

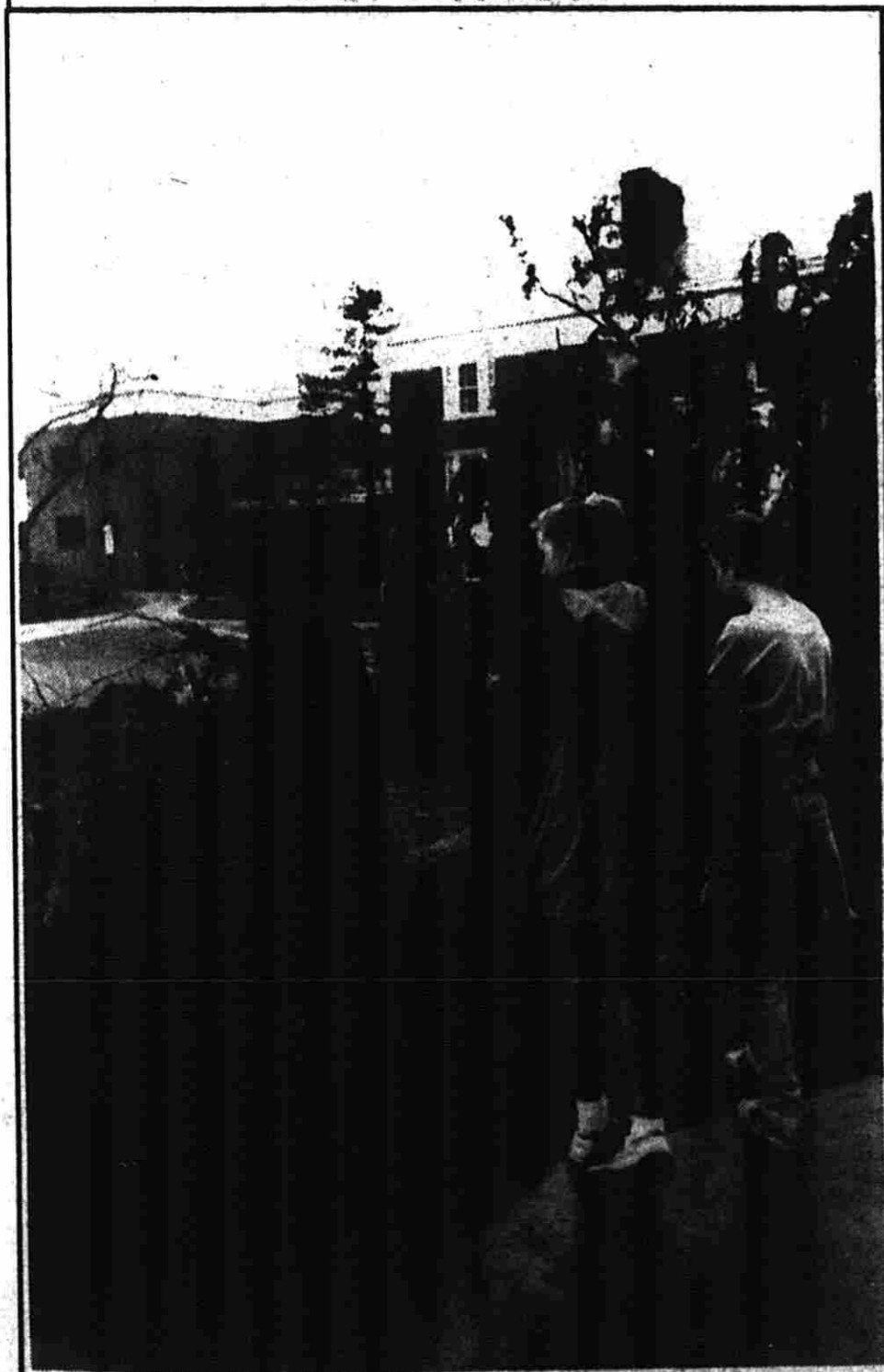
# The Pleiad

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## Albion slammed by spring storm



Bad weather rocked southern Michigan on April 15, bringing heavy wind and rains and knocking down power lines and trees. Following a brief power outage, one of the motors in the electric room in Twin Towers severely overheated, requiring the building to be evacuated, according to Kathy Rand, resident coordinator of Twin. Wind gusts of up to 79 miles an hour brought down four trees on the Quad, including one that was over 70 feet tall. One of the trees had been given a core of cement for stability (above), but even that could not prevent it from falling.

Photos by Jonathan Beeton

## Commencement speaker recalls Albion influences

By Geoff Lumetta  
Senior Staff Writer

In the last ten years Newsweek Magazine has become well known for its mix of hard-hitting reporting and informal style—from an exposé of the CIA's "secret war" in Nicaragua to a warning levelled at a member of the Bush administration: "wake up and smell the deficit."

Newsweek's unique style reflects the character and career of its editor-in-chief and president Richard Smith, '68, this year's commencement speaker and former sports editor of The Pleiad.

"In the age of the information explosion, no publication can afford the luxury of being boring," Smith told The Pleiad in a recent interview. "It is part of the journalist's job to not only report news aggressively...but also to present stories in an inviting and accessible fashion."

This outlook on journalism has helped Newsweek become one of the most popular news magazines in the country.

"One of the great strengths of Newsweek is [that] the people here take what they do very seriously, but they don't always take themselves very seriously," Smith said. "It's a particular syndrome in the media business to mix up the importance of the mission with self-importance."

At age 47, Smith is the youngest president in Newsweek's history. He became editor in 1984, and was named president in 1991. Despite this success, Smith said

he has always tried not to take his career and work "too seriously."

"I'm not one of those people who have a 'life-time, carefully-plotted-out' game plan," Smith said of his career goals. "I've seen that even the best laid plans quite often go awry."

While at Albion Smith was involved in a variety of academic and extra-curricular experiences. A political science major, he studied in Yugoslavia during his junior year. He returned to write an in-depth piece on his experiences there for the Battle Creek Enquirer.

Smith took a part-time job with the Enquirer his senior year while serving as sports editor for The Pleiad. Smith also played basketball and graduated summa cum laude. He said his busy four years at Albion left him with important memories.

"I particularly remember the tough professors, the interesting professors, the arguments in seminar rooms, and the work...that forced you to think for yourself and articulate your position on a particular subject," Smith said. "I've been doing that ever since."

Smith said two professors in particular motivated his career—Julian Rammelkamp, professor emeritus of history, and Charles Schutz, professor of political science.

"[Schutz] was cantankerous, irreverent, difficult and he always forced you to defend a position that you'd taken," Smith said. "That's a good test of fire—if see Smith, page 2."

*This is the last issue of The Pleiad for the 1992-93 school year. Have a groovy summer!*

The Pleiad checks in with three faculty members who were granted tenure this spring.  
*See pages 6 & 7.*

In sports—  
The women's tennis team is serving up a winning season.  
*See page 11.*



# Fraternity men cry foul about damage repair charges

*"We accept the blame, but the prices that we get charged are unreasonable" —Hoffecker*

By Kirk Warner  
Staff Writer

The charges being levied for repair and replacement of numerous items in the fraternity houses have many of the men who live there upset.

Charges for parts and labor have added up to bills of \$95 for a smoke detector, \$36.88 for a toilet paper holder, and \$951 for a door.

"The damage is all our fault, and we accept the blame, but the prices that we get charged are unreasonable," said Charles (Chad) Hoffecker, Okemos junior and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Some of the repair prices that have Hoffecker angry, besides

the price of the smoke detector and toilet paper holder, are \$196.50 to unplug a toilet and \$18.44 for a plastic toilet paper rod.

"All those things add up," Hoffecker said. "Even the houses that didn't have a lot of stuff damaged ended up paying significant amounts."

