure in coming forward and reporting the information, so that they can get the support they need."

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Shaw week events scheduled

"Diversity and Community" has been chosen as the theme for this year's Anna Howard Shaw Week, Feb. 8-12. Held annually by the Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs, the week honors the center's namesake. Shaw, an Albion alumna, was active in the women's suffrage movement and was the first woman ordained in the Methodist Protestant Church.

The schedule for the week includes:

**Monday:** "Healing the Wounds: Racism and Feminism," a performance workshop by Johanna "Juba-Ometse" Clayton, begins at 7 p.m. in the Wendell B. Will Room. The film "Frida" will be shown at 9 p.m. in Robinson 404.

**Tuesday:** "Women Building Community: Albion Women Leaders," a roundtable discussion with women from the community, 7 p.m., in Wendell B. Will Room. "The Salt of the Earth," an award-winning film, will be shown at 9 p.m. in Rob 404.

**Wednesday:** "Diversity at Albion: the Perspectives of Women of Color and International Students," a panel of current Albion students, begins at 7 p.m. in the Wendell B. Will Room. At 9 p.m. in Rob 404, the movie "Daughters of the Dust," will be shown.

**Thursday:** "From Principle to Action: Making a Commitment to Diversity," the Anna Howard Shaw lecture given by Donna Tabot from Western Michigan University, starts at 10:10 a.m. in Bobbitt Auditorium. "Women Workers, Women's Work: Clerical, Food Service, and Custodial Workers of Albion College," begins at 7 p.m. in the Wendell B. Will Room. "The Color Purple" will be shown at 9 p.m. in Rob 404.

**Friday:** An open house and women's information fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the third floor of Robinson Hall. At 9 p.m. in Rob 404, the film "A League of Their Own," will be shown.

### Events benefit warmth walk

The Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan is sponsoring its eighth annual Walk for Warmth to raise funds for emergency heating bill assistance. This year's walk will be held Feb. 20. Those wishing to participate can pick up pledge sheets at the Albion Chamber of Commerce, the Albion Volunteer Center, or the Albion Action Center office located at 805 N. Superior. For more information or to make a donation, call 629-9409.

Also benefitting the Walk for Warmth is the Penguin Waddle/Run to be held Feb. 13. The event has a \$10 entry fee; t-shirts will be provided. Sponsored by the Anna Howard Shaw Center For Women's Studies and Programs, the walk/run is part of Anna Howard Shaw week.

Some information compiled from college press releases.

# Habitat coming to Albion

## Organization committed to improving housing quality

By Zach Constan  
Staff Writer

"A decent house in a decent community for God's people in need."

This is the creed of Habitat for Humanity International, an organization dedicated to building low-cost housing for needy families, an organization which Albion has only talked about...until now.

"There have been a lot of attempts to get a chapter [in Albion]...which had gotten as far as talk, but were never formalized," said Mark Lelle, Albion Volunteer Service Center director.

Suddenly, the possibility of a local chapter improved after two open meetings with the state director for Habitat.

"There were 60 at one meeting...mostly students and faculty," Lelle said.

That surge of interest prompted Lelle to begin writing Articles of Incorporation for the local chapter so it could become an official non-profit corporation, the final step Albion residents had never reached.

For now, Lelle is busy coordinating volunteers and organizing a core group which will take over operations of the chapter.

"Ideally in a couple of months I won't be needed," said Lelle.

For those who did not attend the first two meetings, what will an Albion chapter of Habitat for Humanity mean?

Lelle summed up Habitat's mission: "we want to make sure that people aren't living in substandard housing."

He compared Habitat to the Appalachian Service Project, an organization which spends spring break doing house construction and repairs in the Appalachians.

However, he notes the problem of "fulfilling the basic human need" of shelter is closer to home than Appalachia.

"There are people in greater poverty here [in Albion] than in West Virginia," Lelle said. "We've already had six calls for houses...and we haven't even been publicized yet."

Lelle said the new Habitat chapter will need to raise \$30,000

over the next year to start its first building project—entirely from donations by Albion residents.

The

"partner families" selected for Habitat assistance will pay off their mortgage at no interest and no profit to Habitat, while their payments will go towards the expenses of building other homes. The families are also required to put in 500 hours work on their home with the volunteers, and 250 hours constructing other Habitat homes.

