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Britons make NCAA national semifinals Squad is first in Albion College football history to advance past second playoff round

By Chris Leverett
Sports Editor

When people think of prime-time players on the Briton football team, names like Robinson and Klein come to mind. On Saturday, a second-string defensive back named Jason Nagy stole the spotlight.

Nagy, Fenton junior, blocked two

Mount Union extra-point attempts. The last block came with 8:26 left in the game, and clinched the Britons' 34-33 victory. By upsetting the defending national champion Purple Raiders, the Britons advanced to the semifinals in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

For Albion's players, Saturday's victory was sweet revenge. Last year, Mount Union knocked the Britons out of the playoffs in a 30-16 loss.

"I think over the summer the Mount Union game really provided a source of motivation for each one of the players," said

times, including four interceptions and two forced fumbles.

"Turnovers were the big turning point in the game today," said Peter Schmidt, assistant professor of physical education and head football coach. "Mount Union is a great football team.

They have some outstanding players and they're very well coached. So [our team] knew that they had to play as hard as they

could and fortunately, we were able to come up with some big plays."

Despite its success, the team's

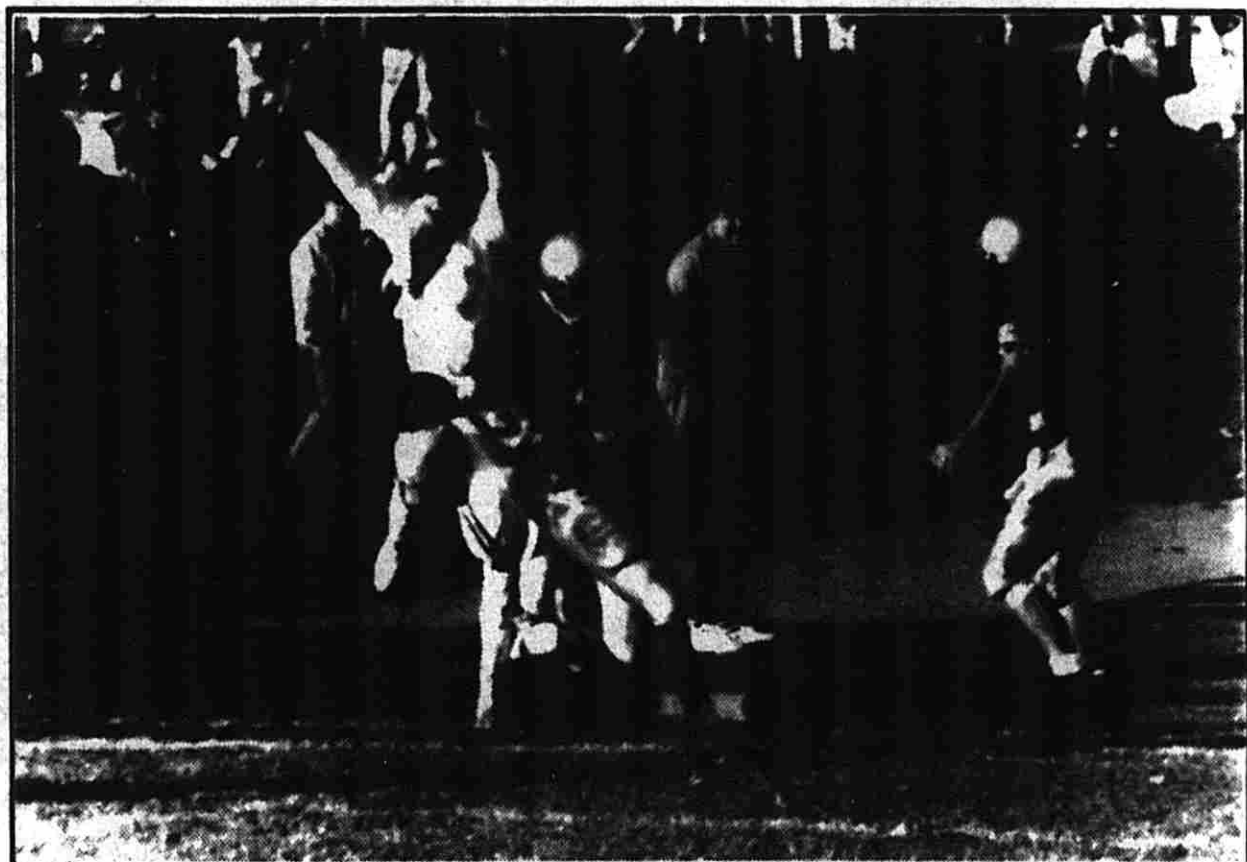
focus is not on its recent victories, but on its upcoming games.

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Tomorrow, the Britons take on the St. John's University Johnnies in Collegeville, Minn. The game will be broadcast live on WALM-1260 AM beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Thomas Cavanaugh, Troy senior and cornerback, "[The team] really worked hard over the summer because after last year's game we knew that [the playoffs were] a place we wanted to get back to."

