

# Champions!

## Britons win Division III national title

By Nicole Bondi, Susan Ferguson and Chris Leverett

Washington and Jefferson was the 2-1 favorite to win the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl. In the end, the margin of victory was more than 2-1. Only it was Albion College that became the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III National Champions.

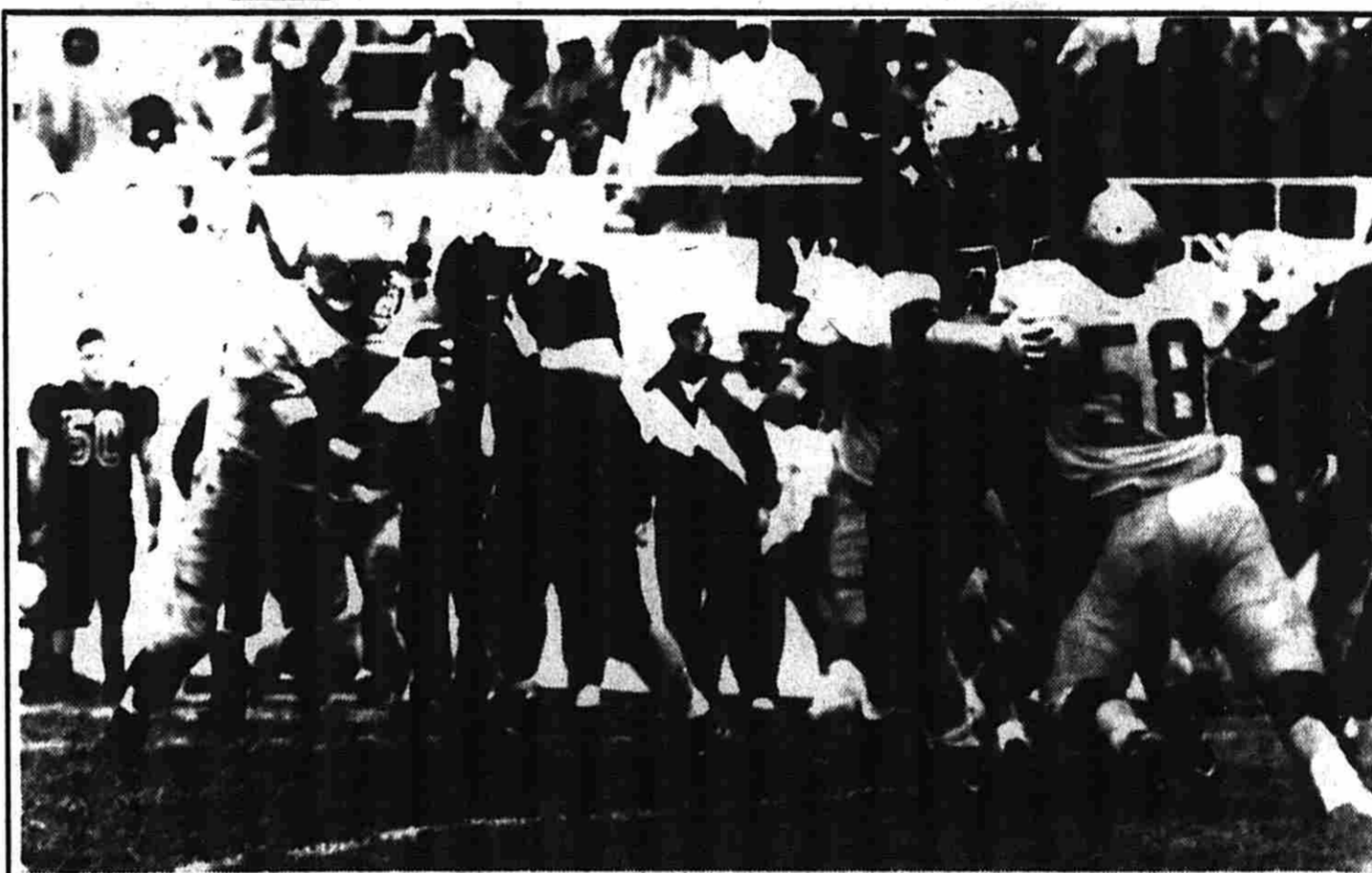
So much for expert opinions. The Britons' 38-15 victory

over the Presidents was the most lopsided Stagg Bowl since 1986.

The victory boosted Albion's record to 13-0, clinching a perfect season. The Britons are one of four NCAA football squads in the nation with a perfect record. W&J finished its season with an 11-2 record.

Despite the clear-cut victory, Saturday's game in Salem, Va., was marred by a

slow start and racial taunts directed at Jeffrey Robinson, Mount Clemens senior and running back.



Although Nell Johnson (45), Rochester Hills freshman, and Dennis Rehberg (58), Dundee junior, were outweighed by 103 and 56 pounds by their W&J opponents, the Briton defense still dominated the game.

