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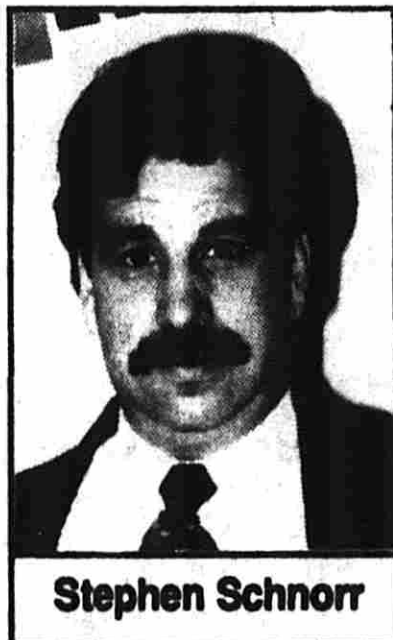
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Roaches bug Baldwin *Spraying keeps problem under control*

By Carolyn Wagner
Staff Writer

When sophomore Jane Smith (not her real name) arrived in lower Baldwin Hall for breakfast one morning last semester, she was unprepared for the sight that greeted her: a cockroach on a corn muffin.

This sighting was never reported. However, there have been 10 reported sightings of cockroaches (two by students, eight by employees)



Stephen Schnorr

since the beginning of the spring semester. Stephen Schnorr, director of dining and hospitality services, is all too aware of the problems pests—especially cockroaches—pose for a food service.

"An inherent part of my business is pests," Schnorr said. "Not only my operation, but any food operation ... anywhere there's heat, there's water, there's cardboard, there's transportation—there's a pest problem."

According to Gail Stratton, associate professor of biology, the United States is home to about 50 species of cockroaches, three or four of which "are pests."

Cockroaches tend to inhabit areas that are "warm and damp," according to Schnorr. Stratton added that they are "often found in basements, and sometimes in kitchens" because of the easy access to moisture and food.

"The health department realizes that there are pest problems," Schnorr said. "So when they do a health inspection, one of the vio-

lations is for pest and rodent control. We didn't have any points taken off for that. We fell within the Calhoun County requirements."

One requirement is that food services must "have a regular pest control operator," said Tim Wanner, Food Service "Sanitarian" for the Calhoun County Health Department. He said inspectors "look for evidence and signs" of pests as well, as other health code violations, during yearly checks.

The college has inspections done twice a year, according to Schnorr, who said the last inspection was in October.

"Usually if we see a problem during an inspection, then it's a sign that it's gotten [out of hand]," Wanner said.

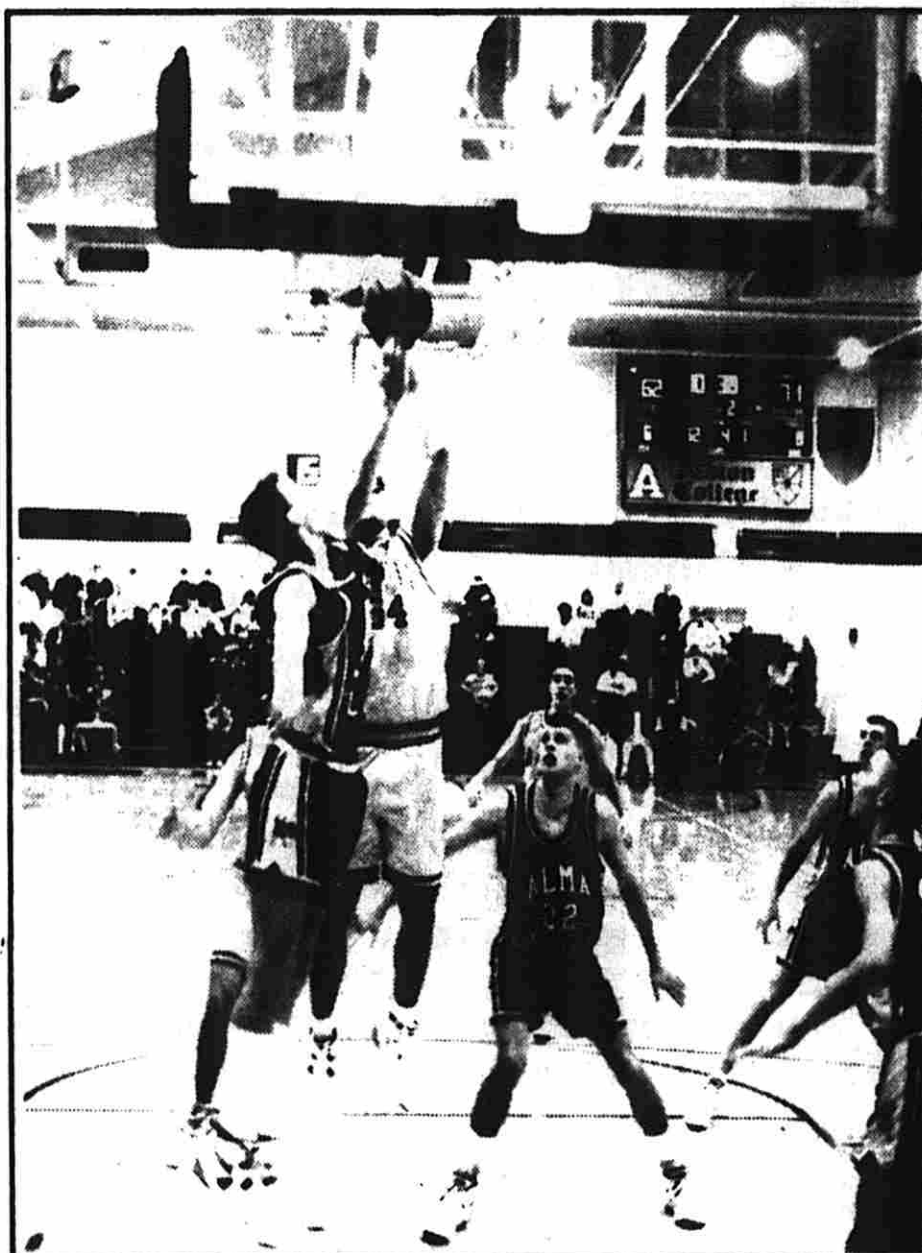
"If ... a student sees a problem—a roach or something—we'd like to know about it," Wanner said.