An affiliated group will be formed on campus within the next two months to organize student volunteers for the chapter, said Jonathan Beeton, Ann Arbor senior. Beeton and Gerald (Jay) Snodgrass, Burton sophomore, have spearheaded college interest in bringing Habitat to Albion and plan to submit a constitution to Student Senate for the new organization.

That group will include Amy Daigler, Farmington Hills freshman, and Sunaina Gill, Northville freshman. Daigler took Gill to one of the meetings, and both are interested in joining the international organization they had heard about in high school.

"It's the best thing to get involved in," Gill said, "...it helps the community and the school."

"After first semester, I decided that I needed to do more community service," Daigler said. "I hope to feel that I'm contributing something...we [Albion students] are privileged, and I feel like we have a responsibility to people in general."

Lelle hopes to see the college and community work together to help Habitat fulfill its purpose in Albion.

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—Mark Lelle

That means giving generously of time and money, even if its only an hour per month or a few dollars.

"If we had a list of 1000 people who would donate 30 dollars regularly, we could go on forever "until no one was without adequate housing," Lelle said.

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## as we see it It's about time

Most people understand that having sex with a woman who says no is rape, even though some still insist that "no" doesn't always mean "no," depending on such inane factors as what she is wearing and how much she's had to drink.

Michigan law actually goes further than that: having sex with a woman who has not said yes is considered rape. Surprised?

It might also come as a surprise to learn that, until now, Albion College has never had a separate policy for sexual assault (see related story, page 1). Any cases of alleged sexual assault on campus are currently handled according to policies governing general student behavior. The most serious charge a student accused of sexual assault could face under Albion's current policies is "indecent treatment to another student."

The most surprising thing is Albion is one of the last schools in the Great Lakes Colleges Association to develop a separate sexual assault policy. At a school that has policies defining how much beer constitutes a common source, how can we not have a policy that defines what is rape and what is not?

Now that we finally have a policy, it is a good one. The inclusion of trained advocates in the process of dealing with survivors of sexual assault puts Albion in the same league as University of Michigan and Michigan State University in terms of its treatment of the survivors of assaults.

But the fact that sexual assault was previously defined by this institution as "indecent treatment"—a term that seems more appropriate to mooning than raping someone—suggests a complete denial of the societal problems that lead to rape. How could we have come into the last decade of the twentieth century and still deny that sexual assault happens in our society?

College should be a place in which the leaders of the future expand their ideas and explore new ways of thinking. It is almost embarrassing to go to a school that is still so primitive in its policies as to claim that personal violation on such a level as rape is nothing more than "indecent treatment."

Congratulations, Albion, for finally catching up with laws the general public has had to follow for some time now. What took so long?

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



## Morris praises King editorial

To the Editor,

I would like to say "Yeah," "Hallelujah" and "I couldn't have said it better myself" to you. The "As we see it" in The Pleiad (Jan. 22) is what I, the Black Student Alliance, faculty in support of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and other supporting members of the campus community have been trying to say since the holiday became an

issue. I am glad that the editorial staff sees the importance of education outside the classroom, at any and all ages and academic levels, and hope that everyone can understand this too.

I was so thrilled to see it on paper, especially a paper that is circulated among students, faculty, staff, alumni and the Albion community. I truly hope people will take this issue to heart. The

day was not cancelled to be spent skiing, sleeping or getting the hell out of Albion, but an opportunity to LEARN. Thank you again for simply saying, we all are teaching vehicles. The learning comes when we come together to exchange ideas.

Tungia Morris  
Chicago, Ill., junior

## Bogie gives new perspective on Israel/U.S. relations

To the Editor:

I am writing to respond to the letter by Mike Lemonds concerning the Middle East peace negotiations. Mike? Hello? The United Nations has told Israel to vacate the Golan Heights, Gaza Strip and West Bank. Israel has not obeyed this, because of a dispute over the translation of the order. One version says all the disputed territories and another says some of the territories. Come on! Gimme a break Mike! It's obvious what they meant. Israel has been an expansionist nation since it first evolved in 1948. Lemonds appears to have been brainwashed by the Israelis.

I remember when I visited Israel and stayed with the family of a retired army sergeant. He would continually remind me of Israel's importance to America.

