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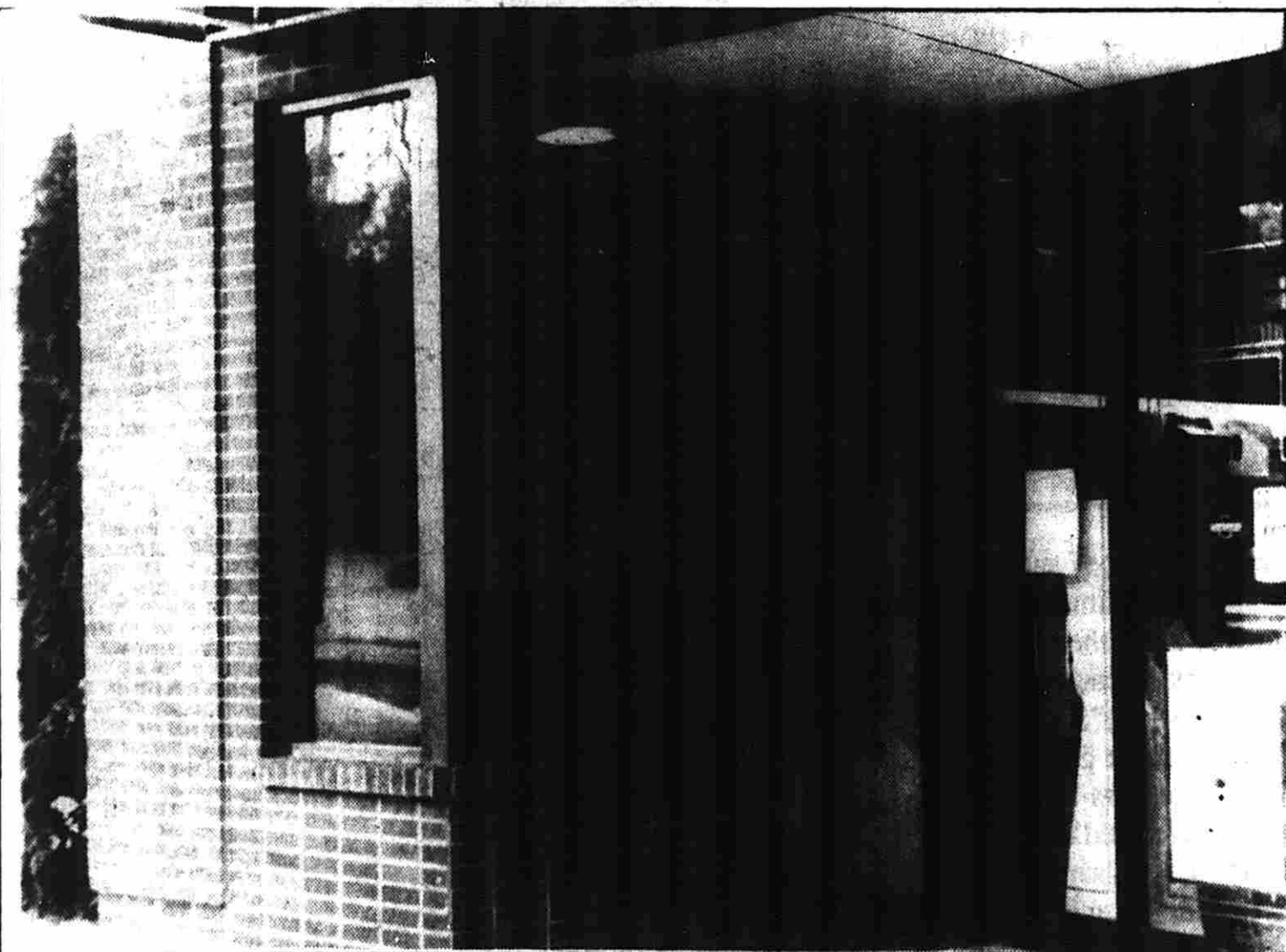
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## The newest addition to the bookstore



The new automatic teller machine located in the western display window of the bookstore will be accessible within the next couple weeks.

Graham Miller/Photo Editor

## Baldwin: changing for the better

By Erica Brown  
and Deborah Miller  
Staff Writers

This year, there have been many changes in Baldwin. From the napkins now being on the tables to the changes in the menu, the differences seem to be efficient and welcome.

"I have noticed some visual changes in Baldwin and I like them!" said Trisha Texture, Alpena sophomore.

Since the retirement of former director of Dining and Hospitality Services, John Czarniecki; Stephen Schnorr, the new director, came to Albion in early June and has expressed his determination to find new ways to make Baldwin more efficient and economical.

Dining and Hospitality Services has already spent more

money for food this year than in years past.

"Last year at this time we spent \$1.3 million on food, and right now we've spent \$1.9 million," Schnorr said.

"We don't run this dining service for a profit, we run it as a break-even. There isn't anything left [money] at the end of the year," he said.

"We only buy the best of everything," Schnorr said.

Gordon's Food Service is the college's main distributor. The milk comes from Roelof Dairy, the bread from Holsum Bakery and fresh-pressed cider comes from Harrison Orchard in Albion, according to Schnorr.

Dining and Hospitality Services said it is always looking for new ways to best serve the students and the college.

Some concerns were decreasing waste amounts and meeting students' needs.

"If we weren't efficient and economical, we wouldn't be here. So, we have to serve the best possible food we can in the best possible manner for the least amount of money and the least amount of waste," said Carl Dewar, Production Manager of Dining and Hospitality Services.

In order to accomplish this, Dining and Hospitality Services has visited other schools in hopes of finding some new ideas and ways to be efficient.

Because of the ever-changing trend of dining styles, Dining and Hospitality Services is committed to meeting these changing needs of the students.

"We need to keep up with the trends. I don't want to be doing the same thing in my 30th year that I was doing in my first year," said Schnorr.

Many students say they feel

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## Students frustrated

*Zakrajsek denied tenure position despite high student evaluations*

By Joel Campbell  
Staff Writer  
and  
Sue Johnston  
Editor in Chief

A dark cloud is hovering over the psychology department with the announcement that Todd Zakrajsek, visiting assistant professor of psychology, will not be receiving the tenure-track position the department recommended he receive.

"It's an injustice. He has all the right qualifications for the job, but was not offered the position," said Eva Kopp, Port Huron senior and psychology major.

Zakrajsek has been a temporary professor of psychology at Albion for four semesters. He has been incredibly popular with his students, well respected by his co-workers and very active in his own research as well as student research.