Photo by Olaf Lumma

First, the Britons lost the coin toss and had to receive in the first half. Despite a 40-yard kickoff return by Todd Morris, Highland senior and fullback, Albion was unable to capitalize on its first two drives of the game. With 4:30 left in the first quarter, W&J's Vince Botti scored the

game's first touchdown.

With 35 seconds left in the first quarter, however, Robinson broke a tackle and found a hole. He ran for 70 yards, scoring the Britons' first touchdown 12 seconds later.

"It was just a simple play," Robinson said. "The blocking was there and it was just a matter of

getting to the end zone."

From this point on, everything fell into place for the Britons. "There's no question [the team] sputtered a bit on the first offensive series," said Pete Schmidt, associate professor of physical education and head

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## Proposed plant poses risks for water supply: Taylor

By Chuck Paas  
Senior Staff Writer

Lawrence Taylor, professor of geology, is concerned about the effects the proposed waste-to-energy plant may have on Albion's water supply.

For years, Albion has faced problems with its water, ranging from aesthetic problems to increased levels of potentially harmful contaminants. In 1991, Taylor and other members of the Greater Albion Alliance 2000 Volunteer Organization wrote a report analyzing Albion's water system, quality of water standards, known and potential sources of contamination, and possible methods.

According to Taylor, much of the city water's impurities, such as iron, come from the ground and are of natural origin, but ground contamination remains the focal point of concern.

One contaminated area is the Cooper Industries (McGraw-Edison) site. The plant on North Clark Street

closed in 1980, but the effects of its groundwater contamination are still being felt. Investigation revealed trichloroethylene contamination of the land and aquifers surrounding the former McGraw-Edison plant. (Trichloroethylene is an industrial solvent that has been linked to increases cancer risk). Aquifers are a water-bearing stratum of permeable rock, sand or gravel providing a kind of "holding tank" for municipal water supplies.

Presently, Cooper Industries is removing the TCE from the soil and groundwater through an air-stripping process.

Albion Renewable Energy's proposed construction site is in close proximity to the well field and the Cooper site. Two other contamination sites are also within one-half mile of ARE's proposed site: the Sheridan Township-Albion Township landfill and the abandoned Brooks Foundry. The landfill is a federal Superfund site now being investigated, and the foundry has been listed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a site of

environmental contamination.

The proposed power plant will require 600,000 to 1 million gallons of water a day to operate. During a Nov. 4 campus presentation, Scott Dolley, local representative for ARE, said the company is considering three options for drawing the necessary water: drilling new fields if permits are granted, acquiring "remediated" water from the Cooper contamination site, or using the Clark Street well field.

Taylor said development of new wells or use of the Cooper water is feasible if it can be proved through hydrogeologic studies that it will not affect contamination zones by drawing pockets of contaminated water into the city's water system. Use of the Clark Street wells offers more potential problems.

"It might work for the next year or two, but then down the line we're going to be in trouble," Taylor said.

"The 40 or 50 percent increase in water drawn

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## Britons win first national championship

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football coach. "So when [Robinson] broke that long run, it really lifted our whole team."

Seventy-four seconds after that first touchdown, the Britons scored again when Jared Wood, Frankenmuth junior and outside linebacker, intercepted a pass and ran it back 29 yards for another touchdown—the first of two in the second quarter.

Scott Castele, Vermontville senior and tight end, forced the Presidents to fumble on the ensuing kickoff. David Lefere, Jackson sophomore and free safety, then recovered the ball, leading to a 28-yard field goal by kicker Michael

Zacha, Okemos sophomore.

"The game was very characteristic of what we have been able to do all year in terms of our defense being able to create turnovers which sets our offense up with excellent scoring opportunities," Schmidt said.

The defense dominated, with big hits by Dennis Waclawski, Ada junior and defensive tackle; Robert Taylor, Grosse Ile senior and defensive end; and an interception by Timothy Schafer, Holt junior and cornerback.

With 1:08 left in the half, Robinson scored again, putting the Britons ahead 24-7 at the half.

again with 50 seconds left in the quarter, courtesy of a 2-yard reception by Christopher Barnett, Flint sophomore and wide receiver.

The fourth quarter belonged to Raymond Henke, Warren sophomore and cornerback, who batted down three W&J passes.

With 11:18 remaining, W&J running back Jake Williams crossed the goal line for a 12-yard touchdown run. W&J chose to go for the two-point conversion, and quarterback Jason Baer connected with Botti, bringing the score to 31-15.

With 57 seconds left to play, Robinson scored his third touchdown of the game—a 29-yard run. With the successful extra point kick by Zacha, the Britons clinched the national championship by a score of 38-15.

Albion's score was not the only impressive number of the game. Robinson rushed for 166 yards and three touchdowns. The team combined to rush for 254 yards, shutting down the Presidents' first-ranked defense against the run, which only allowed an average of 35.8 rushing yards per game.

The third quarter was dominated by the Briton defense, especially by James Davis, Gross Ile senior and outside linebacker. Davis had a hand in two sacks in the quarter, both on W&J third downs.

Albion added to its score yet



Martin (Chip) Heyboer, Grand Rapids senior, and Ronnie Parker, middle linebacker coach, hold high the Britons' trophy.