Its small size requires large American funding, he would say. The U.S. gives a standard \$3 billion to Israel every year, \$1.8 billion is always for its military. It's the number one recipient of U.S. foreign aid. This is for one reason: the Israeli lobbying mafia called the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). It strong arms the United States government into continually giving it money, without condition.

AIPAC has ended the careers of politicians like Charles Percy of Illinois and destroyed pro-peace Israeli lobbying groups. This organization is the tool of the Israeli government. Total loyalty is given to Israel, without caring what its policies and actions are.

I voted for Clinton because of the handling of domestic affairs under Bush. The Democrats need

to follow the example set by Jim Baker and George Bush, by adopting a get tough policy to make Israel do what is necessary for peace: give up the occupied territories as stated by the United Nations. You forget that it is U.S. pressure that has made Israel come to the table of peace in the first place. Israel has been caught spying and lying to the United States, not to mention human rights violations. Mike, it's time to face the facts and realize we have to stop appeasing Israel and treat the other Middle East nations with respect. The principle I suggest is this: if we are going to give Israel money, then Israel must follow the dictates of the United Nations as part of the new world order.

Jon Bogie  
Evanston, Ill., senior

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# 'Let's put WLBN on the air'

Before we enact our New Year's resolutions to save the world, let's first make it easier to talk to one another. Let's strip away, just temporarily, our desires for an all-marble Student Union in favor of something more practical, realistic and—perhaps most important to the powers that be—a hell of a lot cheaper. Let's put WLBN on the air.

I am guessing that the more obvious criticism of WLBN is not a debate on the station's format and the changes it has undergone over the years. Nor is it a complaint about the disc jockeys' enthusiasm and personalities. The problem is a simpler one: I can't hear it at all. Most Albion students, in fact, cannot tune in to the programs with any regularity.

The under-budgeted station uses a lim-

ited carrier current system. The station transmits the AM signal via insulated cable to a small number of campus residences, namely Wesley Hall and International House.

Although other residences are technically "hooked up," the transmission is weak and undependable: today's WLBN is hampered by outmoded and malfunctioning transmission equipment.

In his semester-end memorandum, President Melvin Vulgamore wrote that with the greater freedom of college comes greater responsibility. He wrote, "The

campus is a model for the nation," and urged students to strive for "genuine community."

I know that in the nation—the exterior or real world outside the cushioned atmosphere of

Albion College—radio stations enjoy the freedom of having listeners.

As a broadcasting medium WLBN is robbed of its most essential ingredient—an audience. It doesn't require a vast audience, but it does need the capacity to reach all residents on the Albion campus. However, the situation is fixable. A visit from Radio Systems, Inc., the original installers

in 1981, will correct the transmission system. Price tag: about \$5,000.

Without this capacity, Albion cannot be the champion liberal arts school the administration would have us believe, and certainly not the one that warrants ivy-league tuition status. At those schools the radio stations can be heard because the medium is granted the attention it deserves. Through their varied music, news and sports interests, students are able to interact in the "live" atmosphere of radio and create a community of listeners.

Without it, President Vulgamore's "genuine community" is a distant horizon. Doug Ropa, Lake Villa, Ill. junior is conducting a directed study on the status and future of WLBN and will contribute more columns on this issue over course of the semester.

## Viewpoint...

By Doug Ropa

## THE PLEIAD'S TOP 10 REASONS TO DISCONTINUE THE TOP 10

10. Nasty, unsigned letters to the editor.
9. Our self-esteem has improved, so we're not as critical of others any more.
8. "They just aren't funny."
7. Unfair stabs to prominent media figures, alumna (only because we're jealous, of course).
6. We're running out of things to complain about.
5. They're either too boring or too mean—we can't find a happy medium.
4. That's not how *our* dictionary defines sarcasm.
3. We're not working for Dave Letterman anymore.
2. We can't live up to last semester's standards—the pressure is just too great.
1. "I just don't get it."

—By the Pleiad Staff

### Quotation of the Week:

"If I thought going Greek was just so I could party like I wanna, why would I pay almost \$500 a year instead of keeping the cash myself and buying my own beer?"

—Christine Greene, Traverse City freshman

## Lack of social life: whose fault is it, anyway?

To the Editor,

I am responding to the letter published in last Friday's issue of the Pleiad by "Al."