The story of the game was the Britons' defense. It forced Mount Union to cough up the ball six



Jeff Robinson, Mount Clemens senior, scores the final touchdown against Augustana (Ill.) on Nov. 19. In Saturday's game against Mount Union, Robinson rushed for 104 yards and scored two touchdowns, contributing to the Britons' 34-33 victory over the Purple Raiders.

Photo by Olaf Lumma

LOTS O' RUBBER

Plan to use tires as fuel for proposed plant is a controversial waste solution

By Michelle Britton
Staff Writer

Imagine a tire mountain consisting of 34 million tires stacked six stories high and a half mile long. Could this be fiction or is it reality?

It is in fact the world's largest pile of scrap tires, and it is located in Stanislaus County, Calif. But the disposal of old tires is not a predicament facing only California. The entire world needs a solution to the problem of disposing of un-

wanted tires.

Experts say that the United States alone discards 240 to 270 million tires a year. Of these tires about 88 million were reused in 1992, according to a May 28 issue of the *Detroit Free Press*. The tires that are not being reused are the problem.

Tires are menaces to landfills since they are not biodegradable. Tire rubber is vulcanized during the manufacturing process to make it harder.

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Proposed plant site discussed Company representative explains location choice

By Steve Zdankiewicz
Staff Writer

Albion Renewable Energy, in a partnership with Decker Energy International and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., has applied for a zoning permit which will allow for the development of a waste-to-energy plant located just east of the Albion city limit in Sheridan Township.

A group of area residents, known as the Anti-Burn Coalition, has opposed construction of the plant. Despite this opposition, Scott Dolley, local representative for Albion Renewable Energy, insists this is a prime location for a plant of this nature.

In an extensive interview on Oct. 27, Dolley explained that the proposed site for the development of this plant is located in a 40-acre area

known as sections 25 and 36 of Sheridan Township. This would place the proposed plant just east of the Albion city limits between Interstate 94 and East Michigan Avenue.

According to Dolley, this area, and much of the surrounding land, has been conditionally transferred from Sheridan Township to the city of Albion in an agreement known as Public Act 425. This agreement allows for the development of this land into an industrial park.

According to Dolley, the fact that this location has been reserved for industrial development is a major reason why it was chosen as the proposed site of the plant.

"The location is already equipped with most of the necessary power lines, and the fact that Exit 124 is close to the site makes our project very accessible."

See Site, Page 2

Planned use of tires for plant fuel raises local concern

Tires, from Page 1

This process protects the rubber from the bacteria that would break the rubber down, according to a Nov. 20, 1993, issue of *New Scientist*. Tires are also bulky and trap air, which makes landfills unstable.

So what can be done with these tires besides throwing them in a landfill? One option is recycling. Industries are now shredding tires and using the pieces for such things as running tracks, rubberized asphalt, playground equipment, fertilizer.

Another option is to use the tires as fuel for plants that will produce energy. One of these waste-to-energy plants is proposed to be built in the Albion area by Albion Renewable Energy.

According to company statements, the waste-to-energy plant would burn both wood and tires as fuel. Scott Dolley, local representative for Albion Renewable Energy, said in a Nov. 4 interview that up to 20 percent of the fuel would be made up of tires.

"The state of Michigan is looking for legal ways to dispose of tires—like our plant," Dolley said.

In an Oct. 14 interview Helen Dianich and Doreen Derr, Anti-Burn Coalition members, expressed Albion area residents' concerns that the waste-to-energy plant might not help the environment by disposing of unwanted

tires, but might instead damage it.

According to a fact sheet distributed by the Anti-Burn Coalition, the storage area for tires will be an open-air facility. A tire with a little rain in it is near-perfect breeding ground for a mosquito, according to a June 28, 1993, issue of the *New Yorker*.

Albion area residents do not need to worry, according to Dolley.

He said that tires will be managed according to the Michigan Scrap Tire Regulatory Act.

According to Dolley, tires will arrive either chipped or whole at the plant. He said whole tires will be set on a pad that will have a complete drainage system. He said all whole tires will be chipped within seven days of reaching the plant, because a mosquito's incubation period is seven days.

There will also be adequate fire protection throughout the waste-to-energy plant, according to Dolley. He said fires should not be of great concern to residents.

"A fire has never happened to us before," Dolley said, referring to the plants currently operated by

Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.

Some critics wonder if burning tires is an efficient and responsible way to produce energy. They say there are many other things that will produce more energy and will burn cleaner.

One burning car tire can produce enough energy to heat 1,400 pounds of ice water to a boil, according to a June 28, 1993, article in the *New Yorker*.

Tires create less ash and contain less sulfur than many commonly burned types of coal, the California Integrated Waste Management Board told a reporter in the June 28, 1993, issue of the *New Yorker*.

Another problem critics have with burning tires is that waste-to-energy plants may discourage from recycling. Dolley said this is not necessarily so.

"We are recycling," Dolley said. "There are no places for these tires to go."

According to Dolley, waste-to-energy plants are an important part of the solution for unwanted tires.

"You can't look at what we are doing in a vacuum," Dolley said. "We are producing clean electricity."

'The state of Michigan is looking for legal ways to dispose of tires—like our plant.'