Photo by Nicole Bondi



Briton fans begin Saturday's victory celebration during the closing minutes of the game.

Photo courtesy of David Troppens/Albion Recorder

Prior to Saturday's game, W&J had not given up more than 24 points since a 47-28 loss to Ithaca (N.Y.) in 1992.

The Britons accomplished all this despite the steady rain that persisted throughout the game, making the 45-degree temperature seem even colder and making the field even muddier.

"We were really concerned about the mud," Schmidt said. "But we played better in the mud than I expected."

"For our program [the championship] is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of

people," Schmidt noted.


"Four years ago [the team] all knew there was a Stagg Bowl and we all dreamed of getting here," Castele said. "But we knew how much work it was going to take and I don't know how many of us thought we were ever going to make it here."

"I can't say I was the most emotional, but I think I was tied for the honor," he said. "I'll never forget my last play as a Briton because all the way down on the kickoff, I was just bawling my eyes out. It's like no other experience I've felt before."

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### College ranking goes up

According to an article in the Sept. 26 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, Albion College, formerly ranked in tier three out of four, is now ranked in the second tier of the country's liberal arts colleges.

Among the factors included in the nationwide comparison were SAT/ACT scores, graduation rates and student-faculty ratios. Albion's students-faculty ratio is 13.5 to 1.

### Book buyback has begun

The textbook buyback at the bookstore began yesterday at the Albion College Bookstore. Students can bring their used books to the bookstore from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. tomorrow through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 21.

### Dinner and bonfire Thursday

The Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs is holding the third annual Audre Lorde Memorial dinner for women on Thursday. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in Dean Hall, and the bonfire, behind the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center, will follow at 8 p.m.

The events are open to all women. For more information, call the women's center at ext. 0586.

### Cal Lee is semifinalist for Rhodes Scholarship

Christopher (Cal) Lee, Rochester Hills senior, was interviewed for the Rhodes Scholarship semifinals in Lansing. Two students from the group of 10 Michigan semifinalists will be selected this week to go on to Chicago for a regional competition. Four students from the region will be named Rhodes Scholars, which makes them eligible for two years' study at Oxford University.

Two years ago Amy Wakeland, '91, was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. She is currently in her second year at Oxford. She was the first female Rhodes recipient in the college's history.

### Co-op to take books back

The book co-op will start taking books back before the end of the semester. Exact dates will be announced soon. Students can bring in used books that will be entered in the computer and shelved.

Next semester, if the book is sold, the student will get half of the price marked in the book. Contact Kitt Carpenter at ext. 1498 for more information.

*Some information compiled from press releases.*

## Fans cheer Britons to victory

By Nicole Bondi,  
Susan Ferguson and  
Jon Ritterbush

It might have been almost 600 miles from Sprankle-Sprandel Stadium and Alumni Field, but Salem Stadium felt just like home to Albion College fans Saturday.

They came by bus, by car and by plane, making the long journey all for one purpose—to see the Britons win the NCAA Division III national championship. They were not disappointed.

Despite driving rain, the crowd refused to let its spirit be dampened. Even as purple and gold face paint ran down the faces of drenched fans, they continued to cheer the team on to a 38-15 victory.

About 2,000 Albion College students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and Albion citizens filled the east bleachers and spilled over to the west side. Spurred on by the cheerleaders and the British Eighth, the crowd's cheers reverberated throughout the 7,156-seat stadium.

"It's truly the most energetic I've ever seen an Albion crowd," said James Spencer, Aurora, Ohio, junior. "I think that helped the players out a lot."

"I'm really proud of the team," added Judd Baker, Rockford junior. "I'm glad we as a band could support them and go to the Bowl and be there for them."

Spencer and Baker were two of 72 British Eighth members who traveled to Virginia to support the football team. The band's trip was paid for by an anonymous alumnus of the college, according to John Blakemore, assistant professor of music and director of the British Eighth.

Although the football team got off to a slow start in the first quarter, fans remained confident that the Britons would eventually win.

"[W&J] obviously haven't visited Mr. Robinson's neighborhood before," said Gustavo Moreno, West Bloomfield junior, referring to running back Jeff Robinson, Mount Clemens senior.

Robinson scored first for the Britons with a 70-yard touchdown run at the end of the first quarter. Robinson later contributed two more touchdowns to the Britons'



Despite the driving rain, Elizabeth VanDyke, Holt senior, and Jennifer Mullis, Roseville senior, found plenty to cheer about.

Photo by Olaf Lumma

victory.

Daniel Pask, England senior, compared the game to an earlier battle between Washington, Jefferson and the Britons:

"As the only true Briton present, I'm proud to have witnessed the second great revolution." Fortunately, history did not repeat itself this time around.

While Salem Stadium was filled with cheers and fight songs, the streets of Albion were eerily quiet. Those students and citizens who remained in Albion gathered to listen to WALM's Robin Hartman or to watch ESPN's televised coverage. The Wesley Hall television lounge, and Cascarelli's and Charlie's Tavern in downtown Albion drew the most fans.