Although Wanner said he thinks the college is doing "a pretty good job," Schnorr said that dining services can do better. He recently switched pest control companies.

"We weren't getting the results we wanted to get," Schnorr said.

Griffin Pest Control Inc., based in Kalamazoo, has been contracted to treat Baldwin Hall, but Terminix will continue to serve other buildings on campus, Schnorr said. Griffin has guaranteed that there will be 100 percent pest elimination within one year,

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He shoots, he scores!

Jonathon Hankins, Grand Rapids senior, sinks a shot at Saturday's men's basketball game against Alma. The team won the game 99-92 in overtime, bringing its record to 4-3 in the MIAA. The men are currently third in MIAA standings. The team's next game is at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Kresge Gymnasium against Kalamazoo. For current standings of the other winter varsity teams, see Page 8.

Photo by Momoko Ogawa

Cape Town comes to Albion *South African professor brings rich history, knowledge*

By Jay Snodgrass
Staff Writer

In South Africa, black Ph.D.s specializing in Old Testament or Hebrew Bible are rare. In fact, Ruben Richards, visiting instructor of religion, is about to become one of his country's only such specialists. With the wealth of knowledge he has already attained, however, a doctorate may seem somewhat anti-climactic.

Born in Cape Town 35 years ago, Richards had, in his own words, a "normal childhood." The son of a father who was employed by the postal service and a mother who was a maidservant for wealthy whites, Richards said he led as "normal" a life as could be expected in South Africa's system of apartheid.

Richards said he began to understand the racist nature of the South African culture soon after he moved on to primary school. With the announcement of the Group Areas Act, a policy of apartheid that mirrored segregation in the United States, Richards' school was forced to relocate. The area

had been declared a white area, and its black inhabitants had no choice but to move.

This kind of institutional discrimination affected all aspects of Richards' life. In 1977, Richards became the supervisor in a clothing factory. He chuckled as he remembered, "My job was to supervise the making of trousers for the army." When asked about the salary he earned, however, there was no chuckle. He said his wages hovered at just about \$8 a week—even as the supervisor.

From the factory, Richards joined the South African Defense Force. He is quick to note the irony of the situation because he hated the oppressive regime that he was enlisted to defend.

"Many of us joined the navy because of the good package," he said, referring to his wages. He noted that he and his fellow soldiers were given large doses of anti-Communist indoctrination. He was told how susceptible Africans were to the evils of communist insurgence.

"We did not buy it, those of us that were from the '70s uprisings," he said.

Richards' resistance to this ideology increased

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Richards brings South Africa to Albion College classroom

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in the early 1980s when some men from the navy were beginning to be deployed on land in the ever-increasing police state.

"This was enough!"