Hoffecker acquired the information on what the fraternity houses get charged for various repairs from a sheet listing the repair costs for last fall.

The total amount that each house was charged for repairs last semester varied significantly, according to the list.

The list has Alpha Tau Omega paying the least at \$126.87, while Sigma Nu was charged the most at \$3,148.77, with several charges

still pending.

A major reason for Sigma Nu's expensive repair bill, was the \$951.00 the house was charged to replace the active room door.

"We should get charged, but not that much," said Matthew Lepard, Grand Haven sophomore and member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Doubting the price of the door, several Sigma Nus took the model number off the bottom of the door and called a hardware store for a second opinion, Lepard said. According to Lepard, the price they were quoted for the aluminum door was only \$150.

"Even with a repair fee, I think that's outrageous," Lepard said.

Anna Acerra, associate director of residential life, is one of the people who examines fraternity

houses and makes sure repairs get made.

"I do walk-throughs with [Facilities Operations] to see that work is being done, not necessarily to assess damage," Acerra said.

In reference to the Sigma Nu active room door, Acerra said, "there's more of a story than maybe you're hearing," but she refused to comment further.

"It's a custom-made fire door," Acerra said. "Fraternities are residential buildings and they all have to meet fire and safety codes."

"They [the hardware store] didn't include the price of any hardware in their estimate," said Kenneth Kolmodin, director of Facilities Operations.

Kolmodin said that things like hinges and kickplates would cost several hundred dollars more.

"The cost is only meant to reflect what we pay plus labor," Kolmodin said.

Another concern that several fraternity members have is the length of time it takes for the repairs to be made.

"It really depends on what needs repairing," Hoffecker said. "If we have a problem in our room, it's usually fixed quickly. But if it's in a common area, like the basement, it takes much longer."

According to Hoffecker, it was "months" before the toilet in the Sigma Chi basement was unplugged, and yet it still cost almost \$200.

Lepard recently began investigating repair prices in all residence halls through Student Senate.

"They overcharge us, and then they don't do anything about it," Lepard said. "The door has been broken since the beginning of the semester, and they fixed it two days ago [April 6]."

Acerra said that because the door was custom-made and ordered, it took longer.

There are usually two reasons for repair delays, Kolmodin said: waiting for materials and waiting for a specific kind of damage to

accumulate so it would make economic sense to bring in a professional to fix it, like plastering.

But Hoffecker said unreasonable demands are often made of fraternity houses.

"We're more than willing to meet any reasonable requirements to keep our house clean, because we don't enjoy living in a dirty house," Hoffecker said. "However, it seems that many of the requests we get are unreasonable."

Hoffecker said walk-throughs to assess cleanliness and damage at the houses often occur at 8 a.m. on Thursdays, after Wednesday party nights.

Worrying about costs and replacement time should be second in importance, according to Acerra, because the damage "shouldn't have happened in the first place."

Acerra said students at Albion College need to address the problem of vandalism on campus because it affects everyone. "We may not charge them directly, but in the long run it hurts everyone," she said. "It might cause tuition to go up more."

Kolmodin said he would like to see a campus environment where these types of damages do not occur.

"We want students to have a certain amount of respect for what's here," he said. "They don't want to pay to have things fixed, and we don't want to fix them."

Acerra said she wanted to compliment the fraternities for doing a better job of cutting back on damage and reporting the people responsible.

"In an overall sense, the fraternity damage is down this year, although damage is up in Wesley and Seaton," Acerra said. "It is pretty even across the board at fraternities and dorms compared to last year."



Former President Ronald Reagan talks about the war on drugs with Richard Smith in an exclusive interview with Newsweek. Photo courtesy of Newsweek

Smith, from page 1.

you have to get the words and thoughts out under pressure, you learn the subject pretty well."

Smith said he has always pursued what interested him most, even when it might have meant a slower rise to the top.

An example of this is a career decision Smith made after four successful years as a Newsweek foreign affairs writer. Smith decided to leave his office job in New York and take a position as Newsweek's Hong Kong Bureau Chief, a position with less pay and prestige.

"I had a lot of people telling me that I was on the track to being one of the youngest senior editors the magazine has ever had. They asked how could I give that up," Smith said.

"I didn't look at it as giving up anything. I looked at it very much as wanting the experience for myself, for my career at Newsweek or for my future in journalism wherever it might be."

Smith said he first chose journalism as a career because it offered him the freedom to pursue a variety of different interests.

Transferring to Hong Kong fulfilled his lifelong goal, Smith said, of living and working in a foreign country.

In addition to giving the commencement address, Smith will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from President Melvin Vulgamore. Commencement will begin at 11 a.m. May 8 on the Quad, or in the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center in case of bad weather.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Campus Safety car damaged

The car used by Campus Safety officers was damaged in a crash approximately two weeks ago and is temporarily out of service. According to Mike Sequite, director of Campus Safety, the car was involved in a two-car accident and was seriously damaged. The vehicle is currently being repaired and Sequite said he expects it to be back in service before the end of the school year.

### "Collage" Dance performances tonight, Sunday afternoon

The Albion "Collage" Dancers will perform their annual spring revue at 8 p.m. tonight and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Herrick Center for Speech and Theatre. Involving approximately 50 students, the revue will include ballet, tap, jazz, ballroom and modern dance performances. Tickets are \$1 for students and staff, and \$2 for the general public.

### Final band concert of the year honors distinguished alumnus

The music department will honor Earl Slocum, '25, a nationally known music educator at the final band concert of the year at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Goodrich Chapel.

Featuring music transcribed for band by Slocum, the Symphony Band will be conducted by John Blakemore, assistant professor of music and distinguished guest conductors from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest.

### Earth Day picnic set for Sunday

An Earth Day picnic will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Victory Park Bandshell (Kresge Commons in case of rain). Sponsored by the Ecological Awareness Club, the picnic will include live music and free pizza.

### Day of Woden is Wednesday

The Day of Woden will be held on the Quad Wednesday. Featuring a concert and picnic, the celebration is open to all students and staff. Those who wish to attend and are not on a board plan must register at Baldwin Desk by Monday. The Day of Woden is sponsored by Student Senate.

Some information compiled from college press releases.

## Committed to alternative housing

### Future may bring 'apartments, condominiums & annexes'

By Jonathan Beeton  
Staff Writer

The deteriorating state of annexes on Albion's campus has raised doubts as to the college's commitment to this form of alternative housing.

Currently there are approximately ten annexes that provide housing for students on the Albion campus. According to Residential Life, this number is roughly 50 percent less than the college used to provide.

The stucco house located at 701 Perry St. has been judged unfit for residency by the college and will likely be torn down next year, only two years after extensive roof work and interior decorating was done. Currently, the annex at 804 E. Michigan has had its porch area condemned by the college and is off limits to the residents. This annex is likely to be taken "off-line" by the college following the completion of the '93-'94 school year. The annex at 312 Bidwell St., brought "on-line" just this year to replace the loss of the house that is now the Phi Mu lodge, will likely be too expensive to maintain within the next two years. These decisions might be construed by some as a decision by the college to slowly phase out annexes as a housing option for Albion students, but according to Tom Brideau, director of Residential Life, the future of alternative housing is bright.

"The policy from our end is to try and maintain 'autonomous' living situations like that, especially given the needs expressed by upper-class students," Brideau stated. According to Brideau, this means exploring allowing "even more alternative housing options for upper-class students" in the form of "apartments, condominiums and more annexes.

"We are trying to maintain the annexes we've got, but in some respects the annexes we have are in a deteriorating condition. It gets to the point, like with the 701 Perry St. annex, where you are throwing money away. It is like taking money and pitching it out a window.