I would like to say for the record that I have been an independent (a positive connotative word to me) up until last night, when I formally pledged. Obviously, I have many retorts to the accusations in the aforementioned letter, but as I see "Al" and his sympathizers really won't believe them anyway, I won't waste my time. Let's cut to the real issue here: lack of social life on campus.

We can't blame the lack of social life on the Greeks. They aren't happy about the lack of free time choices either. For those Greeks that don't drink (gasps! Could there really be Greeks that don't?) Weekends are even more dull. I think it's high time that the administration snap out of it and realize that, oh, we'll say 80 percent of the students here (we all know it's not just Greeks) are drinking themselves stupid, killing brain cells because they are so \*#@%ing bored.

"Al" was correct in his partial blaming of the administration for this problem. When much of the administration and alumni were our age, yes, Greek life was much more daring and exciting. More importantly though, when those wealthy alums were here, Albion was a much more prosperous town. This fact was shown vividly to me during the choir tour this January. Most of my host families were alumni and they all talked about all the fun times they had in town hanging out and going to the theater, etc. They would ask me if we still did those things, and well, frankly, if there was anything to do downtown, I'd probably be too afraid for my life to venture over there to do it. I don't think the alums notice, and the administration seems to think it doesn't matter. While I can't say it's the administration's fault that there's nothing to do in town, it is their responsibility to keep us happy. Forgive me if I am remembering incorrectly, but isn't the number one reason students leave campus because of the lack of social life? Isn't this the number one thing we all complain about? Hello out there! Does any of what we students have been saying even get to the administration?

In closing, I must state an all inclusive defense of Greek life: If I thought going Greek was just so I could party like I wanna, why would I pay almost \$500 a year instead of keeping the cash myself and buying my own beer?

Christine Greene  
Traverse City freshman

## Got a beef about something?

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# Newborn Medieval Society recreates history

## Student organization hosts first fighting practice; feast follows

**By Kristin Pruse  
Staff Writer**

The scene at the Dow Center on Saturday may have looked like a cross between an episode of the American Gladiators and the Knights of the Round Table.

But in reality, the newly recognized student group, the Medieval Society, hosted its first fighting practice and demonstration.

According to Carol Gaffke, St. Clair Shores sophomore and founder of the Medieval Society, the organization developed as a result of several students' common interest in history.

"Our organization encourages and creates a forum for the study of past cultures," Gaffke said.

The Medieval Society studies the period in history from late Roman, 600 A.D., to late Renaissance, 1600 A.D.

The fledgling group of approximately 25 members received \$2113.36 from Student Senate.

According to Gaffke, the group plans to use the funds to buy four suits of armor for fighting, shields and padding. They also used some of the funds to hold a medieval feast on Saturday evening after the fighting demonstration and practice.

The Detroit chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism came to oversee the fighting demonstration and to participate in the feast, according to Gaffke.

"It is a world-wide, non-profit organization devoted to recreating history," Gaffke said. "We are loosely modeled after the SCA."

The fighting practice and demonstration began with a brief explanation of the rules and regulations governing the fighting. The fighters invited anyone from the audience to try

participating in the fighting practices.

"It's like recreating old tournaments and battles," Knabusch said. "Plus, moving around in 80 pounds of armor is great exercise.

According to Knabusch, fighters can hit one inch above the knee and wrist, and above the head, the chest and the upper leg.

"Basically, when you fight, you have to hit them hard enough that they would think it is a telling

in acknowledging telling blows, you must always fight your opponent on even terms, Knabusch said.

"For example, if I was fighting Chris Fennell [Union Lake junior] who is more experienced, and if I took out his leg," Knabusch said, "I could fight him standing up and we would be even."

"But if I was fighting another starting fighter, I would take out my leg so we would be fighting on even terms."

After the fighting practice, the Medieval Society donned its period garb and hosted a feast in Kresge Commons.

"The feast was an example of the meals they ate and how they ate them," Gaffke said.

According to Madaski, medieval feasts are served in reserves. The society served three reserves consisting of three to four dishes each. They made the food themselves which included meatballs in mushrooms, pork roast,

rice with onions and shortbread. According to Gaffke, the evening ended with everyone participating in medieval dances.

Gaffke said she was pleased with the response to the event.

"We're off to a really good start," Gaffke said.