When a tenure-track position for a social psychology lecturer opened up this year, many expected he would be given the position. To the amazement of students and faculty, he was denied the job.

"I have no negative feelings toward Albion College or anyone here," Zakrajsek said.

According to Zakrajsek, he was very impressed with the cali-

ber of students he encountered here.

He has taught at three other colleges said he "liked the students here better than any other place."

"I am more upset for the students than for myself," Zakrajsek said.

"It's a blatant disregard of student's opinions," Kopp said. "We fill out professor evaluations and obviously they are not being taken seriously."



Todd Zakrajsek

Graham Miller/Photo Editor

Brian George, Troy junior, spoke with Provost Margaret Curtis about why Zakrajsek did not receive the position.

According to George,

Curtis said the student evaluations do not hold as much credibility as students believe they do.

"I'm frustrated because it would be a different situation if the administration would say why he wasn't qualified," George said.

"Everyone knows he is a very competent professor and of exceptional character," George said. "If he isn't qualified, then what is the administration looking for in a candidate?"

David Hogberg, professor of psychology and department chair, refused to comment because a

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new search is being conducted currently.

The psychology department opened a nation wide search last fall to fill the position, for which they received 116 applications.

After careful consideration and interviews the field was narrowed to two applicants. The man chosen by the psychology department was Zakrajsek.

When his nomination was sent to President Vulgamore, it was rejected for reasons on which Vulgamore refused to comment

Students have been in support of retaining Zakrajsek since he has been at Albion.

During his second semester here, he was the subject of a petition drive to be made a full professor. This petition was headed by Kristina Gibbons, Grosse Pointe Woods senior and psychology major, who collected 75 signatures of Zakrajsek's current students.

"These students and I feel that Zakrajsek would be an excellent addition to not only the psychology department, but to the college as a whole," she said, in her letter to the department.

Gibbons isn't the only student who was enamored by Zakrajsek's teaching style. In his four classes last semester, he received two 4.8 and two 4.9 overall ratings on a scale of one to five.

One student wrote, "He is the best psychology professor I have taken at Albion College. . . I believe not only that his subject matter is essential to his department, but that he is essential as well. He has become my favorite in the department."

According to Kopp, Zakrajsek has guided students both in and out of the classroom. "He has had great success in helping student's research," Kopp said. "Lisa Evans, a December graduate,

had her research submitted to a scientific journal with Zakrajsek's help."

Much is lost without the retention of Zakrajsek. Students have lost a professor they have really enjoyed, the psychology department has lost their first choice for the tenure position, Zakrajsek lost a job he truly loved and the college lost an excellent researcher.

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### 'He is the best psychology professor I have taken at Albion College.'

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the need to eat healthy, and 'diets' are not uncommon. To meet these students' needs, Dining and Hospitality Services has added nutritional information to the menu and assures "everything that we fry is cholesterol free, and we pay more for it. All these little things that we try to do, most students don't realize," Dewar said.

Campus vegetarianism is on the rise, becoming a deeper concern to Dining Services to provide vegetarian options at each meal. Vegetarian menu items are becoming more popular.

"Twenty percent of the population eats vegetarian regularly," Schnorr said.

"We're here to service you...but it's awful hard to ser-

vice the student body and please everyone all the time when we don't really know their likes and their dislikes, because they are not expressed to us," Schnorr said.

"If you have a problem and you let the servers know, they will get one of us and let us know, or just ask to see a supervisor, or ask to see me because I'm here every day," Dewar said.

## PIA amends Baldwin insult

By Sue Johnston  
Editor in Chief

This week Poverty Issues and Awareness (PIA) posted an announcement that was meant to shock the Albion College campus into thinking about the issues of poverty and thus come to the organization's meetings.

The announcement insinuated that the cafeteria food was less than acceptable.

"This statement was not meant as a criticism of Baldwin, it was just meant to make students realize that they take for granted what others do not have," said Norman Pavlic, Bridgman junior and PIA president.

"I thought it was a low blow," said Stephen Schnorr, Dining and Hospitality Services Director.

"They could have made the same point with better language," Schnorr said.

PIA said they hope this clarifies the intention of the

notice, according to Pavlic.

"PIA would also like to apologize to the members of Dining and Hospitality Services if this was not the manner the announcement was taken," Pavlic said.

They have taken down all of these signs and will try to be more careful in posting future announcements, according to Pavlic.

"We don't have any hard feelings toward the poverty issues group," Schnorr said.

## In memorial

By Kori Palmer  
Staff Writer

The Albion College community experienced a great loss Tuesday, Jan. 25, when Srinivasu Meka, Jackson junior, lost his life in a one-person auto accident.

Meka was actively involved in many campus organizations. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity where he served as the alumni chairman last year.

"Srini was a very respected man around campus and helped the Sigma Nu fraternity achieve a higher level," said David Redeker, Grand Haven junior.

Meka was a biology/psychology major with a 3.8 grade-point average. He was a Presidential Scholar and made the Dean's List every semester at Albion.

Meka also took part in the SPERT program, through which he would meet weekly with an Albion elementary school student.

In high school, Meka played basketball while maintaining an almost 4.0 grade point average.