"For the kind of money that it would take to pump into that building to bring it 'up to speed,'

you could buy something else," Brideau said.

For Brideau, simply maintaining the existing number of alternative housing units is not enough.

"I want to maintain what we have, but in some way, look to increase alternative housing options," Brideau said. This could include more annexes, converting housing structures to student apartments or a new building that "would not be a residence hall, but something like an apartment or condominium structure."

Brideau said he sees alternative forms of housing as an important step in developing interpersonal skills.

"Alternative housing provides a more autonomous, independent living environment for upper-class students." The whole idea of moving from your typical residential hall or floor experience, into something where you are taking care of your own needs more. You have a higher emphasis on communication skills and independent living and functioning together and cooperative efforts to get along together."

It is this reason that Brideau cites for the commitment by not only Albion, but other colleges, to providing alternative housing options.

While some have argued that the college maintains annexes simply because they would not be able to accommodate the students housed within them, in the existing residential hall system, Brideau discounts this idea altogether.

"If it was just a consideration of needing the space, we could 'squeeze' people into residential hall spaces.

"It goes back to the real need for developing some skill levels beyond what goes on in a typical residence hall setting. Just good

autonomous living skills and communication skills with other people," he said.

This does not, however, mean that Brideau is in favor of the idea of students living off campus.

"When you look at other colleges that allow their students to live in landlord situations, there is a great deal of fluctuation. You will get some good landlords and others that are simply out to make as much money as possible and don't give a rip.

"I think that the college is committed to providing the best sorts of services we can to those sorts of living options. When we have annexes or apartments, we do our best. We don't always meet the need or satisfaction level of people 100 percent of the time, but sometimes with the resources you have you do what you can at the time.

"Last year we spent a lot of money renovating the Burns Street apartments, so there was a commitment there. We could have let the apartments go on in their previous condition a little longer, but we pushed to get the renovations on the priority list, just as we would have anywhere else on campus."

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# Opinions

## as we see it \_\_\_\_\_ Hit or miss?

**Hit:** The college's adoption of a new sexual harassment policy.  
**Miss:** The policy is a semester (or actually years) too late.

**Hit:** Plans are in the works for a campus coffee house, a much-needed social space that will belong to everyone in the campus community.  
**Still Missing:** A campus center.

**Hit:** Funding for the recruitment of minority students.  
**Miss:** The 2 percent budget cut each academic department was forced to make this year.

**Direct hit:** The Quad, with four trees on April 15.  
**Will be missed:** The Briton Bus.

**Hit:** Albion College has produced a Rhodes Scholar and a Fulbright Scholar in the same year.  
**Miss:** It still isn't "cool" to be an intellectual on campus.

**Hit:** Union Board's increased variety of programs this year.  
**Miss:** Slashing UB's budget 25 percent next year.

**Hard hit:** Students' and parents' wallets by the tuition increase.  
**Missing:** The intended destination of the increased revenue.

**Hits:** Diversity week and the campus-wide poverty symposium.  
**Miss:** Attendance at the programs.

**Hit:** The successful recolonization of Delta Gamma.  
**Missed:** Delta Tau Delta.

**Hit:** Desmond Tutu's scheduled appearance at Albion College this summer.  
**Miss:** Most students won't be here.

**Will be missed:** Professors Willard and Patricia Frick, leaving Albion for Otterbein College in Ohio and Patricia's new provost position.

**Hit:** The return of Kay Pierce, English department secretary, after emergency surgery.  
**Missing:** Her appendix.

**Will be missed the most:** Dr. James Diédrick, new director of the Newberry Library Program in Chicago and beloved advisor to The Pleiad. Good luck and raise hell!

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



## Students Scoboria and Fennell provide solution to Albion apathy

To the Editor:

We have been away from campus on separate off-campus programs for a time now, and feel our absence gives a perspective unobtainable by those closer to home. What we speak of in this letter is the so-called "Albion apathy," and the ongoing debate over the Greek system. How these questions are approached will determine both Albion's future image and the education students receive there.

The word 'apathy' aptly describes the general attitude of some students at Albion. The 'As We See It' in the January 29th Pleiad questions whether this apathy is the cause or effect of the lack of motivation frequently expressed by students. Such terms as 'cause' and 'effect' may be too polarized to aid in the understanding of this problem. What we see, and have seen for several years, is a tendency for students to complain about a lack of social atmosphere, only to sit about passively waiting for something to happen. We wonder what such students expect to occur. We ourselves have never felt any shortage of social opportunities; between classes, organizations, and personal in-

terests, if we wish to be 'social,' we and our friends either do something made available by the community, or create something to do.

There have been attempts to solve this dilemma, such as The Alternative (dubbed "The Alternative to a good time" several years ago), and the failed 'Encounters' this year in Kresge Commons. It appears a dance space is not what is needed, seeing how these endeavors died, gasping like fish flopping about on hot pavement. One great improvement over the past year has been the Keller, which is now busy most nights. But its size is limited, and this is one manner in which the larger space of a students union would be useful. But let's remember not to assume that providing a new building will automatically improve the atmosphere: that is up to the students.

The other debate which often seems misdirected is that over the place of the Greek system. We have heard much about the advantages and disadvantages of the fraternities and sororities, but have the effects of abolishing them truly been considered? The extreme stresses resulting from academic and social pressures in such a

close-knit, focused community as Albion college must somehow be released. The Greek system is such a current outlet for a large group of students. We wonder if abolishing the system would not force these energies to be let out in more negative and damaging ways. Before considering the future of the Greek system, sufficient alternative programs are essential. For the present, both Greeks and the remaining students need to work together to improve the situation, first by tolerating the differences of something which they are not a part.

Finally, we would like to recommend the off-campus opportunities to all students. Albion is an excellent school, but being small is also a self-enclosing world. To leave for a time means gaining a perspective which allows one to see the true dimensions of the problems of a small school in central Michigan, and thus return better equipped to address them.

Our thanks for your time,  
Alan Scoboria, Dearborn junior  
Christopher Fennell, St. Claire Shores junior

You can call us 'Al' and 'Chris,' but don't call us late for dinner.

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### Quotation of the week:

"Schutz was cantankerous, irreverent, difficult and he always forced you to defend a position that you'd taken... That's a good test of fire—if you have to get the words and thoughts out under pressure, you learn the subject pretty well."

—Richard Smith, '68, editor of Newsweek and 1993 commencement speaker



# Opinions

## WLBN's success depends on the student interest

Compared to other Great Lakes colleges, Albion College has lower tuition fees. In fact, Albion ranks tenth out of twelve schools in tuition costs; my point is that it's also near the bottom in college radio.

A college radio station offers students the chance to develop their broadcasting skills and at the same time, to encourage a sense of community among the listening audience. Dr. Helen Manning, faculty emeritus of theatre arts, recognized the importance of college radio and dedicated her 1980 fall sabbatical to research other stations in the area. She believed that WLBN should make the switch to FM radio.

Unfortunately, her request for an FM frequency was denied. There were competing claims for the same frequency, by Spring Arbor College, Olivet, and even Michigan State University, which was expanding its own FM signal. Albion College has not reapplied to the FCC and has done very little to improve WLBN's technical problems. But this time, when I use the name "Albion College," I am not referring to the administration. I'm talking about the

students. Ultimately, the success or failure of WLBN depends upon student interest and participation in the station.

Dr. Manning's 1980 report, combined with findings from this year, shows the growth of certain GLCA radio stations, like WKCO-FM at Kenyon College, in Gambier Ohio.