—Scott Dolley

Proposed plant site located off Michigan Avenue

Site, from Page 1

Dolley also said Sheridan Township was a logical choice for the site because it lies within a 100-mile radius of various cities and towns that can contribute sources of fuel (made up of wood chips and tires) to the proposed plant.

In an interview on Oct. 14, Helen Dianich and Doreene Derr, members of the Anti-Burn Coalition, said the location of the proposed waste-to-energy plant could cause serious problems. One such

problem, according to Dianich, is a potential increase in amount of truck traffic on Albion's streets due to constant delivery of fuel sources to the proposed plant.



Doreene Derr

According to Dolley, however, the trucks delivering fuel sources to the proposed plant will be prohibited by law from using the streets of Albion as a means of arriving at their destination.

"Trucks delivering wood chips and/or tires will be required to use the 124 Exit of I-94 to reach the site of the

proposed plant," Dolley said.

Dolley said Albion Renewable Energy has obtained permits that will allow an entrance road to the proposed plant to be built in one of two locations.

According to Dolley, both areas are located on East Michigan Avenue, and would allow for trucks to enter through the southwest corner of the plant. The first is located directly across from the abandoned building which used to belong to Brooks Foundry.

Dolley said the area located across from Albion True Value Hardware is more likely to be chosen as the proposed site of the entrance road because it is closer to I-94's Exit 124.

"We are trying to locate our entrance road as close to Exit 124 as possible," Dolley said, "so we can further limit the amount of truck traffic on East Michigan Avenue."

According to Dolley, the city

of Albion is still in the process of applying for a permit which could allow Albion Renewable Energy to establish its entrance road in a location that is extremely close to I-94.

Dolley said Albion Renewable Energy will use this access route if the city is able to obtain

the necessary permit before construction on the proposed plant begins.

Dianich and Derr said the Anti-Burn Coalition is not satisfied with Dolley's statements about the amount of truck traffic and other issues surrounding the location of the proposed plant.

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Summit held Sunday

Students have the opportunity to have their voices heard at the Campus Summit, scheduled for 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday in Norris 101.

The agenda will be set by students. Administrators will take notes and later publish their responses.

To register and secure a seat at the space-available summit, call the campus programs and organizations office at ext. 0433 or Mike DeNoma at ext. 1518.

Wolpe to speak Wednesday at Empty Bowl Dinner

Howard Wolpe, former U.S. congressman and Democratic gubernatorial candidate, will speak at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Tenant Hall. Wolpe is the guest speaker at the Empty Bowl Dinner, sponsored by Delta Tau Delta.

Everyone attending the dinner contributes \$10 to benefit the Albion Habitat for Humanity. Guests then keep their dinner bowls. The handmade bowls are donated by ceramics students and the Daedalons Art Society.

For tickets to the dinner, call Dan Symons at ext. 1920.

Music fills Goodrich Wed.

The music department's last student recital of the semester begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Goodrich Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

Student yearbook photos taken Tuesday-Thursday

A photographer will take student portraits for the 1995 *Albionian* from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday in Upper Baldwin Dining Room A. The *Albionian* will print the college I.D. card photographs of students who do not get their pictures taken during this time.

For information, call the *Albionian* office at ext. 1652.

Day at the Dow: Dec. 10

The student volunteer bureau hosts Day at the Dow, an afternoon of activities for local high school students, from 2-5 p.m. Dec. 10. The event is part of the Into the Streets community service program. To volunteer, call Beth Miller at ext. 1571.

Some information compiled from press releases.

Klein links liberal arts, business

New Pro-Man director teaches professionalism

By Michelle Britton
Staff Writer

A professional management program does not belong at a liberal arts college.

Roy Klein, first-year director of the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management, knows this is a common opinion.

But he said a program like Pro-Man doesn't hinder a liberal arts education—it enhances it.

"If you want to lead people in an organization, you need to understand business, but you also need to understand people and how to communicate with them," he said. "That of course is part of the liberal arts tradition."

Pro-Man, founded in 1973, is the first program of its kind in the nation, and is designed to prepare students to excel as leaders in business. Students have a set curriculum of classes and internships.

Klein came to Albion in May from Washington State University.

"I had lived in Michigan before, so I was familiar with Albion and respected [its academic reputation]," he said. "I had the chance to be a part of this school and the professional management program, which is just outstanding in its field."

Klein said he wants his students to act professionally and to assume personal responsibility,

and that faculty members teach students to do so. Approximately 90 students are in the program.

"Klein is dedicated," said Rosario (Russ) Curcuro, Canton junior and Pro-Man member. "He's made some good changes—like increasing the size of the Nov. 10 Career Information Night and getting more students involved."

Klein said future business leaders need to have the skills a liberal arts education teaches.

"The ability to lead and organize people effectively is a skill that is going to be in great demand in the future," Klein said.