Eventually Richards moved on to a job that led him to become a skilled trade instructor. Although he had done this trade in the defense force and was qualified to do so, he lost his qualifications upon leaving the service. He re-

took the test required for certification and "failed."

"I failed this trade test even though I had been hired by my company to teach it," he said.

Richards then moved on to work on the docks, where he again ran into discrimination. He was fired for pointing out segregation in the company's change rooms. He was subsequently picked up by another company where he found a better environment.

At the new company, Richards completed his daily work so fast that he could use half his day to pursue other interests. Richards chose reading and preaching. Calling on the memories of his father, who moonlighted as a preacher, Richards began to bring the gospel to his co-workers.

Increasingly interested in religion, Richards decided to apply to the University of Cape Town. Through the help of a local anthropology professor and what he called his "stubbornness," he was given one of 131 spots the university set aside for the "academically disadvantaged."

He fondly recalls adamantly arguing his position: "I know you have a spot and I want it!"

Richards came to Albion College by way of the University of Cape Town, Western Theological Seminary (Holland), and Baptistische Theologische Hochschule (Ruschlikon, Switzerland).

Those responsible for hiring Richards are unanimous in their praise.

"Word will get around about Ruben Richards because he is a

great one," said President Melvin Vulgamore. Frank Frick, associate professor and chair of religion, called Richards "brilliant" and "incredibly patient with students," and said he possesses a "teacher's heart."

"There aren't a lot of fathers, who, if they knew they were leaving for a trip two weeks in advance of their wives, would offer to take their 3-year-

old son with them," Frick comments. That son, Daniel, and that wife, Carol, are now all together in the Albion community.

"My wife has been excellent," Richards said. "I don't have words to describe how good she has been."

How will Richards relate to Albion College students? Two Albion College students had the opportunity to spend the fall semester in the company of instructor Richards at the University of Cape Town.

"He is the most genuine man I think that I've ever met. He has a way of showing his country to outsiders that brings us closer," said Michele Parker, St. Clair Shores senior. "He personifies

what South Africa should be."

Beth Preece, Three Oaks senior, agreed: "This man is brilliant. The warmth that he shows for the everyday person is incredible. To us he was a teacher, father and friend."

What then are the lessons to be learned in the upcoming semester from Ruben Richards? There are many.

"This is a case study of an emerging democracy," Vulgamore said. "One that is particularly apt for our time, at our college."

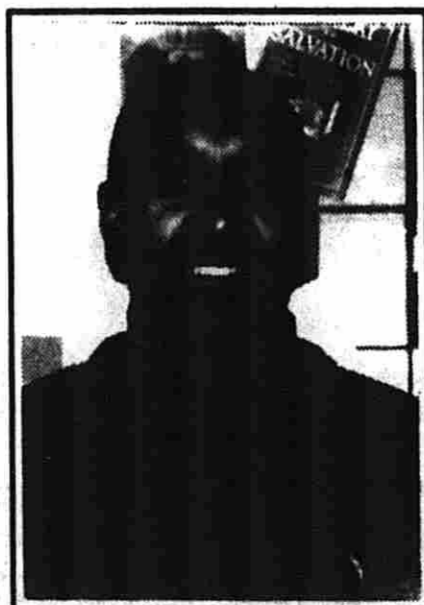
For Frick it is the vast intellectual knowledge, the tremendous determination and heart, and the informal relationships and conversations.

Richards himself said he hopes many things can be learned through the opportunity of his visit. But he is quick to emphasize that he is here to learn and experience as well: "Education is the key to liberation."

Finally, Richards said he would like to find the root of what he sees as the average American citizen's lack of knowledge about his or her nation's actions in foreign countries.

"The level of involvement of your country," he said, "does not tie up with the level of awareness of the average citizen."

He said he wishes to bring with him some of the current South African excitement—a time that is "exciting because everything is changing."



Ruben Richards

Pests plague Baldwin

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according to Schnorr.

Griffin will provide intensive treatments and monthly sprayings. Initial treatments began Saturday, Jan. 21.

"The sprays that we use are, of course, environmentally approved for food areas," Schnorr said. "They're not harmful to humans, but they are to bugs."

Schnorr suggested that other methods—such as "sticky traps"—can be used as well, because cockroaches have "demonstrated a lot of resistance" to, and have learned to sidestep, man-made chemical sprays and traps.

"Our goal in dining services is to be zero bugs," Schnorr said. "We spend a lot of money ... [toward that goal]."

To make this elimination easier, Schnorr keeps a "bug log book" to keep track of sightings so efforts can be concentrated on those areas. Schnorr encourages students and faculty to report sightings.