"Srini was always there for everyone," said Michael

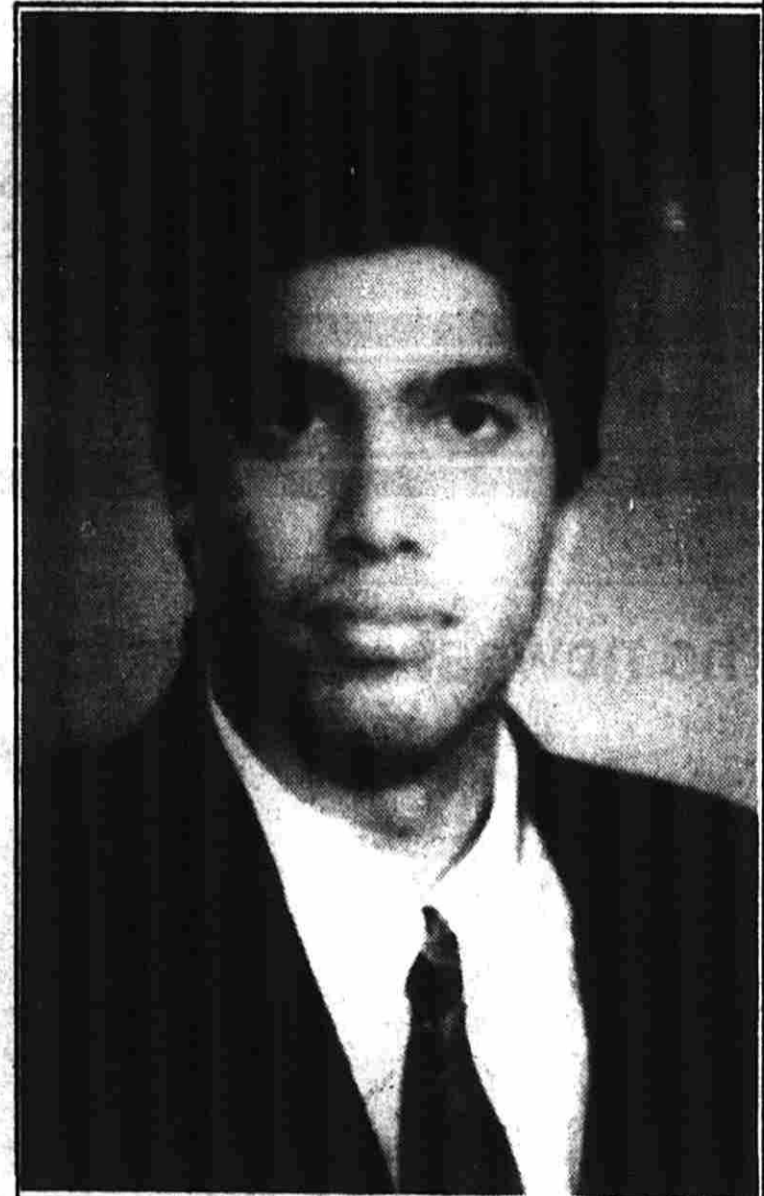
Spadafore, Pinckney junior. "He was always there to help and encourage everyone."

The Albion College community gathered last Monday in Goodrich Chapel to celebrate Meka's life.

Raj Goswami, West Bloomfield junior; Sujeev Bains, Battle Creek junior; Scott Tithof, Chesaning junior and Spadafore all spoke in remembrance of Meka and the impact he had on Albion's campus.

James (Dan) Skean, assistant professor of biology, and John (Phil) Hostetler, associate professor of psychology, also spoke at the memorial service.

"Srini was the one with the smile," Skean concluded.



Srinivasu Meka

Photo courtesy of Sigma Nu

## Setting it straight

In the January 28 edition of *The Piedad*, the surname of the owners of Malls was misspelled. It should have read Sampson, instead of Swanson.

In the same article, *The Piedad* listed the telephone number for reservations. It should have stated that reservations are not accepted. *The Piedad* apologizes profusely to the owners of Malls for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

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Applications for Project 250 awards, given to freshman, sophomore, and junior students on the basis of individual contribution in the areas of leadership and service to the campus and Albion community, and H. Morley Fraser awards, given to a member of the sophomore class that has demonstrated commitment to excellence, values and service, are currently available in CPO. Completed applications are to be due by Friday, March 4.

### Financial aid deadline nears

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is due by Feb. 15 to establish eligibility for Michigan state government scholarships or grants.

FAFSA is the U.S. Department of Education form required for all federal financial aid programs, including grants, loans and work study and also by the state of Michigan for state-funded financial aid programs. For additional information contact the financial aid office.

### Teach overseas with CIEE

Recent college graduates are being recruited by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) to teach English in Thailand. Applicants must be native English speakers with a B.A. degree and excellent English communication skills.

The program, administered jointly by CIEE and the Department of General Education at the Thai Ministry of Education, takes place from June 1994 through March 1995. For an application or more information contact the CIEE at (212) 661-1414, ext. 1209. The application deadline is March 1.

### Religious fellowship groups

The Campus Religious Council (CRC) offers numerous fellowship groups to students regardless of denominational affiliation. The programs and activities of the various fellowship groups may include study of that group's sacred text, prayer times, discussions, speakers, and other fellowship opportunities. For more information regarding the groups, call the Chaplaincy office at ext. 0492 or ext. 0437.

### SAF increase: better movies

Student Senate voted to support Union Board's desire to improve the movie selection on campus by holding an emergency election asking the student body to increase the Student Activity Fee (SAF) by five dollars.

72 percent of students polled voted yes to increasing the SAF. The results will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and may eventually be forwarded to the full Board for their review in April. The election was non-binding, but should play a role in determining whether or not the Board chooses to increase the SAF.

Some information compiled from college press releases.

## Trustees deny faculty input

By Matt Hemmerly  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 24, 1993 The Pleiad ran a story concerning a vote by the faculty to have the Office of the President evaluated. The faculty's main goal was to have an evaluation process designed in which they could have direct input.

On Oct. 29, 1993 several members of the Faculty Steering Committee (FSC) met with Trustee's Chris Christ and William Ferguson. At this meeting it was decided that "it would not be appropriate for the faculty to have direct input to the evaluation of the President by the Executive Committee. . . such a procedure would be divisive and the faculty may have unrealistic expectations about the results of such evaluation. It might also tie the hands of whoever is President of Albion and undercut his or her authority and function," according to a November 10 memo sent from the FSC to the faculty.

In a different memo sent from the FSC to the faculty, Dave Kammer, professor of physics, department chair and FSC chair, wrote "We agree that some communication channel between the Board [of Trustees] and the faculty should be established so that concerns that best not be discussed in the more public setting of the Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee may be addressed."

Christ, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee, suggested an "executive session," which can be requested by either the faculty or the committee in order to address concerns. Christ would then relay the information discussed in the "executive session" to the Executive Committee of the Board.

The FSC "would like to establish a procedure for either party to request such a meeting. One possible procedure might be that requests for a special session

may come from either the Chair of the Faculty Steering Committee or the Chair of the Board's Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee. It would be unusual for such requests to be denied," the FSC memo said. It is now up to the faculty to decide if this procedure will be sufficient for them to voice their questions and concerns with the Office of the President.



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## as we see it Clarifying our views

As the weekly publication of the Albion College community, *The Pleiad* staff would like to clarify some issues that have been raised within the past two weeks.

*The Pleiad* is a paper that is designed to center around campus events. Because our paper is a weekly publication, we do not have the luxuries of time or money to cover timely stories as a daily publication is able.

We have what we call *Pleiad* time. *Pleiad* time is based on writing, editing and layout schedules. The car accident which occurred last week happened on Tuesday night. While this may seem early in the week to most students, it is the ending of *The Pleiad's* week in terms of layouts, deadlines and being able to get the paper out on time.