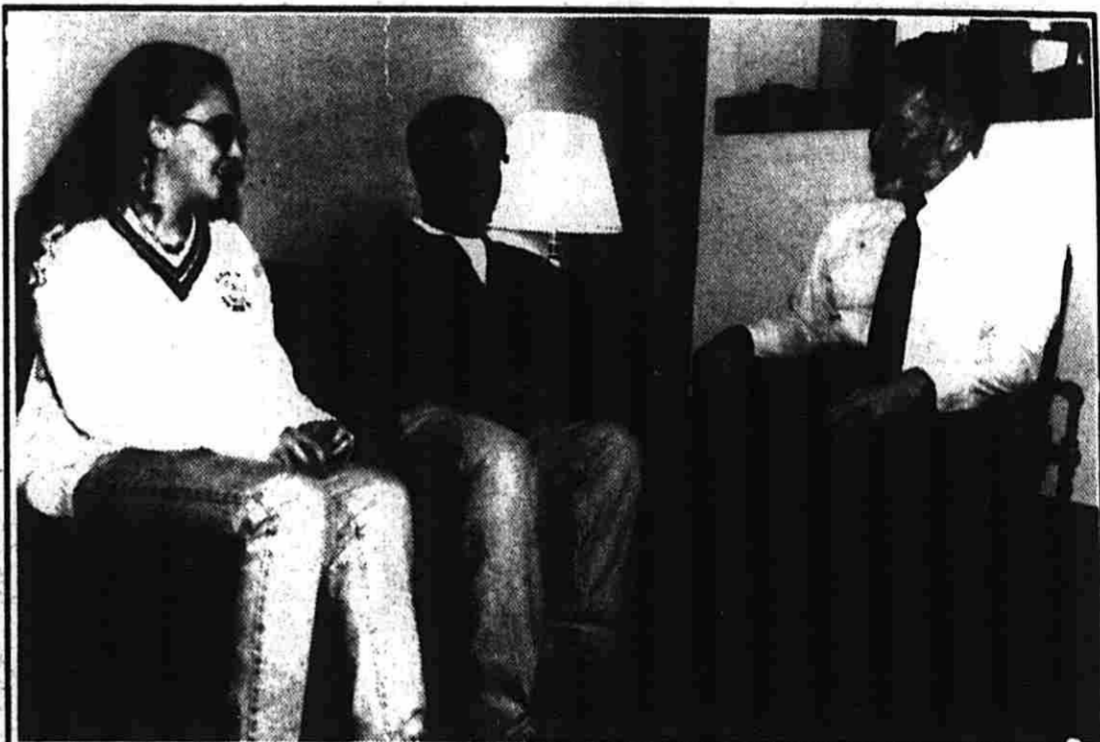
Klein's own educational background includes a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from Drexel Institute of Technology, Penn. He also has a master's

degree in engineering management from Newark College of Engineering, N.J.

In the business world, he worked for companies in Pittsburgh and Erie, Penn., and New York.

More recently, Klein taught at Western Michigan University and Washington State.

"One of the nicest things about Albion is how pleasant everybody is," he said, "but that's not always true in the world of business."



(Far right) Roy Klein, director of the Carl A. Gerstacker Program in Professional Management, discusses goals with Pro-Man members Rachel Burwell, Delavan, Wis., sophomore and Rosario (Russ) Curcuro, Canton Junior.

Photo by Olaf Lumma

Whitehouse inferno

Another couch fire strikes campus dorm

For the second time this year, a smoldering cigarette appears to be the cause of a couch fire in a campus residence. Flames broke out in the main lobby of Whitehouse Hall early Tuesday morning.

Choking, acrid smoke set off alarms at Campus Safety, and officers responded. At approximately 4:55 a.m., the bell alarms in the building were activated, and students began to evacuate the premises. Shortly before 5 a.m., Albion Department of Public Safety officers arrived on the scene.

When firefighters entered the building, the couch had already been sprayed with a dry chemical fire extinguisher and the blaze appeared to be under control.

Only the couch suffered significant damage, and all other traces of the fire had been removed by the time most students awoke for class Tuesday. No damage estimates had been prepared by the office of residential life as of press time.

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Hits and Misses

A review of this semester's best and worst

Bone-breaking Hits: The football team's winning performances during the NCAA playoffs.

Hit: The town's support for the team, from banners downtown to attendance at Saturday's game.

Miss: The Brits have a better record, but they still have to play on St. John's field. Won't the NCAA at least let us play at a neutral site?

Hit: The Delt Sigs' willingness to boycott the Conservation Club even though it meant canceling their Cow Dung Party.

Missing: An official boycott of the Conservation Club by the Greek system.

Hit: Downtown Albion's revitalization—rebricked Superior Street, renovated Bohm Theater, and the new Caffe Palladia coffeehouse.

Miss: Student apathy and indifference toward town issues (and toward college issues for that matter).

Missing: A TACO BELL!

Hit: Jay Schwandt's opera. Two thumbs up!

Miss: Some Union Board movies: "Benji the Hunted," "Wyatt Earp" and "The Three Stooges." Nyuk, Nyuk—NOT!!!

Hit: The \$68 million "Campaign for the Generations."

Miss: Budget cuts, student job cuts.

Still Missing: A contract agreement between college support staff and the administration.

Will be missed: Dewey Obert.

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Q: What is your opinion of the proposed waste-to-energy plant?

"It's got to go somewhere. The goal is to try to enhance the area for more industrial expansion. Is that really going to happen?"

