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# Tunnicliff running for 7th District Congressional seat

#### By Rebecca Palmer Features Editor

"I am going to be the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 7th District this fall," said Kim Tunnicliff, director of the Gerald Ford Institute for Public Service.

Rumors of just such an endeavor began to circulate when visitors whose identity could not be disclosed had closed-door

'[If elected], instead

director, I would be

-Kim Tunnicliff

of being Albion's

representative.'

Ford Institute

Albion's

meetings at the Institute, when all of Tunnicliff's classes were removed from the fall schedule, and when 1994-95 student senate president,

Leigh Greden, '95, started making appearances on campus.

"Mr. Greden is a staffer with U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers and is going to be my campaign manager," Tunnicliff said.

How long has this campaign been in the works without it becoming widespread knowledge on Albion's campus?

"I started thinking about it seriously six months ago. I've thought about it seriously before, but it was always bad timing for the family, or bad timing for the Democratic Party.

"This year there seems to be a betterthan-usual opportunity for a moderate Democrat in the district, and the family is on board and supportive."

The rural 7th District, located in south-central Michigan, is made up of six counties, including parts of Washtenaw and Barry Counties. Jackson and Battle Creek are the two largest cities.

"It has a history of voting Republican, but also has a sufficient streak of independence to occasionally go for the Democrats," he said.

Tunnicliff saw Albion exert this independence in November of 1994, when he won a city council election—his first elected political position.

Gene Cline, associate professor of philosophy, sees Tunnicliff's chances for election differently, though.

"It's very unlikely he will win because the only liberals in the county are those at Albion College, and the faculty will be voting against him because we don't want him to leave," Cline jokingly explained.

So what would make this largely Republican district vote for a Democrat rather than the incumbent Congressman Nick Smith?

"Like a lot of people, I'm disturbed at the direction Newt Gingrich's Congress has taken the country. I think they are trying to govern from the extreme instead of building a majority from the center out," Tunnicliff said.

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Are these the swing kids? Anthony Williams, Southfield junior, and Melissa Wyss, adjunct instructor of physical education, dance the Charleston. More photos of this weekend's dance recital are on pages 4&5.

Photo by Joshua Bopp

# Ferguson will give May 4 commencement address

# By Chris Robinson and Christa Loffelman

William C. Ferguson, '52, was selected as this year's commencement speaker by President Vulgamore after the committee's first choice fell through.

A few student members of the 1996 senior class planning committee were—ironically speechless when they found out Feguson was tapped for the May 4 commencement address.

The selection of Ferguson, chair of the Albion College Board of Trustees and fall semester's acting president, was surprising The 12-member committee had agreed that it would be appropriate that this year's speaker be a woman.

"This is the Year of the Woman at Albion," said James VanderVeen, National City senior. "We had thought of a variety of suggestions for this year's speaker. Our first choice was actually the First Lady, but if our first choice fell through, we felt that we could've gotten someone else on our list."

"Our efforts were focused on women," said Jennifer Daig, Flushing senior. "[Ferguson] wasn't on our list. The list that we comprised had disappeared, and we were never consulted. We knew that we weren't going to have much input anyway." The selection process for choosing a speaker is a lengthy one, according to Lee Williams, director of campus programs and or-

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Time: 11 a.m.

Date: May 4

Place: the Quad

ganizations and c o m m i t t e e member. "Bill was actually the first person to say that yeah, we really should have a woman," she said.

"I really like Ferguson," said Sarah Chapman, Port Huron senior and committee member. "We expected that if we could not have our first choice, we could have someone from the college who would do a good job." Williams and 11 seniors make up the committee which formed during the fall semester.

First, they generated a list of

women as possible speakers.
One was
Eleanor Clift, a
writer and political editor for
Newsweek.
Clift is also a

panelist for PBS' "The McLaughlin Group". Other names included Jane Alexander, Cokie Roberts, Carole Moseley-Braun and Gloria Naylor. The list was then handed to the faculty and administration for approval, to ensure that the speaker would receive an

honorary degree from Albion College.

Vulgamore made the final decision.

The process is supposed to be rather secretive," VanderVeen said. "Bill's a great guy, not to take anything away from him, but I'm really disappointed because we did limit our search to women."

A native of Michigan, Ferguson spent more than 40 years in the communications industry. He held management positions at Michigan Bell from 1952-77 and 1978-83, and also served in top posts at New York Telephone from 1977-78 and 1983-87.