Christopher Fennell (left, standing) demonstrates at the Medieval Society's first sparring practice on Saturday. Afterward, Fennell (above, standing) and Carol Gaffke (above, seated) toast to a good feast.

Photos by Jonathon Beeton

on some armor and spar with them.

Erika Madaski, Grosse Ile freshman and Knights' Marshall of the Medieval Society, supervised the suiting of the fighters into their armor.

"As Knights' Marshall, I am in charge of the welfare of the armor and the safety of the fighters," Madaski said.

"You must take 70 measurements for one suit of armor in order to make it fit properly," Madaski said.

She explained that certain areas of the body must be covered such as the kidneys, the elbows, the knees, the groin area and the chest on females.

Michael Knabusch, Monroe freshman, said he enjoys

It's better than weight lifting."

Knabusch said he is currently uncertified as a fighter but is in training.

"When any fighter starts, they start with the short sword and shield. You must be proficient in that before going on to other weapons," Madaski said.

According to Madaski, other weapons include the axe, florentine, broadsword, mace, pole axe and halberd.

Knabusch said he prefers to fight florentine style, which is with two swords.

The SCA also has rules on how to fight.

"The whole fighting thing is done with honor and chivalry," Madaski said.

blow," Knabusch said.

A telling blow indicates the other person has been wounded, according to Knabusch. For example, if a person receives a telling blow to the arm, he or she must not use that arm for the rest of the battle.

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# 'Treading Water' creates new space

By Carrie Dibble  
Staff Writer

Do you remember "Superman II"? Think back to when Superman flew home to see his father. His home was known as a "fortress of solitude." It resembled a huge ice sculpture, with stalagmite fixtures randomly sticking out.

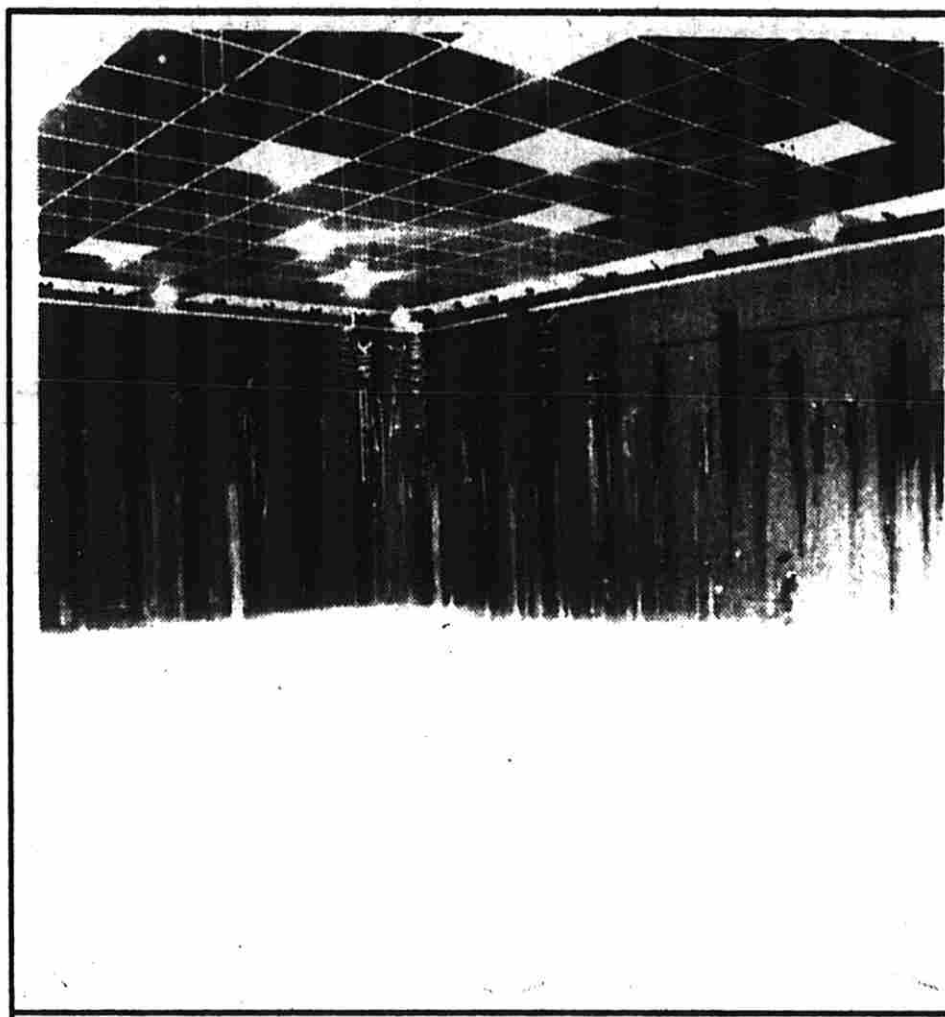
The Bobbitt Visual Arts Center will have its own three-dimensional fortress of solitude, titled "Treading Water," on display until Feb. 14.