—Christopher O'Connor,
Port Huron sophomore



"I really don't care because I'm not going to live that close to it."

—Judith Williams,
Keller staff worker
and Albion resident



"They're promising jobs, to hire locally first, but what they don't tell you is local includes a 60 mile radius ... Basically we'll get shafted and other than protesting there's no way to keep it out."

—Jennifer Miller,
Farmington Hills senior



"I see the need for some type of recycling program, but we still have to worry about the health issues involved."

—Hillary Cobbs,
Ann Arbor junior



"I'm surprised they're letting Albion do that ... They're trying to kill us."

—Phillip McCorkle,
Ada senior



Setting it straight ...

In our Nov. 18 issue, Doreene Derr's name was misspelled in the "Waste in, energy out" article on Page 1.

In our Nov. 11 issue, the Page 3 article about Ian MacInnes mistakenly said he relocated to Albion from Pennsylvania. MacInnes actually relocated here from Virginia.

We regret these errors.

Proposed plant fires debate among townspeople

Proposed waste-to-energy plant draws criticism from some Albion residents, support from others

By Jennifer Febbo
Staff Writer

The waste-to-energy plant proposed for Albion is generating much heat. With opinions equally strong on both sides, the issue has the town divided.

Lucy Slaughter, a custodian for Albion College, said she believes Albion would benefit from the waste-to-energy plant. Slaughter lives one block south of Felpausch on Eaton Street.

"The incinerator will help Albion's economy and get rid of things we do not need—like tires and wood chips," Slaughter said.

Patricia Patterson, also a college custodian, has lived in Albion for 35 years. She does not share Slaughter's positive outlook on the proposed plant.

"With Hayes-Albion, there is already enough pollution," Patterson said.

(Hayes-Albion, a division of Harvard Industries, is a foundry that produces malleable iron parts for cars. Hayes-Albion has operated in Albion for decades).

Albion Renewable Energy has produced a "Questions and Answers" sheet that says the waste-to-energy plant will recycle wood waste and chipped tires into electrical energy. It will burn 80 percent to 90 percent wood chips and 10 percent to 20 percent tires.

Slaughter said she is not worried about the pollution this could cause.

"With pollution-control devices, pollution is not a threat to Albion," she said.

Slaughter said the air quality

in Albion is much improved from 20 years ago, when factories were operating at full capacity.

"I have lived in Albion for 60



Lucy Slaughter

years and there have always been factories," Slaughter said. "I am not suffering any bad effects."

Patterson, who signed the petition opposing the proposed

600,000 gallons of water per day from the city's aquifers as proposed, it could cause pockets of contamination in these aquifers to move into the city wells.

"The builders of the plant must demonstrate that the plant will not negatively affect the water as part of the permitting process," the Albion Renewable Energy "Questions and Answers" sheet states.

The "Questions and Answers" sheet also addresses the issue of new jobs and higher wages.

"Hundreds of people will be employed in the construction of the plant, and an estimated \$10 million will be paid to these workers," the sheet states.

Patterson said she does not agree with the company's claim that the proposed plant will bring more employment to Albion.

Albion Renewable Energy's "Project Fact Sheet" proposes a "local hiring first" policy which ensures Albion residents a first chance at employment.

The Anti-Burn Coalition's own "Fact Sheet" states that AREP's

idea of "local" is anyone within a 60-mile radius of Albion.

Albion Renewable Energy's "Questions and Answers" sheet

also states that the proposed plant will help pre-existing businesses.

"Once the plant is built, the permanent employees will pump over \$2 million into the Albion economy each year and the plant will annually purchase another \$700,000 in goods and services from local businesses," the sheet states.

According to the ABC "Fact Sheet," plant technicians must be highly skilled.

"Albion's labor force will be virtually eliminated with the requirements that technicians be highly-skilled," it says.

Scott Dolley, local representative for Albion Renewable Energy, addressed the issue of only hiring highly-skilled technicians during a Nov. 4 interview at Albion College.

"Certainly there will be very skilled jobs, but there are also a whole lot of jobs one could be easily trained for," Dolley said.

Dolley said Albion residents could be trained for these jobs.



Patricia Patterson

Patterson, who lives in Albion's northwest side, said she is thankful she lives on the other side of town and away from the proposed plant site.

"I feel horrible for people who will live near the incinerator," she said. "It will bring their real estate property [values] down."

"Out of all the things they could have done to help the economy, I don't know why the incinerator."

'I have lived in Albion for 60 years and there have always been factories. I am not suffering any bad effects.'

—Lucy Slaughter

waste-to-energy plant, said she worries that Albion's water will become more contaminated if the plant is built. If the plant draws

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Nielsen follows family tradition of U.S. study

Copenhagen native compares Danish, American sexual education policies, educational systems

By David T. Madden
Staff Writer

After finishing Denmark's equivalent of high school in Copenhagen, why would Sofie Nielsen come to Albion College before continuing her political science studies back home?

"I always wanted to come to the United States," Nielsen said. So she went through a program called the Danish-American Foundation. One of the foundation's connections was with Albion College. When Nielsen requested a small school, the foundation placed her here.