Like many other remaining

students, Marvin McNeese, Albion senior and third-string cornerback and special teams player, cited homework as the reason for not traveling to Virginia.

Nevertheless, McNeese joined about 100 people Saturday night to greet a tired but victorious team at Sprankle-Sprandel Stadium.

"It was not a sentiment of elation," he said of the team's mood. "We didn't feel we had won a national championship. It sunk in more as we watched the news clips [on television]."

As a senior, McNeese said the championship had special meaning to him, but warned that next year's football team could be just as formidable as this year's.

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## Groundwater contamination a concern

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from the city's Clark Street well field may increase the drawdown of the water table in that area," Taylor said, "allowing the TCE plume, now being purged at the McGraw-Edison site, to be drawn toward the Clark Street well field.

In addition, a substantial gasoline spill occurred in the soil at the street department garage where a leaking underground storage tank was removed. The garage is located about 400 feet from the Clark Street wells. Unless this site is properly cleaned up, an increase in the pumping rate from these wells could draw these contaminants into Albion's water supply, according to Taylor.

"If ARE uses its own wells, the zone of capture from their pumping may intersect the contaminants at Brooks Foundry and the Albion-Sheridan Township landfill," Taylor said. "These contaminants could be drawn toward local wells in the area."

Pumping from the Clark Street well field stopped in June 1981, following a lawsuit by the state of Michigan, charging McGraw-Edison with contamination. At that time, a groundwater purging operation began to remove TCE. Pumping at the Clark Street well field resumed one year later. Since November 1988, Clark Street well field has provided nearly all of Albion's drinking water.

The proposed plant would not harm the drinking water, however, according to ARE.

### Dianich: Learning from the past



Helen Dianich, 1958 E. Michigan Ave., is no stranger to the hazards of industry.

McGraw-Edison, which manufactured air conditioners at a plant near her home until the early 1970s, sprayed toxic solvents on her gravel driveway and parking lot over a period of several years, which then leaked into her and other residents' water wells.

"They said there was no problem," Dianich said in an Oct. 25 interview, referring to McGraw-Edison. "And meanwhile we had been drinking that water for close to two years."

McGraw-Edison finally did acknowledge the water problem, Dianich said, and it had city water piped to the landowners affected by the spill.

"That doubled the pay rate because we live in the township," she said. "The realtors weren't even showing houses in our sector. Who's going to buy property when you don't have clean water? I often wonder how much damage we did to our bodies in drinking that water for two years."

Cooper Industries, which purchased the McGraw-Edison site in 1988, is currently conducting a clean-up that involves reclaiming the contaminated water.

Because of this, Dianich does not want to see any more environmental problems come to Albion. This is one reason she got involved with the Anti-Burn Coalition.

The ABC is not against all business or industry, Dianich said. "In fact several of us are on the economic board to encourage industry."

"We are concerned about our environment, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil we live on for our children and our generation."

—By David Cox

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

This is to be done through hydrogeologic studies. These studies use computer-generated models to predict what will happen when large quantities of water are removed from an aquifer, Taylor said. He, however, emphasized the limits of such tests.

"It's very difficult for studies to predict what is going to happen in our particular aquifer because of the nature of the rock," Taylor said.

Taylor said models are much more accurate for homogeneous rock. Albion's rock is not homogeneous—it is Marshall sandstone, which has a very complex structure, according to Taylor.

"The waterflow throughout the Marshall varies tremendously even over short distances. Because of this, it is difficult to develop a flow model that applies to this area," Taylor said.

## Florida, Ohio plants provide precedents

By Joshua Bopp Staff Writer

Ridge Generating Station in Auburndale, Fla., is the structural, financial and environmental model for the proposed waste-to-energy plant in Albion. The Florida plant is the first of its kind, and is a joint operation of Decker Industries and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.—like the proposed Albion plant.

The Florida plant has been operational for less than 15 months, and no environmental impact figures are available at this time. However, the on-going monitoring process will eventually yield results that will be used to determine emissions standards for the proposed plant in Albion.

According to Scott Dolley, local representative for Albion

Renewable Energy, Decker and Wheelabrator will have to prove the water supply, air emissions and waste product meet all state, local and federal regulations to be granted permits for the facility. The proof will likely come from the Florida plant.

The Florida plant is not the only facility burning tires as fuel. Dolley said a plant in Hillman is currently supplementing 2-3 percent of its fuel with tire chips, and a plant in Midland is running a similar mix.

According to an August 1991 article in *Power Engineering* magazine, emissions were analyzed from an Ohio Edison plant burning tire chips, and the data showed the particulate and sulfur dioxide emission rates were less than Ohio Environmental Protection Agency compliance limits.

According to the article, when

this plant ran a 20 percent tire mix—the same percentage of tires proposed for Albion's plant—the "sulfur dioxide emission rates were equivalent to non-tire emission rates, lead emission rates were 5 percent lower, particulate emission rates were 28 percent lower and nitric oxides were 36 percent lower."