"We're all easy people to approach," Schnorr said. "If you've got a problem with bugs, or anything else, you can come and let us know."

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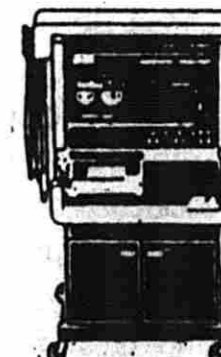
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Completed applications for Project 250 and the H. Morley Fraser awards are due by 5 p.m. March 8, at the CPO office.

Students may contact Christopher Adkins-Lamb at CPO at ext. 0433 for more information about the awards.

NEWSBRIEFS

Board of Trustees executive committee meets tomorrow

The Albion College Board of Trustees executive committee will be holding its February meeting this weekend on campus. Faculty tenure decisions will be discussed, according to John Williams, professor of physics and faculty affairs committee chair. Jon Hooks, economics and management; John Blakemore, music; Kathleen Fear, education; and Kenneth Davis, mathematics, are being considered for tenure.

Former visiting professor displays photos in Bobbitt

Chris Davis, who taught photography courses during the 1993-94 academic year, is displaying his photography works in the Elsie Munro Gallery of Bobbitt Visual Arts Center. According to Douglas Goering, associate professor of visual arts, Davis creates his photos in an "unusual" manner. "[Davis] uses multiple negatives in his prints. These are one of a kind," Goering said. Davis' exhibit will be on display until Feb. 19.

Spring sexual harassment conferees announced

The sexual harassment conferees for the 1995 spring semester are: Frank Machek, professor of visual arts, 207 Bobbitt Visual Arts Center, ext. 0375; Lee Williams, director of campus programs and organizations, CPO office-Baldwin Hall, ext. 0433; and Mary Jane Williams, director of recreation and wellness, room 104 Dow Center, ext. 0500. Staff, students and faculty can contact any of the conferees if they feel that they have been a victim of sexual harassment, and would like to discuss the problem. Conferees can provide mediation, advocacy and support.

Two speakers canceled

The informal discussion with Burtis Robinson, founder and executive director of African American Men Endangered Species at Paul Quinn College in Texas, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday has been canceled. Helen Waterford's Albion Performing Artist and Lecture Series-sponsored speech, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 13, has also been canceled.

ARE project leader resigns

Scott Dolley, project leader for Albion Renewable Energy's waste to energy plant, has resigned. According to Sharon Ponds, ARE secretary, Dolley is having a kidney transplant. Paul Young has replaced Dolley, and is continuing ARE's permit application process.

Some information compiled from college press releases

College upgrades boiler plant

New heating system under construction behind Kresge Gym

By Patrick Holser
Staff Writer

Backhoes and dump trucks have been carving up the landscape south of Kresge Gymnasium for the better part of this school year. Why?

"We're in the middle of a three-phase, board-funded project to upgrade the boiler plant," said Kenneth Kolmodin, director of facilities operations. According to Kolmodin, during the first phase of the project, last year, the oldest boiler, the water softener, and peripheral equipment were replaced.

The second stage of the construction began early last fall. "Phase two will consist of replacing the other two boilers this summer and centralizing the incoming power sources to be in the same building," Kolmodin said.

Kolmodin said the target date for completing the external structure-work of phase two is May 17.

Phase three will be the addition of a central chilled water plant, according to Kolmodin. This addition will be about twice the size of the present building and will enable the college to put buildings on a central air conditioning system when they are constructed or as the current buildings' equipment is replaced, he said.

The three new boilers that are being installed are each 500 horsepower, and will be more than 85 percent efficient, Kolmodin said. In comparison, the old system was comprised of a 200 horsepower boiler, an 800 horsepower boiler, and a 1200 horsepower boiler which had a combined efficiency of between 60 and 65 percent.

In the past, as the weather got progressively colder, a larger horsepower boiler was turned on until the desired output was obtained, Kolmodin said. With the new system, one boiler can be turned on, and as need increases the other two can be added.