Because of our previous deadlines, we were only able to allow a small amount of space to cover the tragic death of Srinivasu Meka. It is not that we were insensitive to the tragedy, but we only had enough time to contact the sheriff's department for the basic details of the accident before the paper was put to press.

Some members of *The Pleiad* staff were friends with Meka, and the amount of space we were able to devote to his accident was limited and beyond our control. Note, on page two of this issue, we were able to have the time and opportunity to honor him.

We have also been called upon to review our editorial policy regarding unsigned letters. In the case of Al, who continues to strike chords with the Greek system, we at *The Pleiad* feel it is in Al's best interest, for the sake of safety, to remain anonymous.

While some feel it is in the best interest of the community to know the identity of Al, we feel he would not be free of harassment from members of the college community.

Contrary to many student's beliefs, Al is not a member of *The Pleiad* editorial staff. He is also not a figment of our imagination created to spark controversy on campus.

*The Pleiad* opinions pages are forums for free expression, discussion, debate and inquiry in the form of personal view columns, cartoons and letters to the editor submitted by readers.

We appreciate all the comments and observations which have been made to improve the paper. We hope that opinions and our readers' views will continue to be expressed in this forum.

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## Snodgrass replies, 'go Greek'

Albion College is on the move. The winter air is fresh with the breeze of a new student center. The increasingly diverse student body is of higher quality and is more socially aware. There is a new spirit of cooperation and excitement within the Greek system.

I am responding to comments that appeared in the Jan. 28 issue of *The Pleiad*. The letter was entitled, "He's back... Al says go non-Greek." What I construed as [Al's] main points are: the system's dwindling numbers; the "inventing" of new alcohol policies; the "primal" weekend activities; and a lack of individuality among Greeks.

It is true that the recent sorority and fraternity rush saw numbers that were lower than in past years. However, Al should not worry about the future of the system. The fact that numbers were down for rush has only made the system come together and work toward positive change. With the transition of new Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic Councils, the goal of togetherness has never been more apparent. Joint meetings are scheduled and both councils are working efficiently and effectively for this time of adaptation.

The IPC in particular has attempted to enact proactive change

in the Albion College social atmosphere, and "invent" policies that further the safety and sensibility of our chapter houses. I invite Al to call any house and get his/her name on a guest list so he/she can watch the new policies in action. We do not claim perfection in our management of social functions, but we do claim to strive towards perfection (Al, please bring your identification or we won't let you in.)

This brings me to the "primal" weekend activities and the coming student center. The fraternities and sororities at Albion College welcome its arrival. The student center will relinquish some of [the Greek system's] weekend responsibilities by opening up more social opportunities for all Albion students. The "primal" will soon become the mundane. With the combination of new policies and a new student center, Albion College is all the better.

This brings me to the final point Al expressed: lack of individuality or the "herd mentality." Members of Greek organizations have all the freedoms that independent students have. In fact, we actually have some benefits. Members of the system learn leadership, social and academic skills while contributing to the

continuance and betterment of their Greek organization and the system as a whole. Contrary to popular belief, members do not have to "cherish" all the members within their particular group. They don't even have to get along with one another. All they have to do is learn from one another. On occasion whole groups are blamed for the actions of the minority and we rightly accept this burden, but we do not all think alike. We all do not act alike. We all do not sound alike. This is the strength of our system. This is how it has survived up to now and this is how it will thrive in the future.

I thank Al for his/her comments and I do understand his/her thoughts about the Greek system. I simply do not agree. I say go Greek. The advantages are limitless in areas from academic to volunteer opportunities.

I welcome any conversation or questions on the future of the Greek system at Albion College. There is a fresh winter air out there these days. It is the breeze of combined Greek-independent cooperation and understanding.

Jay Snodgrass  
Burton junior  
IFC president

## Pelloski tells 'Al,' 'be happy, not bitter'

Al,

In response to your latest social commentary on the power struggle between the Greek and non-Greek ways of life, I must say that I share your optimism. The non-Greek living mode is looking up. With the student center on the horizon and the Coffee House (which I personally love), I hope that the unfortunate addiction to fraternity parties will be alleviated. I hope that these new social prerogatives will reduce the dependency on house basements for weekend thrills, thus reducing the need to adopt preventative measures (or what you referred to as 'covering our behinds') which deal with fraternity and college liabilities.

However, this dawn of a new social era should not be used as a vehicle for the debasement of the Greek system, which seems to be the case in some of the recent articles that I have read. It is especially frustrating to be privy to seeing the weekend parties, and from that, make erroneous con-

clusions such as what you apparently have made.

I can assure you that parties make up only a fraction of our time, energy and interest and are a very minor part of our agenda. This past semester, my house had an average GPA of 3.218 with 19 people on the Dean's List. This would have been a difficult feat to accomplish if we were all constantly wandering aimlessly in an inebriated stupor.

I am in total agreement with the need for change on this campus and am quite pleased with recent initiatives. But, I still take offense to the wry and cleverly written, back-handed remarks that you seem to set off like firecrackers throughout your letters. Not because I have had my individuality eradicated by a 'herd mentality,' but because I feel that those words truly degrade the efforts that [Greeks] have put into this community and college. When a church fills up with weeping members of an entire fraternity, to pay respect to a fel-

low member who has passed, it is by no means a mandatory house function. [Such an] observance was not bought out by national dues, or sealed by a bunch of Greek letters on a sweatshirt. Construction paper and cute knick knacks have nothing to do with it either.

We should all rejoice in the fact that this institution has answered the voices of the students by giving us more leisure-oriented opportunities. Let us not point fingers and develop 'we-they' attitudes, and let's not make pompous and uninformed statements in a publication either. Greek and non-Greek are two of the choices here at Albion College, and this status should not be used as a defining characteristic such as race, religion, sex or political alignment. Go Greek, go non-Greek, go Hell's angels or go Greenpeace, but just go and be happy, not bitter, with your choice.

Chris Pelloski  
Ferndale sophomore  
Alpha Tau Omega member



## Lepard upset with Meka coverage

To the Editor:

I am writing in relation to your paper, *The Pleiad*, and specifically to your inadequate article on the loss of Srin.

On January 25, 1994 a tragedy of unspeakable heights occurred. This tragedy was a death of a student and a friend, Srinivasu Meka. Some unfortunate people never met him, but those who did are better off, for he left us memories that will last forever.

I and others are appalled at *The Pleiad's* insensitivity in relation to this matter. This is a small campus where most faces and personalities are familiar. It is comprised of roughly 1600 students, as opposed to a campus of 45,000 students such as Michigan State University. The tone and content of this article are such that one might think they were reading a paper directed at a large student body.