Nielsen is not the first of her family to travel to the United States. Both her father and mother were exchange students in high school during the 1960s. Her older sister attended Indiana University in Pennsylvania for the 1990-91 academic year, and her younger brother currently is attending a tennis academy in Texas.

Back home, Nielsen's father is the manager of one of the four largest Danish newspapers, *The Politiken*. Her mother is part-owner of a translation company that operates in many countries in Europe. Nielsen, however, is pursuing neither journalism nor translation.

"I hope to work for the [European Union] or maybe the [United Nations]," she said. "It's good to be ambitious!"

Nielsen said a small group of people are taken from each community to represent Denmark in the European Community. "This is what I might be," Nielsen said. She said that after her year at Albion College she plans to attend the University of Copenhagen.

At Albion College, Nielsen is taking Political Science 101, English 101 and IDY 106 (Introduction to Women's Studies).

Nielsen said that when she first arrived at Albion College, she was surprised by the number of discussions on sexual harassment. But she said now—after three months



Sofie Nielsen

of women's studies—she realizes sexual harassment is a problem in the United States.

"Americans apparently don't get a lot of sexual education," Nielsen said. "A lot of issues in women's studies were new to the students—they didn't know them." She cited homosexuality and abortion as examples.

"In Copenhagen we have discussed this," she continued. "We have sexual education as a requirement. I think we are more informed about sexual issues and that's the reason we are more open-minded. But maybe we are not open-minded when it comes to other issues."

Nielsen also observed the differences between educators in Denmark and the U.S.

"The teachers here are very well-educated," Nielsen said. "And very well-paid. I guess that goes hand in hand."

Nielsen said this is not the case in her home country. Although all education is free in Denmark, the teachers are very poorly paid, she said. Therefore, there are too few teachers, and the quality of teaching is poor. She also said the teachers in Denmark are not always available to students, and that she likes Albion College professors' availability.

Biased Interpretations of Sound

Maggie Estep: Is it music?—Well, kinda, I guess ...

Consider yourself an alternative music fan? Well Maggie Estep's "No More Mister Nice Girl" is the alternative to alternative. Estep's music is a new breed, known as spoken word music. It's not singing, it's not rapping. It is just as the name says—spoken word.

Estep is a poet who, with her backup band I Love Everybody, released this collection of 16 poems on Imago Records, the label that also carries the Henry Rollins Band.

The topics of these songs range from a bad experience at the beauty salon to a jar of non-dairy creamer in the bathtub. In the liner notes, the story behind most of the songs is revealed in language as raw as the songs themselves.

The language on this disc is often vulgar, and it carries the advisory warning to prove it. It is not meant to offend, however, but to communicate Estep's feelings. Some of the song titles are deceptive as to their content, but the lyrics and the explanations clear up most mysteries.

The first track on the album, "Hey Baby," relates an incident where Estep was hit on by a guy who she describes as "sucking his lips going 'hey baby, yo baby,

hey baby, yo."

It was this incident that led her to relay an accident that results in a bathtub full of non-dairy creamer powder. With a good dose of bitterness, a touch of sarcasm and her sometimes raspy voice, Estep manages to relay her feelings quite effectively.

Other standout songs on this album include "I'm Not a Normal Girl," "Car Guy" and "Sex

Goddess of the Western Hemisphere."

Some songs, though, seem over-processed and don't relay any point or feeling.

"Even If" seems to be a song with no point or goal. It seems Estep's only plan is to relay some idea of how weird she is. She seems to be yelling "Hey, I wanna be different, just like everybody else."

Spoken word music is definitely different. If you think it sounds interesting, give it a shot, but don't buy it—borrow it from a friend and check it out first. It

might catch your fancy or it might turn your stomach. Ya never know.

—Delbert Fawcett

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Madrigal Dinners provide a feast for the senses

Ronald Weiler II, Traverse City senior, has been involved with Madrigal Dinners since his freshman year. Now he is in charge of directing them.

Weiler is directing the 15th annual Madrigal Dinners, held today and tomorrow at 6:45 p.m.

Traditionally Madrigals are directed by Melvin Larimer, professor of music and director of the college choir and of the Briton Singers. This year, however, Weiler is directing the show for departmental honors work and as a directed study project.

"To have his [Larimer's] baby is something else," Weiler said. "It's his choir and his Briton Singers—they're his life. I've got his left arm tied behind his back!"

Weiler is not the first student to direct Madrigal Dinners. Three years ago when Larimer was on sabbatical, Madrigals were directed by Elizabeth Ford, '92. As a four-year member of the Briton Singers, Weiler had the chance to work under Ford. That oppor-



(l-r) Heather Berlin, Ron Weller, Cara Stultz and Anthony Williams practice the *Adoramus te, Christe* prayer in preparation for tonight and tomorrow night's Madrigal Dinners. Photo by Graham K. Miller

tunity has given him a new perspective, now that he is in charge.

Weiler thinks back on the respect he had for Ford, and the respect that this year's Briton Singers have for him:

"They treat me like it's my show, not like I'm just some figurehead," he said. "That was my

biggest worry."