Like our own station, WJMD runs on carrier current. The major difference between WJMD and WLBN is that the Kalamazoo station functions fairly well: it is reaching the lis-

tening audience and students can hear WLBN's programming. Of the schools in the

GLCA, Kenyon is closest in size to Albion. In the years since her report, Kenyon College students have increased the power of WKCO—from carrier current to a 100-watt FM station—and the number of students involved in the station has doubled. Both WJMD and WKCO are completely funded by the student body through a Student Activity Fee levied each semester.

In Albion's

case, the logical parallel would be our Social Tax. With the help of the newly-elected Student Senate, we could designate a portion of the social tax as a "WLBN Subscriber Fee" to give financial support to WLBN. The funds created from the subscription fees would help cover WLBN's repair costs. We could hire professionals—either Radio Systems, Inc., the station's original installers, or another outside source—to identify the weak links in WLBN's transmission equipment, repair or upgrade those elements, and ensure that WLBN continues to function effectively in the years afterward. More importantly, the subscription fee would give students a sense of ownership: 1,505 Albion College students become 1,505 WLBN subscribers; more students may get involved in its operation, as deejays or in listener call-ins. By working together, students will help design WLBN's format and programming style and every day we can turn to 570 AM to listen to our investment.

### Viewpoint ...



By Doug Ropa

## Eco Club expresses admiration for Brower *Construction crew offers only material compensation*

To the Editor:

We are currently celebrating Earth Week. Earth Day 1990 marked the 20th anniversary and was celebrated with fanfare. Albion was particularly honored to have David Brower on Campus. Brower, onetime leader of the Sierra Club and founder of Friends of the Earth, is probably the most famous living environmentalist. Saving the Redwoods and keeping the Grand Canyon from being dammed are just two of his many contributions.

At Albion, Brower, then nearly 78, made many new friends. Those who heard his speech, exchanged ideas with him in classes, watched the PBS television premiere of his life story with him at the I-House, or topped off the evening with him at Cascarelli's will not forget this wise and warm man.

Perhaps the best part of Brower's time at Albion was spent with children from the Open School. After readings from Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* by the 4th graders, Brower, a real life Lorax, shared in planting a red maple tree near North Hall, forever after known as "The Brower Tree." The tree was a reminder of the challenge, inspiration, and hope of his visit and marked a sacred spot.

As coordinators of Brower's visit, the Albion Eco Club kept a watchful eye on the Brower Tree. When construction at North Hall began, the Eco Club knew that the tree was in harm's way and we secured what we considered a college commitment to protect the tree. To our horror, the construction crews removed and disposed of the Brower Tree just before Christmas. Having flunked its stewardship responsibilities, the college indicated that the construction company would replace the tree.

While offering a new tree is literal compensation, it undervalues the historic and symbolic significance of the Brower Tree. In telling the story of the trashing of the Brower Tree to students, alumni, and staff, after expressions of anger and sadness, a common response is: have those responsible for the debacle not only replace the tree, but bring David Brower back to Albion.

We are not holding our breath waiting for the college or the construction company to do this, but the Eco Club is dedicated to the prospect of a return visit for David Brower. He is a master teacher, who focuses our attention on environmental sustainability. We welcome the support of others in bringing back Brower. It is too late for the original Brower Tree, but if enough people care a whole awful lot, maybe the Lorax will come back.

Lori Burrus, Kalamazoo senior  
Peter Menard, Portage sophomore  
Wesley Dick, professor of history

### BONES & BILLY



DEATH AND CUPID CONSPIRE TO SWITCH ROLES FOR A DAY CREATING SOME BLISSFUL DEMISES AND TERRIFYING PASSIONS.

### Setting it straight...

In last week's article about the denial of SHARE's application for an annex next year, we said that the Medievalist Society was awarded the annex. In fact, only one member of the Medievalist Society will be living in the annex at 709 Perry.





Dianne Guenin-Lelle recently received tenure.  
Photo by Jonathan Beeton

# A Promotion for a Lifetime

*Tenure-track faculty members are usually evaluated after six years to determine whether they will be granted tenure-essentially, a job for life. The evaluation encompasses the professor's full term at Albion and usually stresses student evaluations above other factors. This year Dianne Guenin-Lelle, John Hall and Glenn Perusek received tenure*

# In an ideal world, tenure unnecessary: Hall

By Susan Johnston  
Opinions Editor

"In an ideal world, we wouldn't need tenure, but this isn't an ideal world," said John Hall, assistant professor of history.

This is Hall's philosophy on his newly acquired status of tenure, after serving as a member of the faculty for six years.

"On a balance, I can't help feeling it [tenure] has a negative influence on American institutions."

According to Hall, some faculty who receive tenure do not stay as up to date in their field, and tenure makes it difficult to fire those individuals.

"Negatively, tenure protects uninvolved, burnt-out faculty," Hall said. "But it also protects certain faculty who support unpopular ideas and their position may be threatened—these people need protection. However, I think there are very few faculty here who are working in areas where they need that protection."

Hall mentioned tenure has recently been abolished in his home country of England. He said this action was a way for the conservative government to stifle opposition from the universities.

**"Negatively, tenure protects uninvolved, burnt-out faculty."**

— John Hall

"Albion could only abolish tenure if the atmosphere existed in which minority groups, particularly gays and lesbians, felt their careers could not be jeopardized if they spoke out."

"That atmosphere just doesn't exist in this society. Until society becomes less threatening, I think tenure is a necessary evil," Hall said.

He said he was very impressed when he first came to Albion College, saying it offered him a very healthy balance.

"I can remain highly active as a scholar doing research and publishing, and I can take on the most crucial element of education—teaching undergraduates," he said.

Hall said he felt very fortunate to be at Albion College.

"I get paid to do what I love doing, teaching with first rate colleagues and excellent students. It's a hell of a lot better than working in a factory," Hall said.

With all his positive remarks about Albion, Hall was asked what he liked least about Albion.

"The resident requirement, it demands all faculty live in Albion. It's well-intentioned, but it particularly penalizes single faculty, and is creating problems in

hiring and keeping good single faculty," he said.

Hall, traditionally known for speaking his mind, said having tenure did not make him feel more protected. "The administration creates an environment where a free expression of ideas is valued," he said.

"I've never found a problem speaking out on issues. I never felt being tenured would alter what I said or taught," Hall said.

Hall said he was happy with the way Albion College is trying to define its own vision.

"I'm delighted Albion is less content now with status quo. It is increasing the atmosphere that values intellectual vigor," he said.

He said he shares the concern with other faculty about the proposed "Civic Arts Requirement."

"I'm worried we will confuse this clearly intellectual academic mission of Albion College with hands-on social responsibility."

Our mission is teaching our students to think, we're not creating social workers or middle management," he said.

According to Hall, he felt benefited from being at a small school as much as the students do.

"When you work all day along side of people like Jeff Carrier, Ned Garvin, Jeff Cocks, and others, it makes coming to work a truly pleasurable experience," he said.



Hall in the Wendell B. Will Faculty Room  
Photo by Jonathan Beeton

# Perusek committed to raising sights of students

*Promises to remain aggressive and ambitious despite tenure job security*

By Jonathan Beeton  
Staff Writer

Some critics of tenure claim that it encourages faculty to become complacent and less productive. But don't suggest that to Glenn Perusek, newly tenured assistant professor of political science.

"It's not in my character to do that and we, as a faculty, are looking for people who are aggressive and ambitious enough that they will continue to grow intellectually," Perusek said. "There is nothing worse for the students than a member of the faculty who reads lecture notes that they wrote 20 or 30 years ago. You want people to continue to grow and develop."

The problem can come about when a person says "I've made it," and relaxes, Perusek added.

For Perusek, receiving tenure is a result of the amount of time and research that he has put into his teaching.