In 1987, Ferguson became
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# Kenyon College offers Omahan position as dean

Kenyon College has offered Donald Omahan, vice president and dean for student affairs, the position of dean of students-effective in the fall 1996 semester.

Omahan said he was notified by telephone Monday afternoon, and will officially accept or turn down the offer by the end of next week.

"Kenyon's my alma mater, and I also worked there for some time," he said. "Several people nominated me, and that is an honor—but this is clearly not an easy decision."

Omahan said he and his wife are planning a trip to Kenyon next week, and will not make a final decision until after their campus visit.

"It's not just my decision; it's a family decision. My wife and I have two small children, so this is a quality-of-life issue."

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disappointed that Bill

Ferguson's coming.'

Located in Gambier, Ohio, Kenyon is a member of the Great Lakes Colleges Association and has a student enrollment of around 1.500. Omahan received his B.A. from the liberal-arts institution in 1970, and is Kenyon's first choice for a new dean of students.

Omahan said this job opportunity is the only one he is considering.

"I've [developed] a good relationship with both Kenyon and Albion, and leaving Albion will not be easy," he said. "I will miss the people here. We really care deeply about the faculty and the staff, and I want to emphasize that I will really miss the students here."

Omahan was appointed as Albion's dean of students in 1989. His wife, Nancy Kadunc, served as assistant to the president from 1989-1994.

-By Christa Loffelman

Congress, from page 1

"Congressman Smith has voted with Speaker Gingrich over 90 percent of the time and is part of this governing strategy. I don't think it's good for the 7th District, I don't think it's good for Michigan, and I don't think it's good for the country," Tunnicliff stated.

Smith could not be reached for comment.

Tunnicliff describes himself as a "moderate Democrat," someone who is defined more by his approach to politics than by his position in

the political spectrum.

According to Tunnicliff, being a moderate Democrat "implies a willingness to listen to multiple points of view, an inclination toward what will work rather than what particular theory dictates what should be done.

"It's a position that recognizes some of the most important issues confronting this country are extremely complex and that the solutions aren't to be found in sound bytes."

A great deal less complex than the issues facing our country, yet more personal for Albion College students, is what will

**Kim Tunnicliff** 

happen inside the Ford Institute next fall.

"I'm going to remain as director of the Ford Institute," Tunnicliff said. "All Ford students will remain as my advisees. I have

arranged to do advising after Nov. 5 which

is Election Day, but before Nov. 21 which is registration."

"My teaching schedule has been moved into the spring so I will be teaching more courses than normal in the spring, unless I win," Tunnicliff continued.

"If I win, I suspect the college would expect me to resign my position. Instead of being Albion's Ford Institute director, I would be Albion's representative."

# Former acting president will be commencement speaker

Continued from Page 1 chairman of the board and chief executive officer of NYNEX Corporation, the international tele-

communications company headquartered in New York. He held that post until

April of 1995, when he retired from NYNEX.

He has received an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration at Pace University, and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the New York Institute of Technology.

Most recently, the Albion community knows him as the college's fall 1995 acting president and distinguished professor of economics.

The speaker selection was "ad hoc," according to Williams, because Hillary Clinton could not make a commitment until March. By that time, "we [the committee] thought it was too late" to ask people not close to the Albion community.

Albion does not pay commencement speakers, which means that expensive namessuch as Maya Angelou and Cokie Roberts—are not likely to address Albion College.

Clinton was considered because she has a friend who is an alumna, Williams explained.

"I don't think anyone's disappointed that Bill Ferguson's coming, but they are disappointed

that we didn't get a woman or a big name, she said. "We have to go through names that we have

connections with, and we didn't get many good names.

—Lee Williams

"The reality is Albion is a small college, and big names go to places like Harvard and Michigan."

Ferguson is a big name to Albion College, though. He has lectured widely on the impact of communications on state and federal public policy.

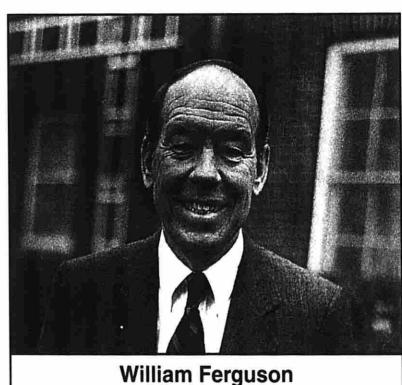
He has spoken at Harvard University, Boston College, the University of Pennsylvania, the Business Council of New York State, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Conference Board and the Commercial Club of Boston.