I realize that *The Pleiad* may want the same recognition as a big university newspaper, how-

ever for such a close campus, an article on a more personal note would have been more appropriate. Perhaps Srin was not well known by *The Pleiad* staff, but this does not mean the article could not have been a little more sensitive to his friends and family by publishing something in honor of him. Something that is sincere and helps show our love for him.

Quite possibly, Srin's death warrants more than one-eighth of a page article in the bottom corner of *The Pleiad*. I am aware that the quantity of the article is not the important thing, however, it is fair to say that in this case the quality of the article about Srin was on the low side of inadequate.

I guarantee that the young man deserved more than a small article describing his accident. He is entitled to a large section of your "newspaper" devoted to the kind person he was, not just a brief, heartless description of his death.

The thing that strikes me the

strangest is that you give more attention to "AI" and other meaningless topics than you did to Srin. I do realize, however, that layout deadlines are a factor but this is no excuse for such a non-personal, insensitive article.

It would have been appropriate if *The Pleiad* had mentioned that Srin had many things going for him. He was an extremely intelligent individual. He was awarded the Presidential Scholarship, as well as making the Dean's List all five semesters he attended this college. He was due to take the MCAT in April and was on his way to becoming a successful doctor. He was a very happy person. Probably his most enduring and best remembered quality was the smile he always carried.

Srin will always remain a happy memory in the hearts of his friends. I hope that, from this moment on, *The Pleiad's* articles become more sincere should another tragedy occur.

Matthew J. Lepard  
Grand Haven junior

## Larimer responds to 'AI' Spectrum of choices for Greeks

To the Editor:

Yes, there is a smell in the air at Albion College. But it's a fishy one and it ain't Baldwin cod! It's the smell of unsubstantiated claims coming from a source who is obviously oblivious to the unexploited aspects of Greek life.

I will address several points of "AI's" letter and attempt to put to light those parts of Greek life which don't make the negative headlines that sell newspapers.

First of all, I am puzzled by your reference to sorority's "desperately clamor-members. The membership one of mutual Almost all or-choose their based on some dent senators on the basis of ability; mem-orchestra, and based on musi-and commit-academic or-

**'How could we possibly lose our own identity within such a diverse and colorful spectrum?'**

—Jennifer Larimer

are based on grades and leadership. Many of these have dues and a wide variety of "construction paper and knickknacks" to choose from. Meetings are required of all organizations, and if we didn't want to attend them and all of the other activities, then we would not have joined.

Feelings of comradery, unity, and pride exude where two or more people from these groups gather. Should then the rest of the campus feel bitter or invaded because of the band, varsity teams, or Student Senate? And if one doesn't feel compelled to defend these feelings of love, pride, and unity when they are attacked, why then does one belong to the organization at all?

Second of all, in an age where the only publicity the Greek system receives is negative, must all efforts to prove otherwise be ridiculed and dismissed? The fraternities' decision to protect its members and all of those (Greek or non-Greek) who come into their houses was made on their own volition.

Third of all, when I have attended the Coffee House, Union Board events, and other campus activities, I have noticed a wide assortment of Greeks and non-Greeks. Similarly, when I have attended the so-called "primal" Greek activities there has always been a large percentage of non-Greeks there as well.

Finally, I do not feel ashamed that I cherish with all my heart, my sisters of Kappa Delta. Should I be ashamed that I am a woman supporting other women in their endeavors, crying with them in their sorrows, laughing with them in their joys, and sharing with them a standard of high ideals in our personal, spiritual, and academic lives?

In our house, as in the others, we have athletes, musicians, artists, scholars, dancers, free-spirits, introverts, extroverts, and everything in between. How could we possibly lose our own identity within such a diverse and colorful spectrum?

Joining a sorority was the best decision of my life! College has presented me with some of the worst tragedies of my life, and I do not know how I would have made it through them without the love and support of my sisters.

I also have a large percentage of non-Greek friends. I would never want to limit myself in my choice of friends or activities and my sorority would never ask or want me to. On the contrary, we are strongly encouraged to take part in other campus organizations.

Every year, Greeks raise millions and millions of dollars for charity, volunteer their time in the community, are leaders in countless organizations, and help each other to reach their own personal, academic, and career goals. I'd say there's no better time to be Greek!

If you cannot understand these things, then you can never understand me and those who feel as I do either, "AI."

Jennifer Larimer  
Albion junior  
Kappa Delta Sorority

## Bedient questions Pleiad letter policy

To the Editor:

I would encourage *The Pleiad* staff to reconsider its policy about printing unsigned letters.

I understand that it is tempting to do such a thing when the staff believes that the writer makes good points. It is also tempting to shield the writer when the staff believes that the expression of the writer's opinions could put the writer in some peril. Still, I think it is bad practice.

One of the things I think is basic to American society is the sense that discussions take place in public. I think it is instructive to note that in our court system witnesses testify openly in front of the accused and the interested public. To me, there is a subtle but definite connection between the openness and public-nature of the speaker (writer) and the veracity or power of their speech.

And that's where I think *The Pleiad* does "AI" a disservice. By protecting the identity of the writer, the paper steals some of the writer's force of opinion. Worried that a loud voice will attract malice, *The Pleiad* creates a soft voice that fails to carry argument.

It is also a tempting argument to feel that it is the duty of the publication to somehow "level the

playing field." It is not. It is probably true that a person with a minority view might feel less able to speak out than would a member of the majority. But, my point is that *The Pleiad's* duty lies in the creation of an orderly public forum, not in assuring the power balance is equal in any argument.

**'By protecting the identity of the writer, the paper steals some of the writer's force of opinion.'**

—John Bedient

Finally, I think that *The Pleiad* runs the risk of having readers confuse the opinions of writers with those of the editorial staff. If *The Pleiad* has an opinion on a subject it should write about it. Running unsigned letters risks the public forming the opinion that what the anonymous writer says is really what the paper thinks—but the paper won't say it.

It's not that the above assertion is true or false that is important. It's that the paper's staff has been unclear and has thus created a situation in which readers are left to speculate as to motive. I think that's bad management.

Managing a newspaper is hard. I know, I did it. Very few organizations have to be as public with their internal policies. What's important is not to always have the right policy, but to re-examine policy on a continuing basis. It's time for a look at this one.

John Bedient  
Associate Professor of  
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# Not in Kansas anymore: out-of-staters speak out

## Students tell what college life is like when you're not from the area

By Karen Renner  
Staff Writer

Albion College is striving for diversity. However, diversity does not only come from cultural and ethnic differences, it also comes from geographical differences. Out-of-staters say that if Albion College wants to be truly diversified, it needs to attract more out of state students, especially students from outside the Midwest, and find ways to keep them here.