Also removed during the construction were the fuel oil tanks that were used for boiler backup, Kolmodin said. The college uses natural gas to heat the buildings, but the underground tanks hold

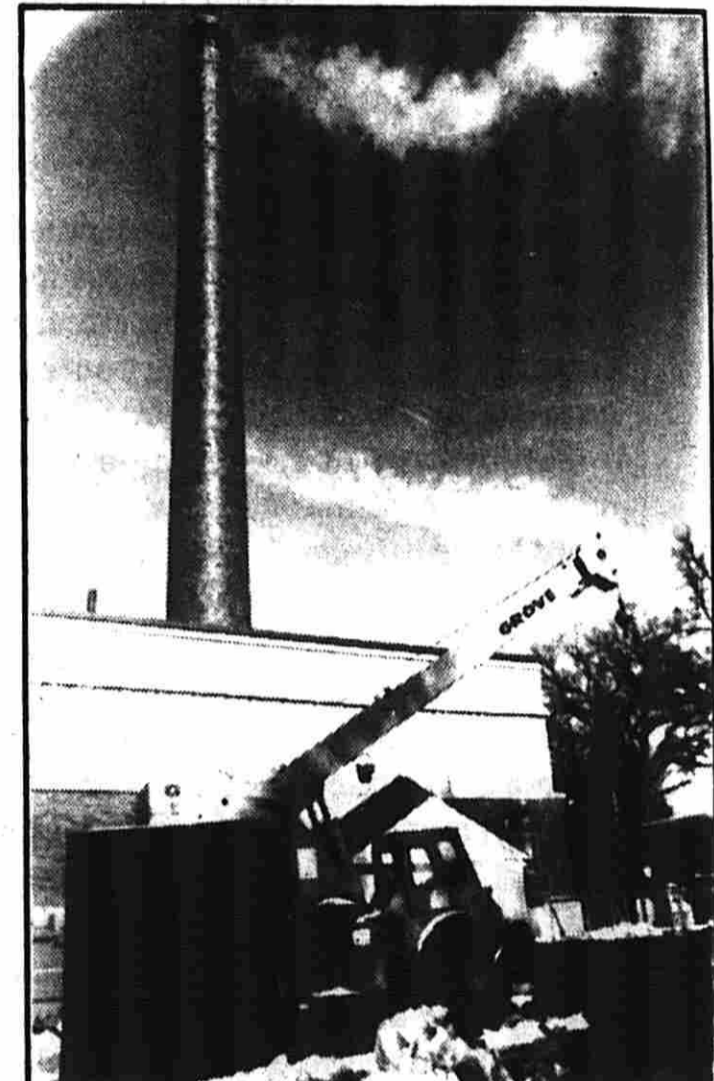
grade two fuel, which is a grade below diesel.

"These tanks were installed in the early 1970s during the gas crisis," he said. Smaller tanks have been installed since the fuel crisis has subsided. "Updated regulation for fuel oil storage has also been a good reason for the upgrade. The new tank is double walled with fiberglass, and it is electronically monitored," Kolmodin said.

"On the site of the new tanks, a new parking lot will be built. It can double as em-

ployee parking during the day and

and volleyball games in the evening," Kolmodin said. "



The construction site located between physical plant and Kresge Gym.

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Just the facts, please

This weekend, the executive committee of the Albion College Board of Trustees will be on campus for its annual February meeting. Among other issues, the executive committee will be discussing the college's budget for the next academic year, tenure decisions, and the possibility of faculty reductions.

It is this last topic that has been getting a great deal of attention on campus lately—from students and faculty alike. The reductions would be another example of the well-publicized budget crunch. They are also a result of declining enrollment—the trustees have mandated a 13.5:1 student to faculty ratio.

But rumors about these reductions have been circulating at near-light speed. We've all heard them—speech communication and theatre and geology are being cut, right? We are going to lose 10 faculty members next year, right? Not quite.

We at The Pleiad are disturbed by the prominence given to these rumors. Rumors of this type do not foster an attitude of cooperation between segments of the campus community. Rather, they create an adversarial relationship—something that is not needed when decisions of magnitude are being made.

What is needed is a retreat from the hysterical circulation of rumors and a new, calmer focus on rational fact gathering.

While it is frightening to think an academic department may be cut, the fact is that even if a department were to be eliminated this year, its major would still be extended to the class entering in 1995. Hence, its courses would be offered through that class' graduation in 1999. But no department has been specifically mentioned or scheduled to be eliminated, either by faculty or by the Board of Trustees. While it is true that certain administrators have made statements regarding disciplines, these statements are not a death sentence. Instead, they are statements of personal opinion. We at The Pleiad are hopeful that personal opinion will not be the sole determinant of what is best for the college's future.

The decision of what is best for the future of Albion College can only be made through cooperation and compromise on all sides. We hope the executive committee will be willing to listen carefully to all sides of the issues it is discussing this weekend. We hope it will be willing to take the time to make sound decisions for the long-term well-being of the college, not just a short-term fix. And we hope the rest of the campus community will join them in an effort to discover all of the facts before rushing to judgment.