The work was created by artist Larry Cressman, who earned his B.A. and M.F.A. from the University of Michigan.

"This piece is intended to be shown in this space," said Douglas Goering, chair and associate professor of visual arts. "[Cressman] was interested in transporting the gallery into another kind of space.

"Acknowledging that [the piece] is three dimensional is important," Goering said. "It invites the viewer to become a part of it. Some people don't know that they can get into it, but I know people who have...my wife has."

Cressman's art is created with glass, wire and sticks. "I use a lot of sticks because they are natural objects," Cressman said. "I've been interested in sticks because of their linear quality. A lot of these sticks come from my back



"Treading Water" exhibit in Bobbitt Visual Art Center.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

yard, especially blackberry trees." Cressman's work contains references to Michigan landscapes and water bodies. He

tends to stay away from bright colors, using more blacks and grays.

The top part of the installation

is covered in liquid graphite, including the sticks. "I liked the effects of the liquid graphite in contrast to the hard glass surface," he said.

Cressman is originally from the Port Huron area. Since he grew up near water, much of his work contains symbolic references to water and uses colors found in the Michigan tableau.

The glass pieces are hung from the ceiling. The purpose of the height is associated with the title of his work. "[They are] over my head and that's important because of the feeling of 'Treading Water,'" Cressman said.

The installation's three-dimensional structure allows for different interpretations because there is less of a feeling of confinement. There is no frame or canvas to visually confine the structure. "Treading Water" breaks the traditional boundaries between viewer and art.

Larry Cressman is affiliated with Hill Gallery in Birmingham.

## What the Rock Doesn't Tell You



The lull has hit. Nothing funny can escape our fingertips this week. Yaaawn. Sorry.

### FRIDAY

Did you really fall for that old gag? Ha ha, we got you good this time! Oh my, you guys need more livening up than we thought!

Anyway, you can't go see Diane Yun's recital tonight. Why? Because we said so. Just kidding again. Actually, her recital isn't until Sunday, Feb. 14 (the dreaded V-Day). We're not sure of the time yet, but we'll keep you posted. (We caught a glitch in the old calendar—see, who can you trust these days? Certainly not the college!)

Union Board is presenting Glengarry Glen Ross tonight at 8 and 10 p.m. in Norris 101. Just so you know your evening isn't entirely shot.

### SATURDAY

Oh no! Look out! It's another film version of a classic novel! Oh, why didn't they stop while they were ahead? But, if you're into epic grandeur, James Fenimore Cooper and/or Daniel Day Lewis (or if you want to witness some FANTASTIC cinematography), you might want to check out Last of the Mohicans tonight at 8 and 10 p.m. in Norris 101. Pack your bags Hope, we're movin' to the woods! Somehow, the version we read in high school just doesn't seem the same; wonder why?

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

Next week is Anna Howard Shaw Week—"Diversity in Community." We would like to personally encourage the entire college community to participate in some way, shape or form—even if it is only attending one of the five films being presented this week or attending a workshop. The important thing is being involved and learning whatever you can from those willing to teach it to you—awareness doesn't just happen by itself—get involved. For a complete schedule of the week's events, see page 3.