All of these test results, reports and permits will help the Michigan Department of Natural Resources determine the proposed plant's emissions stan-

dards. With the permit process not even under way as of yet, both opponents and proponents of the proposed plant will have ample preparation time before the proposed ground breaking for the plant in late 1995.

# Waste into Energy

## PROJECT FACTS AT A GLANCE

- The Michigan Air Pollution Act defines an incinerator as "a device specifically designed for the destruction by burning of garbage or other combustible refuse or waste materials or both in which the products of combustion are emitted into the outer air by passing through a stack or chimney."

- The proposed plant would produce "limited pollutants" such as sulfur dioxide, nitric oxides, carbon monoxide, hydrochloric acid, mercury, lead and beryllium.

- The proposed plant plans to burn fuel at approximately 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature needed to burn a tire completely and destroy the dioxins that would otherwise enter the environment.

- The proposed plant would cost \$70 million, with \$30 million earmarked for air pollution equipment.

- Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., one of the companies that would build the plant, is a subsidiary of WMX Technologies, the world's largest environmental services company.

- Because of federal energy legislation enacted in the 1970s, Consumers Power would be required to buy the proposed plant's energy.

- As of press time, no construction permits had been filed by Albion Renewable Energy.

## PROS AND CONS

### City residents take sides on plant issue

#### Dinunny: Residents have nothing to fear from proposed plant

By Mark Wagner Staff Writer

Although many Albion residents have concerns about the proposed waste-to-energy plant, they have nothing to be worried about, according to Robert Dinunny, professor of chemistry.

"I'm perfectly comfortable with the fact that this energy plant will not be a health hazard," he said.

During recent interviews, Dinunny said the plant will not produce the air pollution many opponents fear will be produced.

"The opponents are interested in using the word 'incinerator,'" he said. "Some people have the mental picture of a trash barrel in somebody's back yard. Nothing could be further from what's going to happen."

"There is not going to be any black smoke coming out of the top," Dinunny said.

What will be produced during the combustion process is carbon dioxide, nitric ox-

ide and water. Nitric oxide will be removed by a filtering system and carbon dioxide and water will be released in the form of steam.

"I generate more pollution from my fireplace than I'm going to see in a year's time from this thing," Dinunny said.

Dinunny said concern over the water supply is unfounded. He said there is no proof the water supply would become contaminated because of the proposed plant's use of the water.

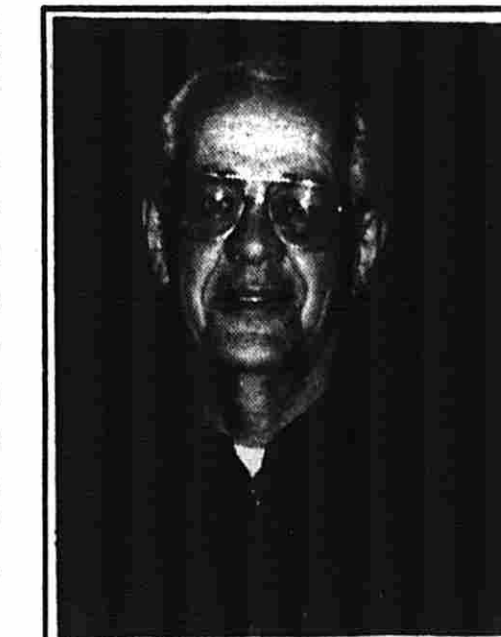
"All of the geologists in the world can't go out there and do tests and say that if you pump this field to this extent within so many months or years you're going to have this kind of pollutant wind up in the water supply," Dinunny said.

This type of plant will be beneficial to the environment and not detrimental, Dinunny said. The plant will burn waste that would otherwise be put in landfills.

"If I had my way, we would not bury any trash, we would burn it," Dinunny said, noting that energy could be recovered and solid waste would be reduced as part of the process.

Despite the attention environmental concerns have been getting, Dinunny said the proposed plant's economic effects are more important.

"Somehow we need to generate jobs," he said. "Without jobs like that, there will not be a need for people like me."



Robert Dinunny

#### Havens: Albion Renewable Energy's promises are not enough

By Carolyn Wagner Staff Writer

Susan Prince Havens is all for economic development. In fact, she would like more companies to locate in Albion. The waste-to-energy plant proposal, however, has her fuming.

Havens, 28510 D Drive North, is the Economic Development Committee chair for Sheridan Township. In an Oct. 21 interview, Havens said she is working against the proposed plant because not enough research has

been done to ensure an informed decision on the plant's impact.

According to Havens, the little research done on the plant is not enough to guarantee the city's safety. Questions of aquifer stability, air pollution and road maintenance have not been sufficiently addressed, she said.

"We call it a high risk," Havens said.

"Because of the nature of this proposal to the council's hasty embrace of this proposal to the council's welcome of Oxford Energy, a tire-burning plant that was seeking to build in Albion but went bankrupt before construction began.

Oxford Energy was looking

at Albion as a plant site as early as fall 1990. The company, which promised a local-hire policy and economic benefits similar to the

those safeguards have not been investigated and talked about, that I know of."