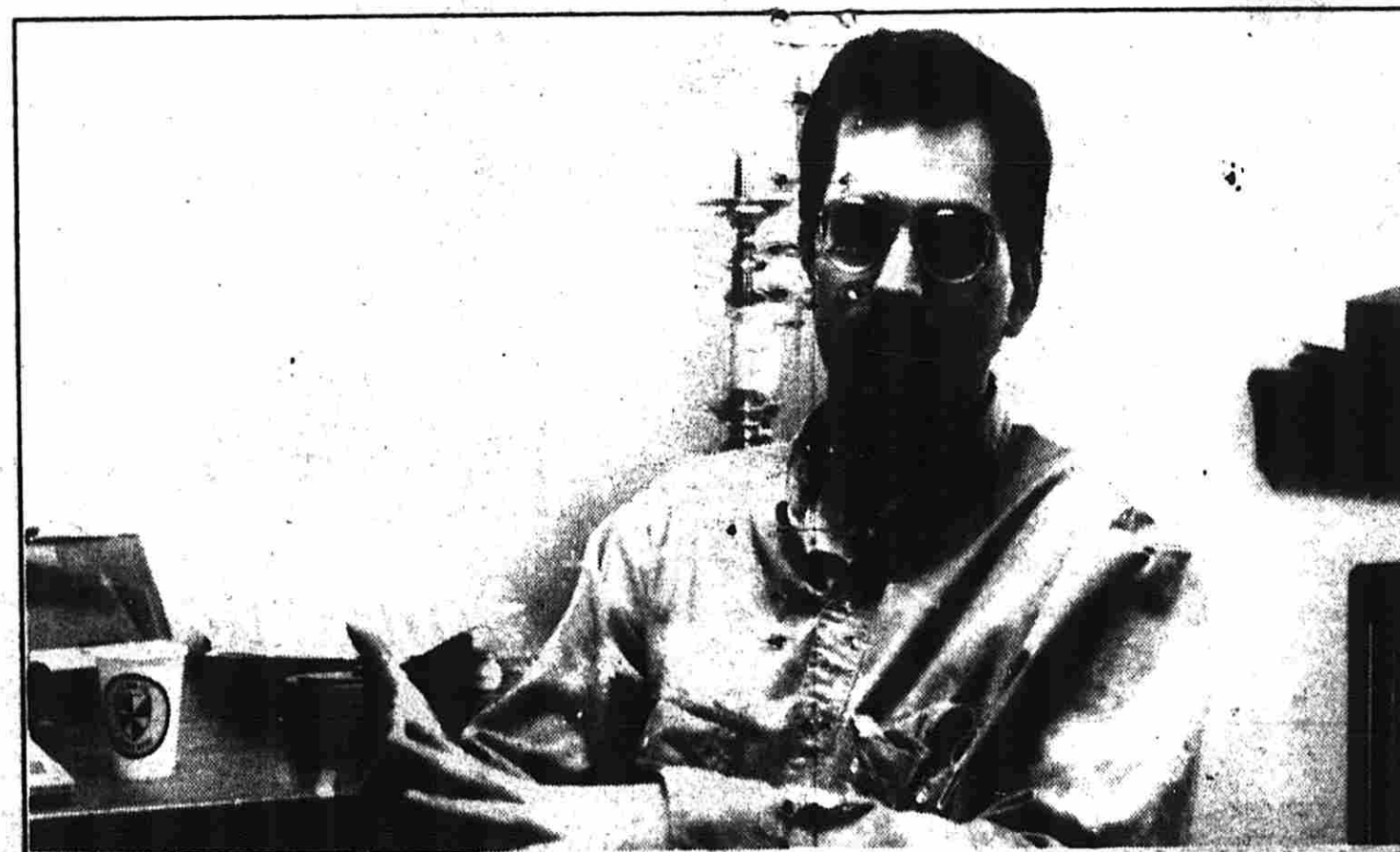
"Since graduate school I have pretty consistently worked about 75 hours a week, teaching and research combined," Perusek said. "To make any progress you have to really put in that much time. I generally split my time 50/50 between teaching and research."

**"It is probably the single most important milestone in my life."**  
— Glenn Perusek

For Perusek, who came to Albion in 1988 after completing his dissertation at the University of Chicago in that same year, tenure represents a very important step in the recognition of his teaching ability.

"The great advantage of tenure is that you have job security and academic freedom," he said. "Or, if you don't get tenure you are 'out,' so it is a grand goal in professors' careers. An important milestone."

While tenure is not automatic, Perusek was not really



Perusek said "prioritizing work" is one of the biggest problems students face.  
Photo by Jonathan Beeton

worried that he wouldn't receive tenure.

"I was pretty confident. I had gotten signals from the beginning that I was a pretty strong member of the faculty. So I had the expectation that I would receive tenure," Perusek explained.

"This is the achievement of a major goal that I had, along with getting a Ph.D. and doing significant pieces of publication of my research. It is probably the single most important milestone in my life," Perusek said.

While tenure is something that most all new faculty yearn for, it can have its disadvantages.

This year, Perusek found more and more of his time being eaten away by committee work.

"It is a big problem here, but then it is a big problem everywhere. The committee system needs to be streamlined and a lot more work needs to be delegated. It can be done more efficiently. It is democratic to have discussions on everything, but that is not always the most efficient way to get things done," he explained.

Last semester in a letter to The Pleiad, Perusek questioned students' commitment to academics and was criticized in subsequent letters.

# Guenin-Lelle will continue crossing boundaries with tenure

By Susan Ferguson  
News Editor

Although being granted tenure means life-long job security, Dianne Guenin-Lelle hasn't lost sight of what is important to her.

Guenin-Lelle, assistant professor of foreign language, came to Albion in 1987 with a Ph.D. in French and Spanish Literature. While at Albion, she has taught classes not only in French, which is her main concentration, but Spanish and a Basic Ideas class as well.

"There are many more courses I would like to teach that are more interdisciplinary," said Guenin-Lelle. "At Albion, we don't do enough across the curriculum. A fundamental part of a liberal arts education is to be able to connect theory and practice—neither of which are bound to specific departments."

"Within specific departments, you see selected elements of the whole picture. I would like a class where the whole picture is represented."

This idea of crossing boundaries is central not only to Guenin-Lelle's teaching, but to her life outside the classroom as well.

Guenin-Lelle is highly involved not only in "traditional" faculty pursuits, but in student activities as well. In this year alone, she has served on both the regular and Greek judicial boards and the committee to select SOAR student leaders. She also delivered the faculty address at the Freshman Convocation, and will serve as a SOAR faculty advisor this summer.

As well as committee responsibilities, Guenin-Lelle is involved in volunteer activities. She teaches French with a group of students at

Johnson Child Care Center in the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools program.

This willingness to get involved with students both inside and outside of the classroom has not gone unnoticed. Guenin-Lelle received "The Bridge" award at the Slight Leadership Recognition Dessert. This award is given to a faculty member who has "bridged the gap" between students and faculty and has gone above and beyond her duties to further learning both inside and outside the classroom.

Guenin-Lelle downplays the decision to grant her tenure. "It has not changed me," she said. "I plan on continuing to do the things that let me get tenured."

Those things include not only her extracurricular activities, but her curricular activities as well.

"I'm convinced that students will rise to the expectations of the instructor," she said. "I have high expectations, and they do wonderful things."

Curricular activities include more than instruction for Guenin-Lelle. In the past few years, she has had articles published on French seventeenth century comic novels and foreign language teaching methods.

While Guenin-Lelle understands the importance of faculty research, she said it should not become the faculty's only concern.

"This year, there seems to be some measure as to redefine what it means to be a faculty member—with more emphasis on research," Guenin-Lelle said. "This concerns me."

"Whatever changes are made, I hope we never lose sight of the fact that effective classroom instruction is what makes Albion distinctive," she added. "It is what we do well."