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Because The Pleiad is a student newspaper, its news content is usually concentrated on issues about or relevant to the college community. Although The Pleiad occasionally prints news items about the greater Albion community, other Great Lakes Colleges Association member schools, and national colleges in general, a greater emphasis is placed on the Albion College community—an area where its editors and writers enjoy greater expertise and influence.

Every event that occurs within that sphere cannot be covered, however. Space and staff limitations require that The Pleiad cover and print only that which is of the most interest to the college community as a whole.

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Since we won the championship, will they come?

(Editor's Note: The following is a first-person account of football team member David Cox's quest to determine what effect the team's national championship has had on the college's recruiting efforts.)

Nobody is going to confuse Albion College with the University of Nebraska, but the amount of state and national exposure the college has received as a result of winning the NCAA championship game is bound to affect Albion's enrollment.

I wanted to investigate these effects. To me the most obvious place to start was to talk with Peter Schmidt, assistant professor of physical education and head football coach, to see how it has affected recruiting. I surmised there would be an above-average number of recruits because of the "win."

When I got to the second floor of the Dow at 11 a.m. on Jan. 20, I thought I had entered Old MacDonald's Farm: here a recruit, there a recruit, everywhere a recruit, recruit. Try saying that really fast.

I weaved my way through a flood of recruits to Coach Schmidt's office. Stop right there. He was way too busy to talk. I didn't even see his face.

I returned to my room and told my roommate what happened.

"What do you expect," he replied. "They just won the national championship. Everybody is going to want to come here."

But is enrollment really going to skyrocket?

I finally got an interview with a coach: defensive coordinator Greg Pscodna. He said the reason there were so many recruits was that the national championship delayed the recruitment process. He also said it is too early to tell how it will affect the program, but he did have some speculations.

"There is a better chance of getting more students because more kids, parents and coaches have heard about Albion College. We hope that, since we did win the national championship, the quality of the student/athlete will improve."

Actually, there is a possibility that the national championship could scare off potential players.

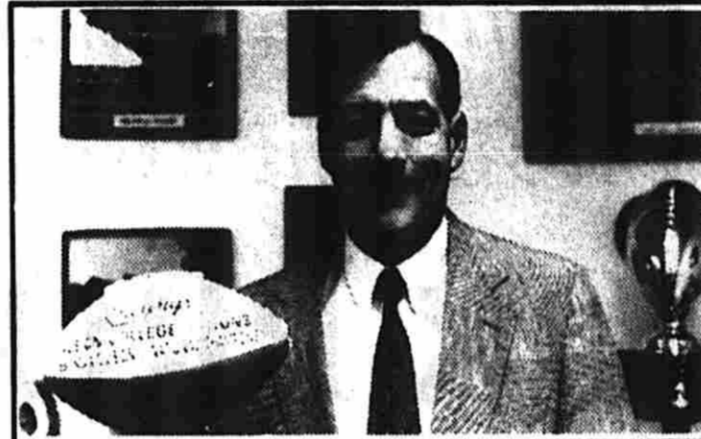
"Most Michigan football players already know about Albion football because of its tre-

mendous success over the years," said Jeff Scott, a recruit from East Grand Rapids. "But going to the best Division III team in the land seems kind of intimidating."

Seeking some sources outside the football program, I interviewed Dan Meyer, vice president for enrollment, to see how the "win" would affect overall enrollment. "It's too early to tell how the national championship exposure will affect enrollment," Meyer said. Is there an echo here?

"Obviously we think the national championship should help out, but I don't want to get everyone's expectations up," he said. "Our problems aren't solved."

The numbers are up. As of Jan. 30, current applications are at 1,234, as compared to 1,140 at the same time last year.



Pete Schmidt

"We are ahead of last year in applications," Meyer said, "but I don't know how much I want to attribute that to the national championship. We remain cautiously optimistic that it will at-

tract more students."

The next big question is whether or not the "win" will bring in more money from alumni.

"We are funded through our budget," said Ben Hancock Jr., vice president for institutional advancement. "We don't get many contributions nor do we expect them."

Yet Hancock said he would not be surprised if contributions increased.

"The national championship has al-

lowed the alumni a chance to remember their experiences here, and people give because they feel good about their college and the chance to partake in their alma mater's national championship."

Hancock said he thinks the "win" will help most in the \$68 million campaign launched in October because of the publicity and media coverage.

"The national championship could not have come at a better time," Hancock said. "It will only serve to give the campaign another boost and remind all of our constituents about what a quality place this is."