Albion's class of 1996, the college community and guests will

hear Ferguson's commencement speech at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, on Quadthe rangle.

In case of rain, graduation exercises will be held in the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center.

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"I longed for truth, strength, identity; I looked to myself but they eluded me. I sought out my sisters and found all three."

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Colleen Anger Beth Brisson Kiersten Chang Tiffany Collom Kelly Garland Brenda Green

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### "The Senate Corner"

—The Albion College Student Senate approved the constitution for the Albion College Slackers, or ACS , a new student organization on campus.

—The Albion College Student Senate would like to congratulate Bob Bruner and Khalilah Watson on being elected as new Senators.

—The 1995-96 Albion College Student Senate will have its last meeting on April 22nd. We would like to thank those who participated in Senate all year long as Senators, Representatives, and concerned students. Without your contributions this governing body would not have functioned.

—A special thanks goes out to all of the Seniors on Senate who will not be with us next year: Holly Miller, Chad Poopat, Matt Courser, and Carrie Gabriel. You will be missed! Additional congratulations go to Holly Miller, Student Senator of the Year!

# NEWSBRIEFS

#### Pro-Albion rally held tonight

A support rally will be held at 11 p.m. tonight at the Rock. Rain location will be at the front door of Norris. The rally will be a pro-Albion, pro-diversity demonstration with candles, singing and students and faculty speaking. "It's open for anybody who wants to speak," said Mary Alfson, Grand Rapids senior.

The rally was organized by Alfson, Elizabeth Miller, Macomb senior, and Erin Elder, Belvidere, Ill., senior.

"We were concerned that outside sources were influencing students' opinions of Albion and we felt that students needed an opportunity to emphasize why Albion is important to them," Miller said. "It's also important for seniors to pass on their legacy."

A goal for the night will be "to give back Albion its positive name and to make the students who are here proud that they go to Albion," Alfson added.

#### Concerto concert set for Sunday

The Albion College Orchestra will perform its annual Concerto concert at 4 p.m. Sunday in Goodrich Chapel.

This concert consists of six pieces, three of which feature student soloists. Auditions were held in February and the three soloists—Max Kort, Troy senior; Krista Lewis, Brighton sophomore; and Michelle Milliken, Marshall freshman—were chosen by judges outside of Albion's music department.

"It is only the students whose performances were outstanding who are worthy of being presented at the concert," said Myron McReynolds, visiting professor of music.

Kort, a pianist, will perform Movement III of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Concerto No. 1 for Piano and Orchestra in D minor." "Poem" by Charles Griffes will feature Lewis playing the flute, and Milliken will perform a soprano aria, "Volta la terrea" from "Un Ball in Maschera" by Giuseppe Verdi.

# Public art installation opens April 26

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"Transcending Silence: The Tubs Project," an intimate look at domestic violence in the form of a sculptural installation, will be unveiled on April 26 in Victory Park. Its opening ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. and Michael Williams, '78, Albion city mayor, will give the keynote address.

The collaborative project has involved the work of Brad McCallum, visiting artist; Bille Wickre, assistant professor of visual arts and Lynne Chytilo, associate professor of visual arts. Students who are involved include Melanie Audet, Bloomfield Hills senior; Kelly Casterline, Northville junior; Cora Douglass, Clark Lake senior; Andrea Lindley, Dearborn Heights freshman; Brook McClintic, Lansing junior; Shannon Trudell, Marysville junior; Jennifer Troell, Pittsburgh, Penn., senior; and Amy Wise, Perrysburg, Ohio, sophomore.

Excerpts from testimonies by domestic violence survivors have been sandblasted into the sides of the tubs, which will also have water from the Kalamazoo River flowing through them. According to Audet, this symbolizes the cleansing process. The excerpts are like leftover residue—the fings around the tubs.

"Transcending the Silence" is scheduled to be on display through June 26.

# 'Clean' water?

#### By Matthew Nave Staff Writer

Ever wonder if that orange film in your shower and the brown ring inside your toilet bowl mean there's something wrong with your water?

The answer depends on what you consider to be "wrong."