As director of the dinners, Weiler has had the responsibility of writing the script, choosing the music, recruiting and rehearsing the instrumental ensembles and jester, and rehearsing with the Briton Singers.

Madrigal Dinners are set in

approximately 1575 and are re-enactments of a traditional English feast celebrating the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the winter holidays.

"Basically we go back about 400 years to a castle banquet in England," said James Spencer, Aurora, Ohio, junior and court jester for the dinner. "We have period dishes, period costumes and for the most part period music."

The dinner is named after madrigal music, the type of music the Briton Singers will be performing. Madrigal music features four or five voices in harmony and is medieval in origin.

In addition to the Briton Singers, "This year we have an instrumental consort and a brass consort made up of musicians from campus," Spencer said.

As the jester, Spencer will be taking on the role of master of ceremonies, introducing the instrumental groups, solo performers and the Briton Singers, who will also play the roles of lords and ladies of the royal court.

The menu will feature traditional 16th century English foods, including cranberry apple salad, prime rib, wild rice, cheddar carrots, English scones and a flaming rum cake, according to Patricia Miller, catering manager



Ron Weller

of dining and hospitality services.

Each of the four courses served are accompanied by musical selections ranging from "Yorkshire Wassail" to the "Flaming Plum Pudding Song." There will also be the presentation of the boar's head. Affectionately nicknamed Fred, the stuffed boar's head is borrowed from Hisler's Hardware in Albion each year for Madrigal Dinners.

Tickets are \$12 for boarding students, \$17 for non-boarding students and faculty, and \$22 for the general public. Tickets are normally sold out, but those hoping for a last minute ticket can check in the dining and hospitality services office today from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

What the Rock Doesn't Tell You

Tonight

Mark Eddie will be playing at 9 p.m. in Norris 101 tonight. Never heard of him? Neither had we, but the press releases and the Union Board advertisement promised covers of Pearl Jam, Eric Clapton and Guns 'N' Roses. We wonder how his version of "Welcome to the Jungle" will rate ... somehow, we don't think it can compare to Jon's operatic rendering. And, as you may have heard, this is a Pleiad favorite.

Wally Pleasant is back at the Coffee House and this time he's got a new album for our listening pleasure. He gave the Lollapacoffeehouse audiences a sneak preview, and his new stuff is great. Personal favorites of Jane's include "Denny's at 4 a.m." and "Dysfunctionally Yours Forever." The party begins at 10 p.m., but it's always crowded for Wally, so get there early and enjoy a mocha or cappuccino. If you don't get into the first show there's a second one at 11 p.m.

Tomorrow

It was a great book, and rumor has it the movie version isn't too big of a disappointment

(like "The Firm" and "The Pelican Brief") so go see "The Client." It's playing in Norris 101 at both 8 and 10 p.m.

Monday

WE LOVE THIS MOVIE! OK, so Jane will be the first to admit that she hated "The Crow" the first time she saw it, but five viewings later she has definitely changed her mind. Susan has always liked it. "The Crow" is dark, evil, action-packed and totally wonderful. If coming back from the dead to seek revenge isn't gory enough for you, perhaps the

fact that Brandon Lee, the star, was killed on the set will convince you. And hey, a note of local flair: it takes place on Devil's Night in Detroit. The time is 9 p.m., and the place is Norris 101. Be there: we'll save you a seat!

Wednesday

UB is sponsoring Bingo Night in Upper Baldwin from 7:30 to 9 p.m. So go if your professors haven't completely bogged you down with papers and exams.

By Jane M. Neitz and Susan R. Ferguson

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Men's basketball team preps for tonight's A&W Classic

By Amy Harp
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team evened its record to 2-2 Tuesday night, by plucking the Cardinals of Concordia College 80-65.

The game served as a tune-up for the Spring Arbor/A&W Classic, which the Britons will participate in starting tonight.

Although the team has many returning players, the starting line-up is fairly young.

"The situation is that not many players have had starting experience," said Michael Turner, associate professor of physical education and head coach of men's basketball.

Turner added that there are a few exceptions—like Matthew Essell, Ann Arbor senior, and Benson Bancroft, Royal Oak senior—who "have started quite a bit."

Other players Turner said will start in the opening game are Marcell Klein, Wyandotte senior; Brian Jamison, Port Huron senior; and Thomas (T.J.) Carnegie, Grand Rapids' sophomore.

Turner said he is trying to improve upon the team's perimeter shooting. Both Carnegie and Essell agree that is one of their weaknesses.

"Some players are pure shooters—form and shots are consistent, while I'm more of a streak shooter," Essell said.

Essell said he can go a few games shooting consistently well, and then he has his "down time."

Carnegie said increasing his physical strength is also a high priority. Now that he has been moved from the forward position to center, he is spending more time in the weight room.

Turner said many junior varsity players could contribute to the varsity team. Among them are Starrett Bartleson, Muncie, Ind., freshman; Eric Spielhaupter, Bay City freshman; Gregory

toward the next three years," Geerling said.