However, Scott Dolley, local representative for ARE, said the company has put up two performance bonds that do provide these

**'My question is this: Do we really want them, if we're willing to give them everything?'**

—Susan Prince Havens

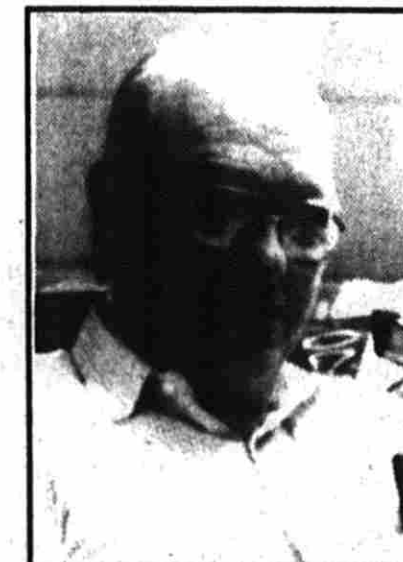
offers made by Decker and Wheelabrator, suffered much opposition from Albion residents. Despite the city council's efforts to have Oxford locate here, the company began bankruptcy procedures two years later, according to Havens.

"I thought we could learn from our past mistakes, and we didn't," Havens said.

Water quality is another concern for Havens. She attended the Michigan Ground Water Symposium in Kalamazoo in September and she said she worries that Albion is not taking adequate steps to protect its drinking water.

"[Albion Renewable Energy] could be a very good industry if the proper safeguards were in

## What people are saying about the proposed plant



**John Crump**  
professor of chemistry

"The emissions limits from the plant will be within the legal limits and within what I would consider to be safe limits."



**Doreene Derr**  
Anti-Burn Coalition

"They prey on economically depressed communities with promises of increased taxes and many other things."



**Scott Dolley**  
Albion Renewable Energy

"There is a big difference between an incinerator and a power plant. Our power plant is the same as any other power plant, with one exception: our fuel is different."

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## Plant should be built

*Albion must also develop water solution*

Over the past three weeks, The Pleiad has devoted coverage to the controversial waste-to-energy plant issue. Both sides have compelling arguments, but we at The Pleiad feel that this plant should be granted permission to build in Albion's industrial park.

Once constructed, this plant could pump some \$200,000 a year into the Albion economy in tax revenues—a hefty 10 percent increase—and another \$700,000 a year in purchases of goods and services. Permanent employees, as new consumers, could also inject millions into the Albion economy each year.

Opponents of the proposed plant argue that it will create too much air pollution. But the state, through the Department of Natural Resources, will require that the plant be constructed with the most advanced pollution control technology available. Two Albion College chemistry professors have even gone on record as saying the plant's emissions should be within safe limits.

Ironically, the biggest problem may not be what comes out of the plant, but what goes in. The plant would draw between 600,000 and 1 million gallons of water per day from Albion's Clark Street well field—a 33 percent to 55 percent increase in water consumption. This added pull could draw contaminants from three nearby hazardous waste sites: Cooper Industries, Brooks Foundry and the Sheridan-Albion Landfill, which has been declared a federal Superfund site.

One way to prevent the contamination of Albion's water may be to block this proposed plant. But how long will Albion forestall economic progress for lack of initiative on the water issue?

We at The Pleiad believe the waste-to-energy plant should be built here. But we also urge Mayor Mike Williams to address the threat to Albion's water by drilling new, safer well fields or by building a water treatment plant. Albion must face its environmental problems today, or risk sacrificing tomorrow's opportunities for economic growth.

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## Kowalk blasts Con Club coverage

To the Editor:

Upon reception of two of your more recent issues, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, I was utterly disappointed and upset by you and your staff. The manner in which you spoke of the owner of the Conservation Club was not only uncalled for, but childish and a most prime example of pathetic journalism as well.

Exactly what do you publish—a newspaper or a tabloid? Contrary to popular belief, an alleged confrontation between two people has never been and never will be grounds for the rest of the Albion

College campus, let alone the trusty Pleiad, to jump in and take sides. The Delta Sigma Phi, in writing to the editor (The Pleiad, Oct. 28), chose the wrong place for an inappropriate excuse. What you and your staff have done in "OKKKtober Days" (The Pleiad, Oct. 28) and "The Pleiad's Top 10 Reasons to Hold a Party at the Con Club" (The Pleiad, Nov. 4) is commonly known as libel. Albion College is an institution of higher learning, not a preschool.

You've reported the Delta Sigma Phi's side of this alleged dispute, but what does the Con Club owner have to say on his

behalf? I realize that he is from and resides in Albion, not suburban Detroit. His manners, hobbies and dialect may differ from the popular majority of our student body. Unlike many, however, I have had the opportunity to meet with the owner on several occasions, every one of which was found to be helpful, positive and enjoyable—and I am as anti-racist as they come.