"We do realize that the institution as a whole needs to broaden the base from which we draw students," said Daniel Meyer, vice president of enrollment.

The college does have a strategic plan that calls for an increase in students from out-of-state, but when it comes to penetrating a new market, it takes two to three years before results are seen, Meyer said.

There will be an expansion of regional representatives with hopes to increase the number of out-of-state students. A permanent regional representative will be put in the Chicago area. This representative will most likely be a retired guidance counselor with community ties, who can visit schools, conduct home visits and talk personally to students. Having this

representative will allow Meyer to recruit in other markets.

The Office of Enrollment would also like to have a permanent representative in the Detroit area. A permanent representative will allow other representatives to visit new markets.

Most out-of-state students that come to Albion have some connection to Michigan or the college itself.

Katie Dexter, Seattle, Wash. junior, heard about Albion from a person that lived down the street from her grandparents in Midland.

There are other ways out-of-state students find out about Albion. Lauri Soule, Austin, Texas sophomore, read about Albion in a book about America's best schools.

Margaret Tobin, North Reading, Mass. senior, found out about Albion when her older brother was looking at colleges, and her father was researching Midwest schools.

The reasons most out-of-state students come to Albion are similar. It seems most were

looking for a small school and wanted to go out of state. Other reasons do exist, however.

Soule chose Albion because she said she was "looking for a small school that offered individual attention and was good in the sciences."

One of Tobin's reasons for coming here was the beauty of the campus.

Out-of-state students say that being far away from

home is not always easy, especially at Albion where many students are close to home. Out-of-state students find ways to deal with homesickness, but sometimes it is difficult.

Dexter curbs her homesickness by spending time with people who are like her friends at home. She also talks about Seattle a lot.

"I make people sick talking about home and I also look at my Seattle calendar," Dexter said.

Tobin uses the phone to counter homesickness, and says she has a "huge phone bill."

It seems that most out-of-state students feel that the school does little or nothing to help them deal with living out of state. Tobin said she got the impression, when she

was visiting as a senior in high school, that the college did a lot for out-of-state students. When she got here, she realized otherwise.

"They don't follow through on promises to help out-of-state students," she said.

"The college says they are committed to getting more out-of-state students, but their actions don't show it," Tobin said.

Out-of-state students offered many suggestions on what the college can do to help them. The number one suggestion is to provide a shuttle service to the airport or train station.

There are approximately 50 students who are from outside the Midwest who could use this service. Having to coordinate rides with getting out of the

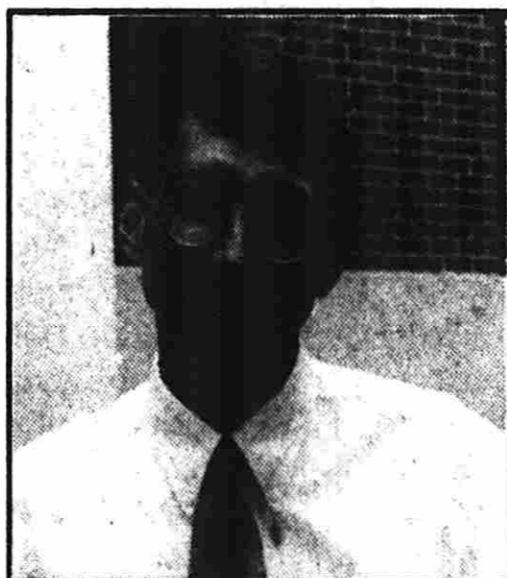
dorm on time creates much anxiety, according to Tobin.

Some other suggestions were to provide storage, to have an out-of-staters club and to keep buildings on campus open over fall break, Easter and Labor Day.

Only eight percent of the student population is currently from out of state. If the college wants to attract more out-of-state students, however, sources all agree that something would need to be done.

"They can't say they want more out-of-state students and not provide anything for them," Tobin said.

Meyer says services have not really been talked about, but he agrees that if there was a large influx, some changes would need to be made.



Dan Meyer

Pleiad File Photo

# 1993 Albionian on its way

## Sharrow predicts completion by end of year

By Justin Matter  
Staff Writer

After a long uphill struggle, the 1993 *Albionian* is making progress, and will hopefully be finished by the end of the semester.

Advisor Jody Sharrow said that the staff, consisting of herself and two students, has submitted about 60 percent of the pages to the publisher.

"The remaining pages have photos or copy missing, and the index and parent patron ads need to be done," Sharrow said.



Jody Sharrow

Graham Miller/Photo Editor

The '93 yearbook got behind at the end of last year, when two of the editors left in July. Now, it's left up to Sharrow, Lesa Galsterer, Saginaw senior, and Emily Kutt, Dearborn senior to complete the book.

"Some of the pages were already laid out, but the three of us do most of the work. Don't get me wrong, we'd welcome any outside help," Sharrow said.

The 1994 *Albionian* has made a turnaround since last semester, and is now ahead of schedule.

"Barring any unforeseen disasters, it will be distributed to students by the beginning of next fall," said Lee Williams, the 1994 *Albionian* advisor.



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# Philadelphia breaks through AIDS film barrier

Tom Hanks has come a long way since *Bachelor Party*. In Jonathan Demme's *Philadelphia*, Hanks discards the comedic caste to which his career had been faithful to deliver a dramatic performance that is virtually guaranteed to garner him a best actor Oscar, having been already awarded a Golden Globe for best dramatic actor.

In fact, Hanks' stiffest competition at Oscar time might come from his co-star Denzel Washington, whose performances keep transcending expectations just when it appears they can get no better.

*Philadelphia* is the story of lawyer Andrew Beckett (Hanks) and his battle against the two most devastating aspects of AIDS; the inevitability of death, as a result of the virus, and the social discrimination caused by ignorance concerning the disease.

Beckett is an up and coming young lawyer who is suddenly

fired, supposedly for incompetence, by a prestigious firm. He concludes that his dismissal was instead a result of the senior partners noticing a lesion, common with AIDS victims, on his forehead and associating it to the deadly virus.

Out of desperation, Beckett hires an ambulance-chasing, homophobic lawyer named Joe Miller (Washington) to help him fight for his rights in a discrimination lawsuit against the firm.

Demme ambitiously attempts to address two significantly different stories in *Philadelphia*, one is a social commentary on living with the AIDS virus in an ignorant and unempathetic world, the other is a rather typical courtroom drama where the little guy overcomes virtually insurmountable odds to defeat the

big guy. Unfortunately, one of the stories is noticeably incomplete.