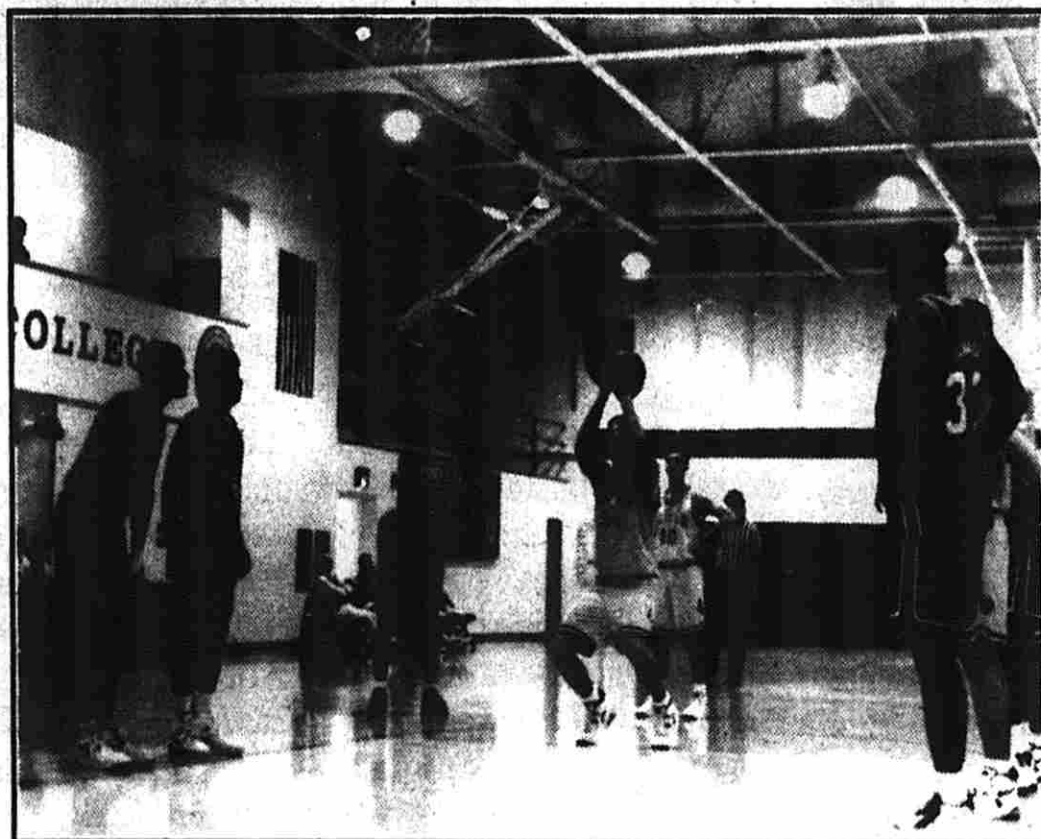
Geerling said he chose Albion College because it is in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which he said is "one of the better leagues in the nation." Although he also looked at Alma College, Geerling picked Albion because he said it was better academically.

"[Basketball] is important, but it's not something I can't live without," Geerling said.

The men's basketball team finished third last year, behind Calvin and Hope colleges. Turner said he believes these two schools will once again be on top at the start of the season. Calvin and Hope, along with Kalamazoo College, will be key games for the Britons, Turner said.

This year's team is one of the smallest ever in height, but Turner said he and the players expect the players to work hard.

"We expect a very aggressive team to utilize transition both offensively and defensively," Turner said.



Jonathan Hankins, Grand Rapids senior, perfects his free throw form during an exhibition game.

Photo by Graham K. Miller

Adkins, Lapeer freshman, and Benjamin Geerling, Grand Rapids freshman.

At 6 feet 9 inches, Geerling is the tallest member of the team. He said he thinks his height is one of his strengths, along with being a "good passer." Like Carnegie, however, Geerling said he needs to work on his strength, so he can use his body defensively.

Geerling plays on the JV team and said he sees his freshman year as an opportunity to hone his skills.

"I look at this year as practice

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Athletes of the Month



Jason Nagy, Fenton junior and a second-string defensive back, blocked two extra points in the Albion-Mount Union playoff game. The last block provided the final margin of victory in the game as the Britons won 34-33, and now advance to the semi-finals in Division III playoff action.



Lisa Wilson, Royal Oak freshman, captured two first place finishes in both the 1,000 and 500 yard freestyles during a recent dual meet with Hillsdale College and Wayne State University. She swam lifetime best times of 11:55.5 and 5:41.9 in the 1,000 and 500 yard freestyles respectively.

Football in final four

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"[The team] understands Mount Union was just a stepping stone toward our larger goal—winning a national championship," said Robert Taylor, Grosse Ile senior and defensive end. "This team is very mature, and we understand the importance of maintaining our focus."

Injuries to key players are a concern. Jeffrey Robinson, Mount Clemens senior and running back, has an injured left hamstring. Michael Oursler, Battle Creek sophomore and wide receiver, dislocated his left middle finger in Saturday's game.

The Britons play St. John's (Minn.) tomorrow in Collegeville, Minn. The Johnnies have scored a total of 94 points in their two playoff victories.

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