Bryan Kowalk,  
Grand Ledge senior and  
Sigma Nu member

## Get ARE's promises in writing: Berres

To the Editor:

Though The Pleiad articles over the past couple of weeks have made a good start at passing on information about the proposed waste-to-energy facility, some additional issues need to be addressed.

First, concerns regarding production of potentially toxic by-products is an issue. If the wood has been painted or treated, harmful chemicals could be released by burning. Tires are composed of polyesters and, when burned, could release dioxins, which have been shown to be deadly in minute quantities. Albion Renewal Energy needs to prove that these toxic by-products will not be a problem.

Second, ARE has promised to provide \$200,000 to the city in taxes and \$700,000 in goods and services purchased, yet no formal written agreements have been made to ensure these promises. Third, the plant will hire 40 employees, but there is

no guarantee that the majority of these jobs will go to Albion residents. Furthermore, ARE has not said what types of jobs these will be or how much they will pay. Fourth, the plant is proposed to be built within one-fourth of a mile of Interstate 94 and state Route 99 and would emit 600,000 to 1 million gallons of water per day as steam. This could present a potential problem of icing on the road surface in the winter. Finally, while the plant will reduce the volume of waste going to landfills, the resultant landfill-bound ash will contain concentrated volumes of toxins not present before.

Although Albion could use the predicted revenues from the plant, the possibility of short-term economic benefits must not overshadow potential long-term problems.

Matt Berres,  
Plymouth sophomore

## Plant concerns require answers: Stowell

To the Editor:

On Nov. 10, I enjoyed the privilege of hearing Cynthia Fredgin, from the Resource Development Division of the Department of Natural Resources, present a program to the Albion Rotary Club. Since I have seen no report in the Albion Recorder, I would like to share some of the highlights with others.

Fredgin has worked with incineration projects in several states and is well-informed on this subject. She pointed out that a waste-to-energy plant could benefit the community, or it could cause serious problems. It is essential that the community understand what the plant function would involve and plan to maintain some control over its operation. She reminded us that the engineering design can be excellent, but it is the management that determines what happens during operation. Local monitoring is imperative. Inspections by the DNR are infrequent and often inadequate. Monitoring

by the community should include the fuel mix, effects upon the ground water, stack emissions and the adherence to permit standards.

Before bringing this type of plant into the community there must be written agreements with the company regarding a number of concerns. Since storage of large quantities of fuel will occur, there are increased fire hazards. There should also be agreements with local fire departments regarding type of storage, needed fire-fighting equipment, and fire-fighting procedures. Increased truck traffic will accelerate the need for road repairs. The community should consider an assessment to help meet these costs. It is estimated that about 3 percent of fuel volume will become ash waste, which cannot go to a regular landfill. How will it be disposed of? There should be understanding regarding fuel sources. What will be used? How much variation in proportions will occur? How will this be monitored? The water source and its treatment need to be considered. Fredgin indicated that

recycling of water would be desirable, since the release of large quantities of steam in cold weather could cause problems of fog and icing on nearby roads, including Interstate 94. She also reminded us that verbal promises are not binding in courts of law. Written agreements are needed.

The speaker stated that all pollution control equipment (estimated at about one-half of the total construction) is tax exempt. There should still be considerable tax benefits to the community, the amounts depending upon tax abatement agreements.

I hope that the city and township officials will give serious attention to these concerns and will keep the public informed regarding their resolution. If they cannot be satisfactorily resolved, then the plant should not be built.

Ewell A. Stowell,  
professor emeritus of biology

## Biased Interpretations of Sound

# Alex Lumelsky plays the Coffee House, Del's room

Here at Albion College, we have had visits from many different types of musicians. Wally Pleasant stops by with his comical, acoustic tunes; Mooshka appears occasionally with his folk music; and recently Mark Eddie appeared with his covers and his wild originals.

Something new came to campus Saturday when Alex Lumelsky played the the Coffee House Saturday.

Lumelsky, who is signed to Trampoline Records, recently recorded his first full-length album "Wakeupdreaming." Scheduled to be released Jan. 2, 1995, this album is a collection of 10 songs, ranging from acoustic ballads to driving electric rock.

Recently, Lumelsky visited campus with longtime friend Wally Pleasant. I was lucky enough to get a chance to speak with him, and was even treated to a quick live performance.

With just an acoustic guitar, he performed his song "Golden Cages." This upbeat song was immediately appealing, and Lumelsky's passionate voice conveyed clearly the feelings the lyrics describe. His guitar work was fast and precise, weaving an attractive web of sound.

Lumelsky, who was raised in Birmingham, took up the guitar when he was in eighth grade. He played in various bands over the years, including one with Wally

Pleasant. But he itched to go solo. His first effort was a short demo-type tape called "Sketch," which Lumelsky described as "nothing much."

"Wakeupdreaming," though, is quite an accomplishment. Lumelsky, who writes his own songs, performs in a Bob Dylan-like style. His lyrics are pointed and seem to reflect rather specific instances in Lumelsky's life.

"I'm Sorry" is a slow, driving tune that speaks of a break-up and one partner's regrets and requests for forgiveness. Between the two verses, Lumelsky displays exceptional guitar work, getting his electric to whine and scream.