—By Michelle A. Ames and Hope I. Bailey

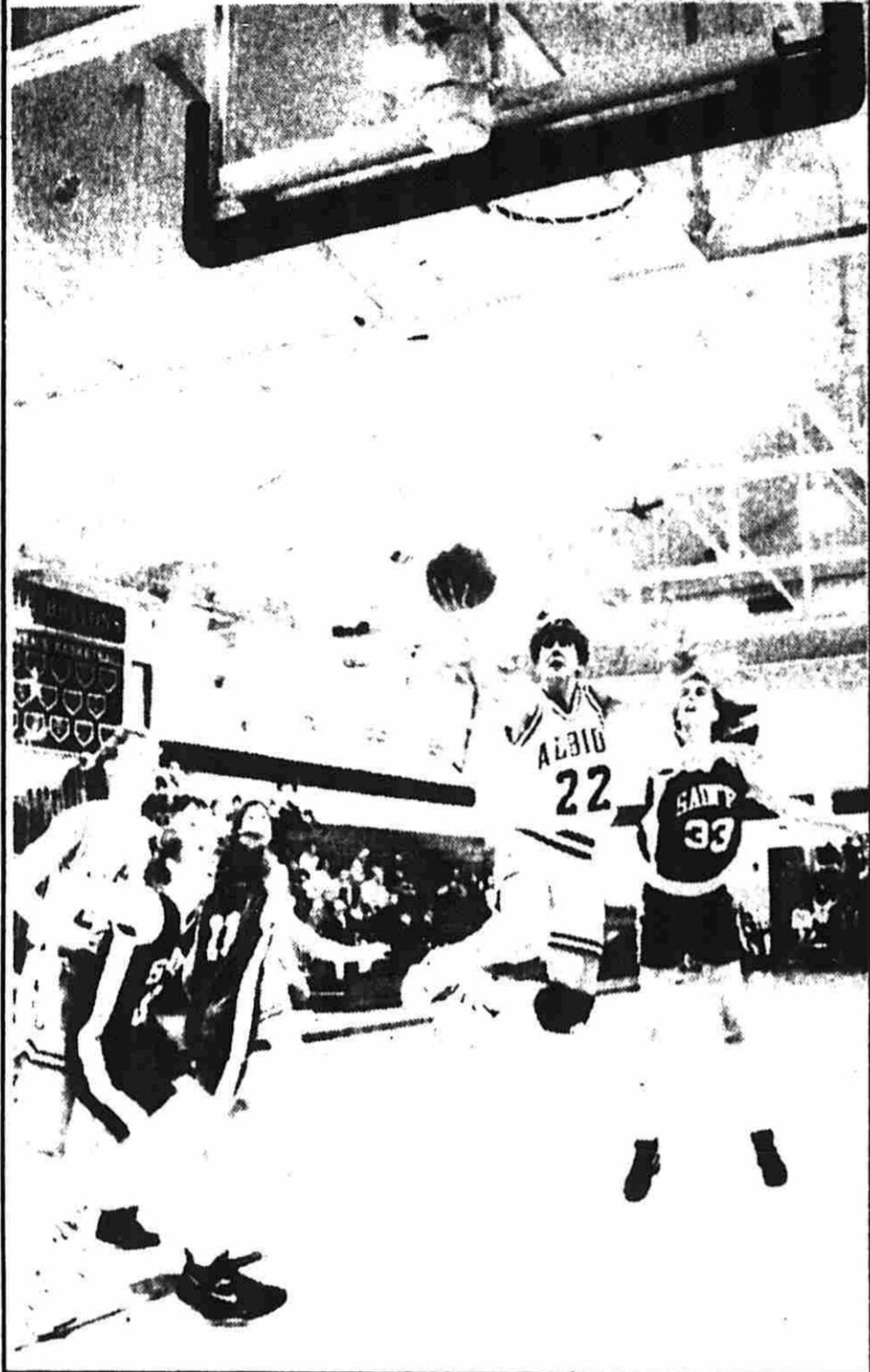
## DIVERSITY IN COMMUNITY

### ANNA HOWARD SHAW WEEK 1993

- February 5-7: **Weekend in the Woods: A Women's Retreat** for faculty, staff and students (committed to creating a positive climate for all members of our community). Sponsored by the Women's Alliance.
- Monday, February 8: **Healing the Wounds: Racism and Feminism** Performance Workshop—Johanna Juba-Ortiz, Dayton, Women's Center Director, University of New Mexico 7:00 PM—Wendell B. Will Room, Library  
**Frida** This movie examines the life of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. 9:00 PM—404 Robinson Hall
- Tuesday, February 9: **Women Building Community: Albion Women Leaders** A roundtable discussion with women who have built communities and bridges between communities in the city of Albion. 7:00 PM—Wendell B. Will Room  
**Salt of the Earth** This award-winning film, made by blacklisted filmmakers in the 1950s, chronicles the coming together of women and men around a copper mine strike in southwestern New Mexico. 9:00 PM—404 Robinson Hall
- Wednesday, February 10: **Diversity of Albion: The Perspectives of Women of Color and International Students** 7:00 PM—Wendell B. Will Room  
**Jessie Richards, folksinger** Blue Night at the Keller 10:00 PM—The Keller (co-sponsored by Student Senate)
- Thursday, February 11: **"From Principle to Action: Making a Commitment to Diversity"** Anna Howard Shaw Lecture by Dr. Donna Talbot, Student Personnel Programs and Counselor Education, Western Michigan University 10:10 AM—Bobbitt Visual Arts Auditorium  
**Women Workers, Women's Work: Clerical, Dining Service and Custodial Workers of Albion College** 7:00 PM—Wendell B. Will Room  
**The Color Purple** 9:00 PM—Robinson 404
- Friday, February 12: **Open House: Women's Information Fair** 11:30 to 1:30 PM—Robinson Hall, 3rd Floor Refreshments  
**A League of Their Own** 9:00 PM—Robinson 404
- Saturday, February 13: **Penguin Waddle 2 1/2 Mile Road Race** Benefit for Walk for Warmth. \$10 entry fee includes 1-shirt (family rates available) 10 AM—Dow Center Concourse  
**The Chenille Sisters Concert** 8:00 PM—Goodrich Chapel Sponsored by Lecture/Concert Series

Childcare is available for 7:00 PM panels. Call AHS Center at 629-0535 for details. Chocolate will be served at all movies.

Women Brits throttle Sienna



The women's basketball team crushed Sienna Heights on Tuesday 78-56, raising their record to 8-10. Jennifer Kennedy, Redford senior, and Gretchen Humes, Marine City senior, led the Briton attack with 22 points apiece. Above: Jennifer Kennedy maneuvers towards the hoop for an easy basket.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