The football team wanted to get the "win" in quest of excellence; increased enrollment and contributions would just be perks. Right now the college must wait and continue "to celebrate like a Division III school," Hancock said.

That is what I plan to do. I'm headed for the team banquet on Sunday.

—By David Cox

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Well, we're back. We're glad, aren't you? We are rested and ready to go ... it's been a heck of a long time since we've gotten ourselves in trouble, and we kind of miss it. Well, Susan kind of got herself in some hot water thanks to the now-infamous Chief Ton-Do-Gong article, but it wasn't a Rock thing, so Jane feels left out.

Watch out, we're on the war-path, looking for this semester's "Benji the Hunted" to tar and feather mercilessly.

No, really, we were just kidding. No need to call Media Board quite yet. Remember, this is a personal view column, and all of the opinions are ours, or at least one of ours, and sometimes more than just ours, but we put our names on the thing, so don't blame anyone else but us.

We really don't mean to offend anyone, so please take us with a grain of salt. It's called satire and sarcasm, folks. It's supposed to be funny.

So, this pseudo-disclaimer is the only apology you're going to get from us all semester, so you better cut it out and save it, just in case you get offended sometime in March.

So, enough of that, on to the events of the week.

Tonight

No movies tonight. Bummer. Instead, Union Board is offering up Country Line Dancing from 7-11 p.m. in Kresge Commons. Yee-haw! So boot-scoot-'n-boogie yourselves on over there. We're willing to pay good money to see some of our acquaintances do "The Achy Breaky" or "The Watermelon Crawl." It'll be a rip-roaring good time. We'll see y'all there.

And if for some reason this doesn't trip your trigger, go rent a movie. Let us suggest "Heathers," "The Player" or some Monty Python, especially "Meaning of Life" or "Life of Brian." Good examples of satire, so of course we love them.

Tomorrow

"Love Affair" is playing at 8 and 10 p.m. in Norris 101. It's a cute little remake of "An Affair to Remember" which was a remake of the original movie called "Love Affair." Get it? This version stars

Warren Beatty and Annette Bening. And hey, Katharine Hepburn makes a guest appearance, so how can it be bad?

Monday

Check out the lecture and slide show by John MacQueen at 6 p.m. in the Bobbitt Visual Arts Center Auditorium. He makes baskets out of natural objects. The lecture is sponsored by Daedalans, the campus art society.

Not much to do after that, so do what we always do. Listen to Del and Tone on WLBN (where the W stands for weiner) from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. They play good tunes, and give away lots of groovy prizes. Plus, they are pretty funny guys. If you have problems getting WLBN, try putting batteries in your radio. For some reason, we get better reception when we do that.

Tuesday

The film "Blue" is being shown at 7 p.m. in Norris 101.


The first film of a trilogy, it explores events and emotions that affect choices people make in their lives. Be warned, it has subtitles. But this shouldn't scare anyone away. We survived our first foreign film experiences quite nicely, thanks.

Just in case you can't go tonight, "Blue" is being shown again on Thursday, so you can see it then, also at 7 p.m. in Norris 101.

Wednesday

Two movies tonight! Bonus! "Stargate," a kind of sci-fi action-adventure, is playing at 6 and 10 p.m. Nestled in between is a most excellent flick, "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" at 8 p.m. Okay, so we used excellent twice in that last sentence ... deal with it. All and all, not a bad alternative to those other Wednesday night activities ... like homework. What did you think we were talking about?

By Susan R. Ferguson and Jane M. Neitz



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Club teams gear up for seasons *Sheer love of sport motivates participants*

By Steve Zdankiewicz
Sports Editor

In the wake of the NCAA football championship, many other Albion College athletes begin their seasons hoping to achieve the same type of success. Only this time, many of the athletes will pay for their own equipment, ride to the games in their own cars, and act as both players and coaches. This is not a result of budget cuts

or a lack of competent coaches. It is a phenomenon known as Albion College club sports.

Each year, Albion College student athletes participate in many different club sports, such as lacrosse, volleyball, cheerleading and hockey.

According to Robert Ralls, Okemos senior and men's lacrosse team captain, there isn't much difference between club sports and the varsity teams.

"The games and the practices are the same, the only difference is the recognition."

According to Derek Morton, Traverse City senior, and Nikolai Butki, Lake Orion senior, lack of recognition has caused them to put in overtime as co-captains of the men's volleyball team.

"It's a lot of hard work," Morton said. "This year Nick and I have got a lot of help from the rest of the guys on the team."

According to Morton and Butki, the toughest part about being a team captain is organizing practice sessions.