*Philadelphia* is compelling in that it addresses an issue that had

## Review...

By Kirk Warner

gone untouched in the commercial film market. Due to the controversial nature of the AIDS epidemic, most cinematic discussion of the disease had been limited to obscure art films.

However, with *Philadelphia* Demme had the opportunity to create an extremely meaningful and important film about the plague of the twentieth-century, and he did through part of it.

Demme's representation of Beckett's physical debilitation as a result of AIDS and his leper-like societal treatment is

powerful, moving and disturbing. But the courtroom portion of the film is sadly unrealistic and overly melodramatic.

Granted movies are usually allowed a little leeway concerning accuracy, but there are several instances in *Philadelphia* where Miller rambles into an excessively sentimental five-minute-long "made for the preview" monologue about the essence of discrimination that wouldn't be allowed in Judge Wapner's courtroom.

Also, Beckett and Miller are obviously losing throughout the trial, yet they almost miraculously get awarded several million from a sympathetic jury.

The lone redeeming scene regarding the courtroom part of the film is when Demme shows the antechamber deliberations of the jury, a touch that is both unique and interesting. But then in an instance of how incomplete the film is the jury's verdict is never announced, although what Beckett is awarded gets revealed.

The scenes in which Beckett is shown living with the disease are much stronger than their courtroom counterparts, a result of exemplary acting.

However, Hanks and Washington aren't the only players who supply Oscar-caliber performances.

Antonio Banderas, who plays Beckett's lover Miguel, and every member of Beckett's accepting and doting family should receive commendation for their memorable portrayals.

Despite these strong efforts, the show undeniably belongs to Hanks, who lost 30 pounds to more accurately resemble an AIDS victim, and Washington. Individually their characters represent opposite societal extremes and together they comprise the quintessential odd couple, but regardless a special chemistry, possibly a result of their equally superb acting,

develops between them.

Technically, Demme relies heavily on close-ups to show the emotional distress caused from watching someone die of AIDS and to portray Beckett's physical regression and spiritual strength. Awkward camera angles are also fittingly utilized in several scenes, from Beckett's point of view, to represent the perspective of a person dying from AIDS.

Music plays a big role throughout *Philadelphia*. During the opening credits, Bruce Springsteen's echoing "Streets of Philadelphia," which won the film's other Golden Globe for best original song, accompanies an elegant collage of shots of various areas in and around Philadelphia.

In what has become the most discussed scene of the film, Maria Callas' aria from *Andrea Chenier*, an opera, is used with dramatic and obviously artificial lighting to accent Beckett's passionate monologue about operas.

And during the finale *Philadelphia*, a new song by Neil Young, accompanies a grainy home video of Beckett's childhood.

*Philadelphia* would be a very good film if not for the various inadequacies in the courtroom scenes, but it is still worth seeing. If not to experience the first mainstream film to look at AIDS in our society, then to witness the *Big* time acting clinic put on by Hanks and Washington.

## What the Rock Doesn't Tell You

Hey. Has anyone out there heard about that "Death Clock" in New York City? Well, in case you haven't, some rich guy (maybe in order to show Americans what a disgrace this country has become) spent a whole lot of money to install a clock in Times Square to tally the number of handgun deaths occurring in United States, beginning Jan. 1, 1994. You know the violence situation must be pretty bad for someone to actually go out and do something like that. I wonder if there aren't some crazy New Yorkers standing at the foot of the sign with a gun at the head of an innocent babe to see if the number actually changes when he (or she) pulls the trigger. "Hey Vinnie, look—it does keep track!" Oh, the humanity (or lack thereof). Anyway, to get to the point of it all—I was just wondering if anyone could enlighten me as to the number on the clock in the first month of the new year, that's all. And you wonder what keeps me up at night.

### FRIDAY

All you little beat poet wanna be's out there, this is especially for you! Allen Ginsberg will be gracing that hip mecca of coolness and American pop culture—uh, I mean Ann Arbor—with his presence tonight at 8 p.m. at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium. He will be doing a reading of his 1965 publication, *Howl*, which he has only read in public twice—so feel lucky. See, I told you it was cool. We're pretty sure tickets are still available (it's a pretty big place), but to be sure, you can call (313) 763-TKTS.

Also in Ann Arbor tonight—it's Swerve driver with special guest Medicine at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First St. The doors open at 9:30 p.m. and tickets are \$7.50 in advance. A word of caution—I think the Blind Pig only admits 19-year-olds and up to the weekend shows, so get out your fake ID (you didn't really

read that...ahem.)

### THIS WEEKEND

It's Kalapalooza time again! According to the *Kalamazoo Gazette's* weekend entertainment guide, this "popular, albeit controversial, weekend-long, clove-laden, sweaty, raucous festival celebrating the underbelly of west Michigan culture" kicked off last night and runs until tomorrow night. The State Theatre (in downtown Kalamazoo, duh), along with Boogie Records is sponsoring this annual music fest (to put it sweetly) which kicks off tonight at 6:30 p.m. with the sounds of Dixie, Bone China, the Sleestacks, Thought Industry, Knee Deep Shag and the god bullies. Tomorrow the festivities continue at 6:30 p.m. with Table, Vatican, Mustard Plug, King Jammy, twitch and Rollinghead. All the events take place at the State Theatre. Two-night tickets are available for \$10, or \$6 each BUT if you wait, tickets are \$8 at the door for each night. Did you get that? Keep in mind: the organizers warn—last year they sold out a half an hour after the show started, so get there early!

A little closer to home—get out your rolling papers and roach clips, it's Dazed and Confused, brought to you by Union Board and Richard Linklater, the same fella who directed that icon of our generation without a clue—Slacker. It all kicks off at 8 p.m. both tonight and tomorrow and is followed by none other than the true story of that crazy Jamaican bobbed team sliding its way to fame in Cool Runnings at 10 p.m. You know the place—Norris 101 (where else?). Oh, to be in Jamaica right now...

—By Michelle A. Ames

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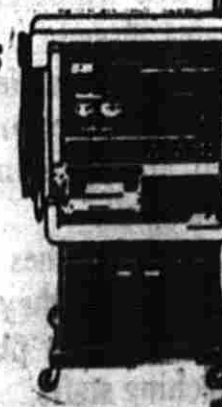
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## Former players join coaching ranks Aerts and Humes find new career challenging

By Chris Leverett  
Sports Editor

Upon graduation from Albion College, both Peter Aerts, '93 and Gretchen Humes, '93 began their post-graduate studies, but not in the traditional sense. Instead of books, pencils, and papers, their preferred tools of the trade are a gymnasium, a basketball and 12-14 student athletes.