# In 1967, campus center got APEX priority

*In 1993, Albion students are still waiting for the promised campus center*

The proposed Albion College campus center has had its fair share of setbacks. But these setbacks have not caused Student Senate to give up its dream of a social meeting place for all students.

Last semester, members of the senate focused on the Board of Trustees in an effort to get the campus center plans approved, said Eric Hildenbrand, Mount Clemens senior and president of Student Senate. While the trustees approved the plans for a campus center in October, they did not authorize immediate go-ahead of the plans. Despite this delay, senate has continued working on other ways to get a campus center at Albion, Hildenbrand said.

This semester, members of the senate are working on the college's strategic planning process and hope to get involved in fund raising for the campus center in the future, Hildenbrand said.

"Currently the college is looking for a main line donor, someone to pay for a big part of the campus center," Hildenbrand said. "Then they will start looking for ways to pay for the rest of it."

There is a way to help the campus center's cause, Hildenbrand said. "If graduating seniors or alumni donate money to the college, and specify that it's to go to the campus center account, the college is obligated to spend that money on the campus center," Hildenbrand said.

Compiled by Kirk Warner

(Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Jan. 13, 1967, issue of The Pleiad. We found it surprisingly similar to articles that have been run earlier this year about the proposed campus center. We thought students would be interested in how old the issue really is.)

A new Albion campus center has been designated by three college groups as the top priority building project in the second phase of the 10-year Action Program for Excellence (APEX).

At meetings held on homecoming weekend and parents' day, Albion College's Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association, and the Parents' Association selected as their special project raising funds for such a building.

The need for a student center has been apparent in the past but the situation has become more acute this year. The ground floor

of Baldwin Hall, which formerly served as a student center, now doubles as a dining area for the 728 students eating at Baldwin.

Consequently, the largest student body in Albion College history (1,657 students) has no full time student center.

Although the lower level of Baldwin Hall can be utilized as a

million as their campaign goal for a new student center. This money will be added to the \$400,000 in cash and pledges already on hand to finance the project, it was said.

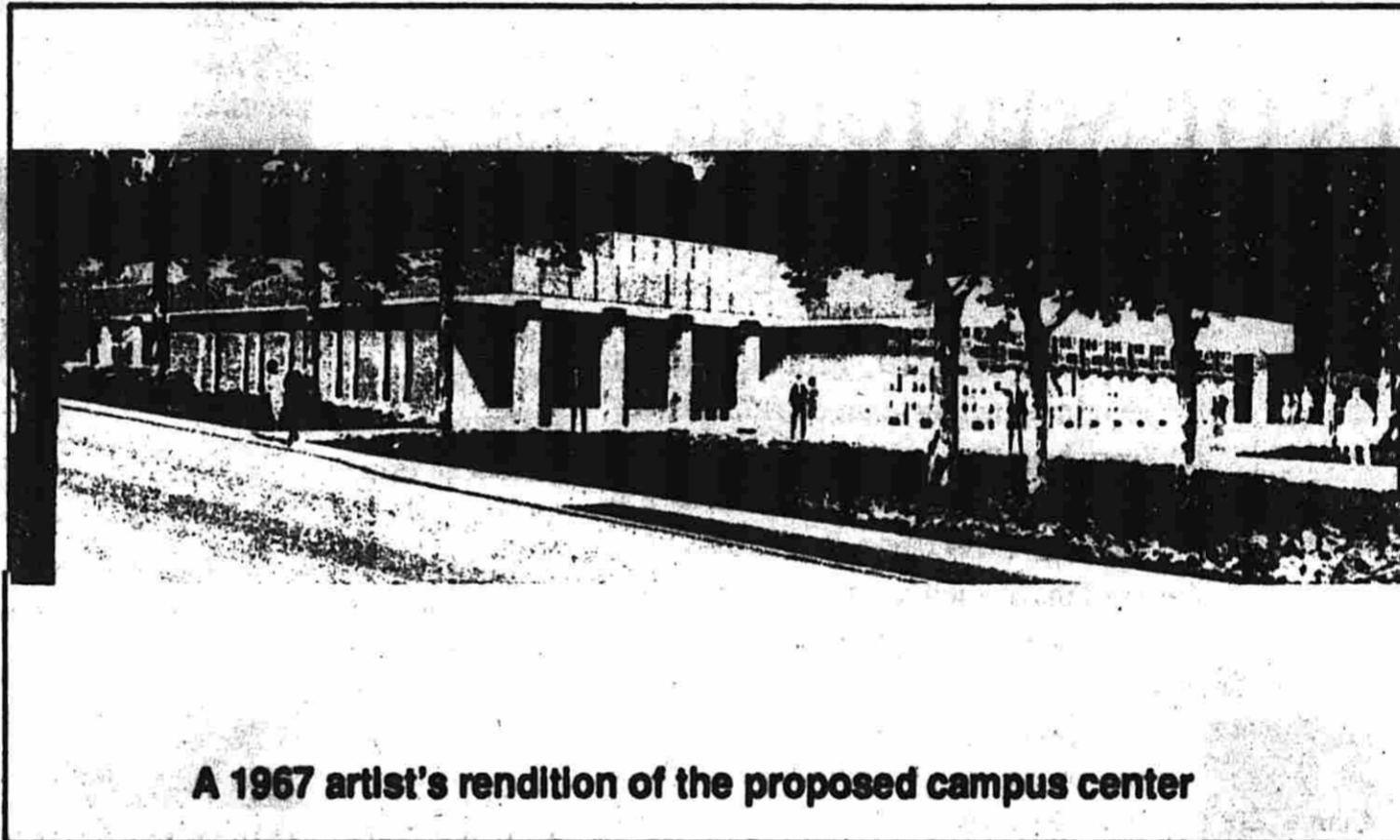
Herbert Jones, vice-president of college relations and development, expressed his confidence that alumni and

"We hope to have the needed funds pledged within a year and to have the money in two years. Keeping these facts in mind, I am sure that ground for the center will be broken within two years," he said.

Plans for the campus center include areas for student organization offices, lounges, exhibit and seminar room, a snack

bar, a formal dining room, a large meeting room, bookstore facilities, two recreation areas and center offices.

The three-level building, designed by Alden B. Dow Associates of Midland, will be located, according to the College's long-range plan, in the block bounded



A 1967 artist's rendition of the proposed campus center

student center only part of the time, renovations over the summer expanded the "interim" facilities. The creation of a TV room and pool room are chief among the renovations.

Together, the groups mentioned above have set \$1

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# Academic departments forced to cut budgets

## Faculty comment on effects of 2 percent cut

By Kirk Warner  
Staff Writer

Belts have been tightening on campus this year as a result of a mid-year 2 percent cut in academic and administrative budgets, but most students probably have not noticed the effects.

Because of expected financial aid expenses, the college has been forced to trim its operating budget. As a result of this, academic departments have been asked to cut back on their spending.

"I hope we're able to minimize the effect it [the budget cut] has on academic programs and students," said Jeffrey Carrier, chair and associate professor of biology.

"We'll try and cut \$150 here and there," said Charles Crupi, chair and professor of English. "Use the back of paper more often."

Crupi said the cut would hurt in "special things," like field trips and the number and quality of speakers. "It's not going to come out of blue books and pencils," he said.

The English department's budget goes into pre-defined areas according to Crupi. Areas which include: faculty travel, student help, honorariums for guest speakers and supplies and expenses. "We'll cut a little bit in student help, supplies and expenses," Crupi said.

The English department had to cut \$341.90 from their budget for next year, according to Crupi. "When everything is added up, 2 percent of the English department's budget is really not that much money," Crupi said.