Briton Update

- Jennifer Kennedy, Redford senior, was named MIAA women's basketball player of the week. Kennedy scored 41 points in two league games against Kalamazoo and Alma.
- The women's basketball team is in fourth place in the MIAA with a 3-4 record. Adrian, Alma and Calvin are tied for first with 5-1 records. The women face Alma at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Kresge Gymnasium.
- The men's and women's swimming teams remain undefeated in dual meets. Both teams are in first place, the men with a 3-0 record and the women 4-0. The swimmers have a meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Hope.
- The men's basketball team defeated Spring Arbor Monday 85-79, improving their record to 14-4. The men's team is back in action at 3 p.m. tomorrow at Alma.

Knights squeak past Britons

Players still determined after disappointing loss to Calvin

By Wayne Lippert  
Sports Editor

The dream of a national tournament appearance for the men's basketball team suffered a slight setback Saturday when the Britons lost 70-67 to defending Division III National Champions, Calvin College.

A capacity crowd at Kresge Gymnasium saw the 36-33 Briton halftime lead erased early in the second half. Albion clawed back to a one-point deficit, sinking two free throws with only three seconds remaining. The Brits proceeded to call a time out, but

were penalized because they had none remaining. Calvin was awarded with two free throws and the ball which sealed the victory.

Marcus Wourman, Detroit junior, scored 17 points and Gary Parker, Hastings senior, pitched in with 16. The loss dropped Albion into second place in the MIAA with a 5-2 record.

"We played really hard but didn't rebound well," said Scott Deemer, Plainwell senior. "I think that is what cost us the game."

"We needed a couple of calls to go our way but they didn't," Parker said. "It really was anyone's game and [Calvin] pulled it out."

"We expect to win every time we go out there," Wourman said. "It was a game of missed opportunities."

The players believe they still have an excellent chance to make the national tournament despite the loss.

"We are still in a good spot," Wourman said. "We have to go out and win as many times as we can. It is still a long way away."

"We still have a good chance to make it," Deemer said. "The winner of the league tournament goes [to the national tournament], and we have an excellent shot."

The Britons play their next game at 3 p.m. tomorrow at Alma.

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