Both Aerts and Humes played basketball at Albion and now serve as graduate assistants in the program.

For Aerts, coaching basketball after the conclusion of his playing days seemed like a logical thing to do.

"It [coaching] was the first thing I thought of this summer when I was looking for something to do," Aerts said. "I knew I was going to be around the gym and miss basketball [playing competitively] a lot and I wanted to try and help the team out."

For Humes, however, the decision to serve as an assistant was anything but logical.

"Coaching was not in my plans at all," Humes said. "Just being a player I didn't think I knew the game well enough to try and coach it."

Both Aerts and Humes agree that making the transition from player to coach has been a difficult one to make. In large part, the will to compete and win still burns deep within both of them.

"The transition has been a lot harder than I thought it was going to be," Aerts said. "The winning desire is still with me, and I'm so used to playing in front of crowds and doing something I love—play basketball."

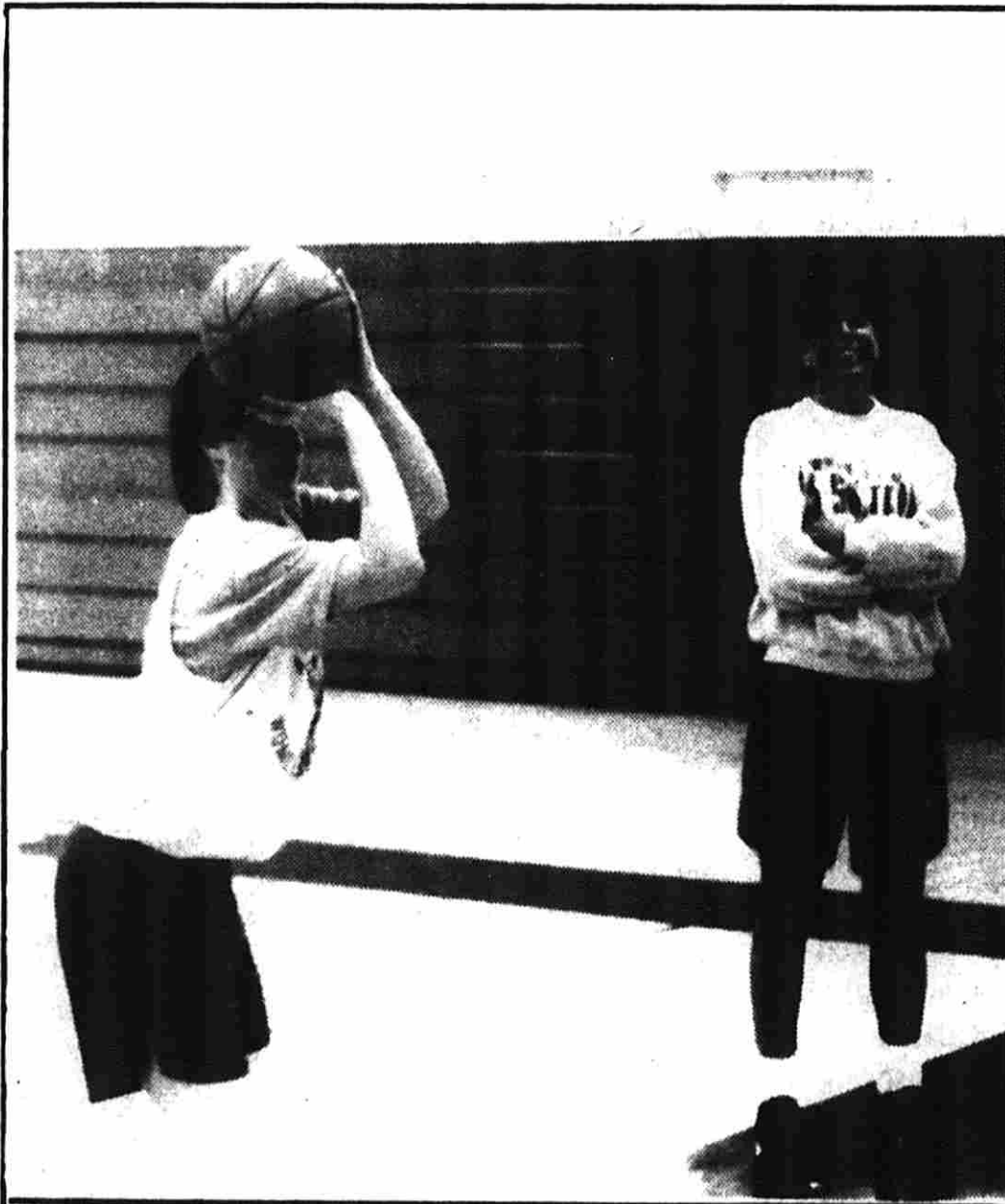
Both coaches Mike Turner and Sally Konkle said they find it advantageous to have a former player now serve on their coaching staffs.

"Having played in this system before, they [former players] know our terminology and are familiar with what we like to do," Turner said.

Konkle also added that the presence of a former player can be useful in helping to improve coaching styles and techniques.

"...a former player can help me to better understand what types of drills were effective for them," Konkle said. "It also allows me the opportunity to gain further insight into what a player thinks and goes through during a season."

The duties of a graduate assistant vary with each new day. Responsibilities include, among other things, compiling a scouting report for an upcoming game, helping a player to improve their skills through extra practice sessions and keeping players focused and motivated.



Gretchen Humes helps Christle Cleland improve her free throw shooting during practice.

Graham Miller/Photo Editor

After gaining exposure to the game of basketball from a coaching perspective, both Aerts and Humes have a new found respect for the game itself and the people who coach it.

"It [coaching] takes a tremendous amount of time and commitment,"

Aerts said. "You have to be prepared to travel a lot and do what it takes to be successful. That means talking to other coaches, preparing game films and recruiting players."

Although hectic at times, both individuals agree that serving as graduate assistants has helped to increase their desire to continue coaching basketball at some level.

"This experience [coaching] has encouraged me tremendously," Humes said. "Just to still remain a part of basketball has really been nice."

"I really could see myself doing this [coaching] one day," Aerts said.

**Kresge Gymnasium is the home of a new scoreboard which was purchased with donations.**  
Graham Miller/Photo Editor

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Olivet	3	3	Kalamazoo	2	5
Alma	2	5	Adrian	1	6
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