A large part of the biology budget is spent on supplies for

the laboratory classes and field trips, Carrier said. Supplies such as living plants and animals, and chemicals and biochemicals without long life expectancies, he said.

Carrier said there is no simple way to answer how the biology department will deal with the 2 percent cut.

"We'll have to cut back where it doesn't damage the integrity of our curriculum," he said. "We might do without some supplies we would customarily use," Carrier said. Also when looking at two possible labs, they would evaluate the cost and choose the less expensive lab, he added.

"We'll simply have to restrict what our department members do," said Larry Steinhauer, chair and professor of economics and management. "We'll have to be less active on the Xerox machine."

Steinhauer said because he has not seen the new budget for the economics and management department, "It's hard to say how we'll deal with it [the cut]."

These department chairs agree that while next year's two percent budget cut will not really hurt academic programs and students, an annual cut of department budgets would.

"Most departments can absorb a 2 percent cut by putting off expenses," Crupi said. "As long as it's a one year deal, it won't hurt academic programs. However, if this is a sign that there will be general cutbacks in

the departments, then yes, it will eventually hurt the students."

Steinhauer said after awhile expenses would "accumulate" if department budgets were cut yearly.

"Right now I don't think students will see a major change in the way departments will serve them," Steinhauer said. "Our goal will be to make sure it has as minimal an impact on students as possible."

Crupi said he doesn't anticipate future cuts in the budgets of academic departments because there's "not enough there."

"I don't see that academic department budgets are lavishly funded," Crupi said. "There's not much fat in the department budgets overall."

It is difficult for anybody to answer if there will be departmental budget cuts in the future, according to Carrier. He said it depends on enrollment and financial aid need. "But the evidence out there doesn't look good," Carrier said.

Last year was a bad year financially for Albion, according to Steinhauer, because the college could not plan for the increased number of students needing financial aid.

"My own personal opinion is that the college will have to do more than it's currently doing to clear up the deficit in the next three years or so," he said.

All three department chairs agree the administration needs to

# Kolton elected



Chad Kolton, Saginaw sophomore, was recently elected Student Senate president. Kolton will officially begin his term at the next Senate meeting Thursday. He is replacing two-term president Eric Hildenbrand, Mount Clemens senior.

Photo by Jonathan Beeton

share more financial information with the faculty. Crupi said administrative openness on financial matters is better than it used to be, but "the faculty does not get a lot of information about the budget structure overall."

Carrier, who is on the Budgets, Salaries, and Benefits Committee, said the administration has shared

financial numbers with faculty on that committee to an extent that they haven't in the past. "But despite what my committee has seen there's still more that can be shared," Carrier said.

"I agree the college needs to be more forthcoming on an annual basis with financial matters," Steinhauer said.

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# Schwandt's musical talent self taught

By Carrie Dibble  
Staff Writer

"I have always been interested in music," said James (Jay) Schwandt, Pigeon sophomore. "My mom said I was always singing and my sister and I were always putting on our own productions."

A singer, musician and composer, Schwandt has always had a fond respect for all kinds of music. He has been in the spotlight several times this semester. Besides his own sophomore recital, Schwandt also played Ko-Ko in "The Mikado."

Schwandt will be accompanying Kristina Behncke's solo, "Memories," for the Albion 'Collage' Dancers recital this weekend.

All music greats have an story about how they became an accomplished artist. Schwandt's

background is as unique as his composition.

"I started playing the trombone in fifth grade," he said. "I wanted to play the alto sax, but it was too heavy for me when I was little."

By the time Schwandt turned thirteen, his musical interest changed to piano. "My dad fixed up this old piano that was in our neighbor's garage," Schwandt said. "It was old and it even had a family of rats nesting in it."

Schwandt taught himself to read music and play a few chords. No one in the family knew anything about piano, but he was

determined to learn. Schwandt used to try to imagine what it would be like to play the piano

had to do," he said. "I kept practicing on my own. I would always hear little melodies of songs in my head."

"I remember taking math tests when I was in junior high and I would always hear a little song in the back of my head."

By the time Schwandt was a senior in high school, he had the opportunity to

create his own musical score for the school's production of "The Velveteen Rabbit."

"The words to the song were in the script, but I fooled around

with them and made up my own melodies," Schwandt said.

The summer after his freshman year at Albion, Schwandt composed his own song cycle called "Dare we Dream." The whole composition consisted of 92 pages of music.

"Music has always been a de-stressor for me," Schwandt said. "You can always tell what kind of mood I am in when you hear my music. Sometimes I go to Goodrich Chapel and play the piano for a couple of hours. It helps me relax when there are a lot of things going on in my life. I just use the tension and the emotion that I feel and put it into a song; I kinda make it up as I go along."

After Schwandt finishes his education at Albion, he plans to go to graduate school to get his masters in music composition or music theory. Someday, Schwandt hopes to teach music to college age students.



James (Jay) Schwandt as Ko-Ko in the musical "The Mikado." Photo courtesy of Communication Department

without looking at the keys.

"I actually had about six months of formal lessons, but I never liked lessons because they were lessons—something you

## What the Rock Doesn't Tell You



Well folks, another Pleiad year has drawn to a close. It only seemed like yesterday that we as a student collective were girding up our loins to take the academic battlefield. Now here it is, almost May—holy moly! If these are supposed to be the best years of our lives, then why do they move so fast? As fast as the wind ripping through the Quad last weekend that snapped off those poor trees, I suppose. Forget that weak simile, anyway...

Well, we've only got—officially as of today—12 days left. Count 'em—that's two hands plus two fingers worth! A dozer. (Does anyone remember that song on Sesame Street? "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12—doo de doo doo de doo de doo doo..." with all of those funky patterns and that crazy pinball rolling all over the place?)

Anyway... Twelve days until the last blue book is closed, the last page is ripped out of your printer and handed in and the last remnants of Baldwin grease are wiped off the tables. Gee (sniffle), normally we're not sentimental

people, especially about this place, but something about the fact that after those twelve days is SENIOR WEEK (which we have an idea might be slightly fun) and then after that most of us will be moving on to strange and wonderful places (even if they're in places like Saginaw or Jonesville) then, we are outta here for an entire summer! Yeah! Whoo whoo!!! So we're not sad at all, really. But if we're not back next year, or if a reasonable facsimile is not available for your reading enjoyment—Hasta la pasta babies, have a cool life!

So for one last time, let us take your hands and stroll down event lane, where the events are always sweet and always so good for you, too.

### FRIDAY

Well, it's not Jay Pasko's pelvis this time, but it has many, many other redeeming qualities—we're talking about the Albion 'Collage' Dancers Spring Performance, of course! Many students will be dancing their way through several performances at 8 p.m. tonight and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday in the Herrick Center for Speech and Theatre. La! Where are my ballet shoes? Let's boogie.

Also tonight at 8 Malcolm X will be showing in Norris 101. Spike really wants you to see this—he told us so, so go.

### SATURDAY

Aaah, not a Saturday afternoon goes by when there aren't any of Albion's teams playing. Look, the sun is shining (we hope) and you all look sick, so go outside and get some sun!

Ah vant to bite your neck, ooh, de blood is soo red...(cough, cough) deed you have garlic for lunch, my dahling? Oh my, too much Pleiad makes your mind go astray...

That fab Gary Oldman, Winona Ryder, Anthony Perkins and Keanu Reeves will be gracing Norris' screen in Dracula tonight at 8 and 10 p.m. You have to see this flick despite the bad press—it's just fabulous. Hey, is Winona still with Johnny Depp?

### SUNDAY

How many of you remember we told you there is another

Albion 'Collage' Dancers Spring Performance today at 2:30 p.m. in the Herrick Center? Bravo if you did—you get a piece of candy, and if you didn't, well... shame on you.