Butki explained how difficult it is to work around conflicting class schedules and other varsity sports.

"Varsity sports take precedence," Butki said. "With the basketball teams at the gym and baseball and track using the Dow, it's

hard to find a place to practice."

According to Ralls, these same troubles have hindered the lacrosse team as well.

"In the past we have been forced to use Victory Park as a

place to hold many of our practices and games," Ralls said. Morton said although the club sport teams are sometimes faced with tremendous adversity, the level of competition is just as high as some of the varsity sports.

According to Ralls, the high level of competition has not caused the number of new participants to decline.

"Club sports are open to anyone who wants to come out for the team," Ralls said. "Even if you have never played before." Ralls said the number of men participating in the lacrosse team has been relatively high, considering the fact that each club sport must operate under a strict budget. This means many of the players

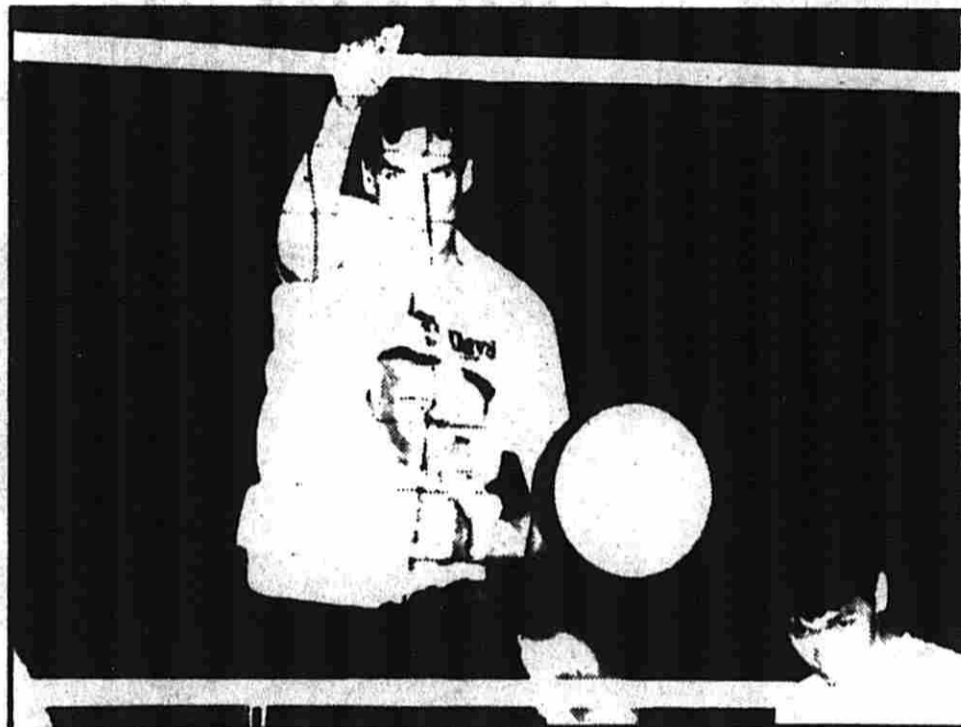
have had to pay for supplies with their own money. Forced to dip into their own pockets, team members often are without necessities, such as uniforms, shoulder pads and helmets.

"Last season we didn't have uniforms or enough helmets," Ralls said. "Guys on the team had to share equipment with each other."

According to Morton, the strict budget also means that players must find their own ride to an away game—which can be hard, especially if the person driving has a 7 p.m. class.

"It's a little different from varsity sports," Morton said. "Most professors don't allow us to miss class because we have a game." Morton, who also plays professional beach volleyball during the summer, said that while playing on a club sport team can be frustrating at times, he still enjoys participating because it gives athletes a chance to compete and have fun.

So when you're looking for exciting Albion College athletic action, check out the club sport teams. They're coming to a field, gym, arena or park near you. People interested in joining a club team, are encouraged to inquire at the CPO office.



Nikolai Butki, Lake Orion senior, goes up high for a spike during a recent men's volleyball practice.

Photo by Momoko Ogawa

Current MIAA standings

As of Jan. 31

Men's basketball		Women's swimming	
Hope	7	0	0
Calvin	5	2	2
Albion	4	3	2
Kalamazoo	4	3	2
Olivet	2	4	1
Adrian	1	6	0
Alma	1	6	4

Women's basketball		Men's swimming	
Alma	6	1	0
Calvin	6	1	3
Hope	6	1	2
Adrian	3	4	2
Albion	2	5	0
Olivet	1	5	0
Kalamazoo	0	7	4

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