Another powerful tune is the first track on the album, "Sleepless." This song's chorus is beautifully written, both musically and lyrically: "You are truly my best friend / How I need you to understand / You mean the world to me / Thank you endlessly."

Lumelsky's strengths are definitely found in his guitar work and his lyrical clarity. The songs avoid the cookie cutter syndrome of each resembling the one before and after it—they are varied, with definite positive results.

While some songs are instantly appealing—including "Golden Cages" and "Midnight Run"—some lack zest and seem forced out. "Lucky," which centers on the odd chance of meeting the one true love of your life, seems somewhat empty. Though the chorus easily relays the point of the song, the verses seem to add little or nothing to the song.

The only drawback on this album as a whole is that as well done as it is, it pales in comparison to the live performance. Somewhere between the studio and the record, Lumelsky's voice lost a good deal of its emotion.

The live performance of "Golden Cages," performed for an audience of three is probably

the best song on the album. When one hears it, it sounds great, but having heard it live it seems to have lost something on the disc.

Overall, this is a solid, varied

collection of music. It is not for a lot of people, but most will find Lumelsky's style straightforward and honest.

—Delbert Fawcett

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## The Pleiad goes on the road to Virginia

# British Eighth rides Chief Ton-Do-Gong to victory

The football team wasn't the only one to shine at Saturday's Stagg Bowl. The British Eighth, thanks to a \$10,000 anonymous donation, got to haul on down to Virginia to perform its patriotic half-time show (you remember, the one with the big flag).

The Pleiad tagged along on the 14-hour band bus trip from hell. OK, well actually one of us is already a band geek. But Susan volunteered to hold the infamous flag—she has the Band-Aids to prove it.

Friday morning's bus ride on board the Chief Ton-Do-Gong was chock full o' movies with subtitles (yes, we had a VCR).

At lunch some of the band did *Io Triumpe* at Taco Bell and were almost kicked out by the manager. It was a pretty wimpy rendition, too.

Ah, dinner. Let's just say that any Taco Bell that charges 86 cents for a taco has got to be suck-ay (or is it sucké or suck-eh?).

Remember Roanoke, the Lost Colony, from history class? Let's

just say *anyone* could get lost on the confusing highway outside our hotel. It's amazing we found our way back from Kroger.

Four of us 21-year-olds wanted to go to a bar Friday night. Eugene, the front desk worker's boyfriend, suggested Scooch's. The "No male bonding" sign and the hick music made us a little leery. Until we spotted a bunch of alumni from the 1976 football team who filled us in on Albion College traditions back then—they didn't streak, they snailed. As in walked.

Naked. Brave boys.

Some people did sleep that night, at least a little. But hey, the cops didn't come to our hotel four times. Good thing the police chief's an alum, huh? Our only famous one too, according to the *Roanoke Times & World-News*.

After practice Saturday morning, we did the 10-minute walk to Subway for lunch, encountering car after car of Albion fans along the way. I'm not sure how they knew to beep and wave at us. Maybe the band uniforms had something to do with it.

On to the big game. While Susan was nice and cozy in the press box, Nicole was stuck way off to the side by the end zone with the rest of the band. It was pretty raggedy-ass—but a per-

fect photo opportunity!

Nothing could possibly compare to being on the field during half-time while the fans were going crazy. When the flag was unfurled, the crowd went wild. President Vulgamore bolted so far out of his seat, we thought he was going to jump the railing.

It was the best Division III marching band half-time show ever to hit the Stagg Bowl. OK, so it was the *only* one. But it was still good.

When the game ended and Albion was presented with the trophy, let's just say we were down on the field, and you weren't!

So all and all, it was a trip to remember. Aren't you glad you're a Briton? We are.

By Nicole Bondi and Susan Ferguson

## What the Rock Doesn't Tell You

The rest of your semester may be filled with visions of economics formulas dancing in your heads, and late nights in the library, but sometimes you just need a distraction. And, amazingly enough, there are a few left.

### Tomorrow

Union Board is showing "A Christmas Story" at 8 p.m. in Norris 101.

### Thursday

Classes end today! If you have time for a break, head over to Goodrich Chapel Basement (the choir room) at 8 p.m. for "It's a

Wonderful Life," sponsored by the chaplain's office.

### Friday

These are the last UB movies of the semester, so enjoy! "Time Cop" is playing at 8 p.m. and "Clear and Present Danger" is playing at 10 p.m.

The Coffee House begins its study hours tonight. Coffee, tea and a quiet environment will be available from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

The first of three Study Breaks in Lower Baldwin begins at 10 p.m. and runs until midnight. Real doughnuts and fresh veggies! The other two are Sun-

day and Monday at the same time and place.

### Saturday

The movies are the same as Friday's, but the times are switched.

This is your last chance to catch the Coffee House this year. It's open from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., with a limited menu.

That's it for now! Look for us on Feb. 3, 1995, when The Pleiad will reappear from hibernation.

By Susan R. Ferguson and Jane M. Neitz

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