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# Women's tennis: serving up a winning season

By Zach Constan  
Staff Writer

"Thirty-eight years is a hell of a long time."

That is what Coach Bill Maddok had to say about the fact that the women's tennis program hasn't won an MIAA title since 1954.

"I'm very confident about our chances," Maddok said. "I'm very pleased...the program is doing exactly what I wanted it to."

Maddok has a lot to be pleased about. As of April 19 the women's tennis team is undefeated in the MIAA and has a 12-6 overall record. Four of the team's six losses have been to either Division I or Division II opponents.

According to Maddok, Albion plays such tough teams because they are such good competition.

"I would rather play [tougher schools]," said Evie Kopp, Port Huron junior. "Even if we lose, we get better in the process."

According to Maddok, a couple of factors can be attributed to the team's success.

"We have two things going for us; we hate to lose, and we're willing to put forth as much effort

as it takes to win," he said.

"When push comes to shove, we grit our teeth," Maddok added.

The team has been impressive since the beginning of the year when they recorded victories over defending MIAA champ Kalamazoo and Ambrose.

"I give credit to all my players," Maddok said. "I appreciate the effort of the women.

"They take the credit because they do all the work," he added.

Maddok's top players include:  
#1 Singles: Rachelle Fichtner, Troy freshman. Maddok believes she will be the second seed in the MIAA tournament because of her work ethic.

#2 Singles: Jennifer Myers, Massillon, Ohio, junior. According to Maddok, she is having a terrific season.

#3 Singles: Kristin Misner, Champaign, Ill., freshman. Maddok said she is developing into a good player.

#4 Singles: Evie Kopp. "She is playing well under pressure," Maddok said.

#5 Singles: Jennifer Basch, Rochester Hills senior. Maddok calls her "a very competitive player."

#1 Doubles: Fichtner and

Myers. "They can play well against the best," Maddok said.

#2 Doubles: Kopp and Misner. According to Maddok, beating Kalamazoo was "icing on the cake," for this pair.

#3 Doubles: Basch and

Jennifer Kerr, Cilo senior. Maddok expects the pair to be the number one doubles seed at the MIAA tournament. "They play well together," he said.

With such a lineup, Maddok has one goal: "I want to win the

team title for the seniors."

"It still isn't a shoe-in," he added.

The women's next match is at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Hope.

## MIAA Spring Sports Standings

Baseball			Softball		
	W	L		W	L
Albion	6	3	Adrian	10	0
Alma	4	2	Alma	4	4
Adrian	3	3	Calvin	4	4
Hope	1	1	Albion	3	3
Olivet	3	4	Hope	2	2
Calvin	3	4	K'zoo	1	7
K'zoo	2	5	Olivet	0	4

Men's Tennis			Women's Tennis		
	W	L		W	L
Alma	3	0	Albion	5	0
K'zoo	2	0	Hope	3	1
Calvin	3	1	K'zoo	3	1
Adrian	2	1	Calvin	2	2
Hope	1	2	Adrian	1	4
Albion	1	3	Alma	1	3
Olivet	0	5	Olivet	0	4

Men's Track			Women's Track		
	W	L		W	L
Albion	5	0	Calvin	1	0
Alma	4	1	Alma	2	1
Calvin	2	2	Hope	1	1
Hope	1	2	Adrian	0	1
Adrian	1	4	Albion	0	1
Olivet	0	4			

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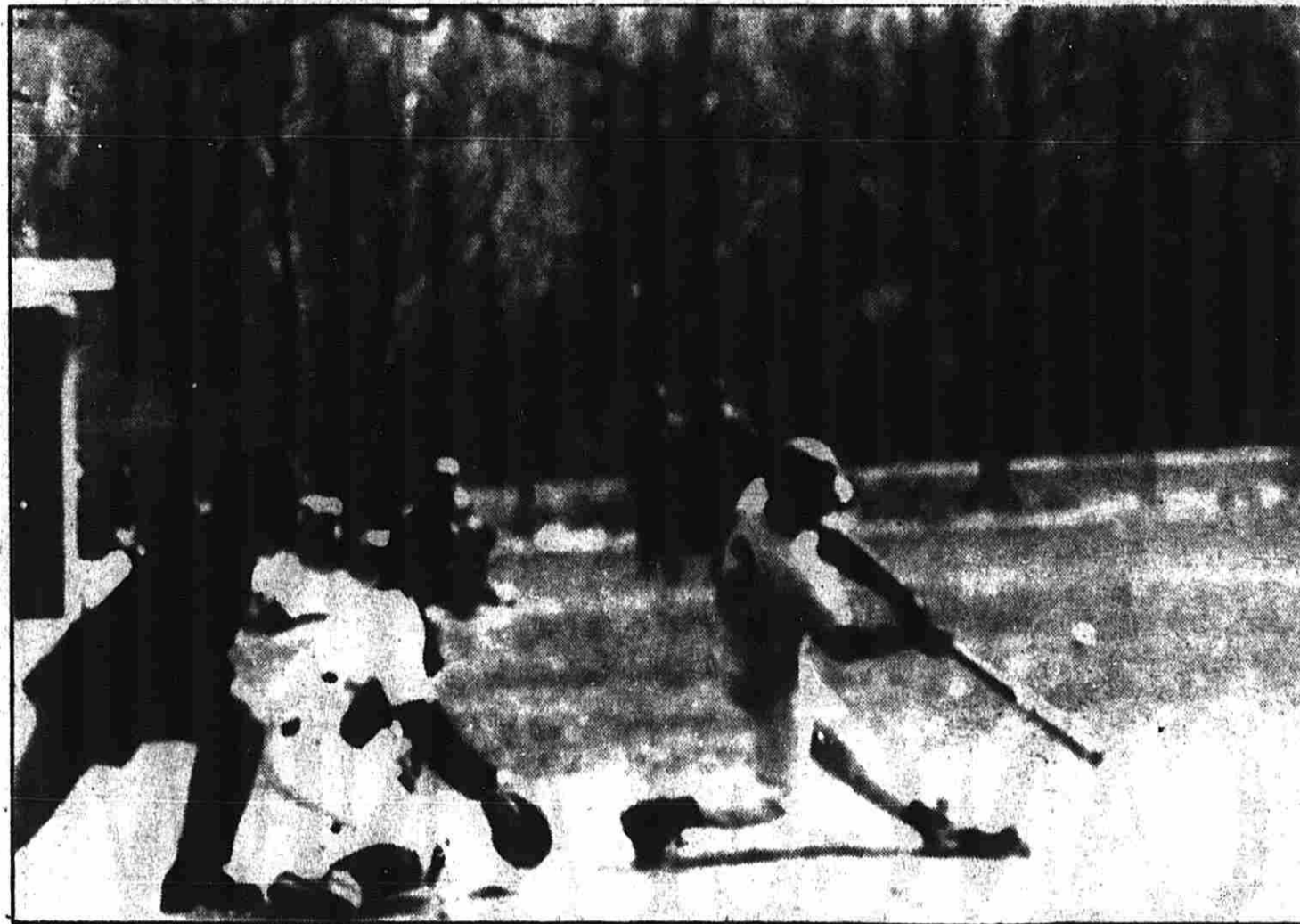


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# Spring sports at a glance



**Above: Jason Gillespie, Lincoln Park freshman, hits a line drive for the first place Britons. The team continues its quest for the MIAA title today at 4 p.m. at home against Hope.**

**Far Right: Jeffrey Hines, Canton senior, serves an ace against an opponent during practice. The men's team, trying to improve on its sixth place standing in the MIAA, is back in action at 3 p.m. tomorrow at home against Hope.**

**Right: Andy Groscost, Portage senior, slips another slider past an opposing batter.**

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