The film and the brown or reddish tint is caused by iron found in the water. According to Ken Kolmodin, director of facilities operations, and Leroy Schmidt, director of public works for the city, the iron becomes oxidized to form ferric oxide (rust).

Albion's ground water comes from the Marshall sandstone aquifer, according to a report by Western Michigan University's institute for water studies. This particular aquifer is a very good source of water, producing good water flow and quality, Schmidt said.

The report also said that, "Calhoun County has inherited ... one of the best sources for ground water in 

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-Phillip Goodwin

"We've never really had a problem with flow or purity," said Kolmodin. "The water does have a little more iron and hardness than some people are used to."

the United States."

In fact, "Until three years ago [when it was mandated by the government], the city didn't even add chlorine to the water," Kolmodin said. In addition, fluoride was added to Albion's water for oral hygiene purposes.

Schmidt said that the city does have the water tested regularly to assure that it meets purity

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Phillip Goodwin, Marquette senior, has done some analysis of the ground water for his geology major.

"The water may be a little rusty and smell bad sometimes, but it's pretty clean," Goodwin said.

According to Kolmodin, the city's water system was designed with the expansion of population and industry in mind.

However, the population just hasn't grown as fast as was thought and

many industries have reduced their output. This leaves many areas where water mains lead to an area of little water use. The water moves very little, which allows rust to form.

Schmidt said the only way

to lessen the mineral content and hardness of the water would be for the city to build a large water treatment and

iron filtration facility outside of town.

Though not required to provide support, the board of trustees has made a commitment of a "substantial amount" of money to improve water quality if the city should ever undertake such an endeavor, Kolmodin said.



Timothy Lincoln, assistant professor of geology, uses the ICP spectrometer in water analysis.

Photo by Joshua Bopp

The college does have iron filters and water softeners in most of the residence halls, annexes, and Baldwin Hall, according to Kolmodin. The hardness of the water and the amount of iron content depend on the age of the softener and the location of the building on the water main.

"Some of the water softeners clearly work better than others. By 'better,' I mean more consistently," said Timothy Lincoln, associate professor of geology.

Samples taken by geology students during "spot checks" suggest bad water in the Gerstacker International House, the administration building and the Norris Science Center, while the quality in Wesley Hall varies.

"The very best water is in the newly-renovated academic buildings such as North and Rob[inson Halls]," Lincoln said.

CPO would like to congratulate the winners of the 1996 Bridge Award given to faculty who are especially supportive of CPO's mission to build community and provide leadership and service opportunities:

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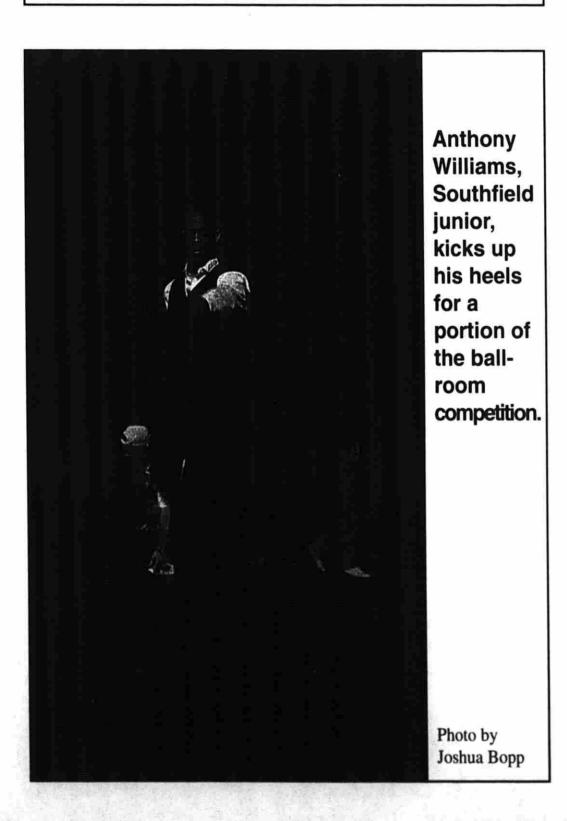
Amanda Fleckensteiand, Holt sophomore, and Kiersten Chang, Midland freshman, pose in "Among Fjords and Mountains," choreographed by Kristin Haukebo, Norway senior.

Photo by Sally Sheffer



Jazz dancers put a new twist to "Tribal Dance" by 2 Unlimited.

Photo by Joshua Bopp



# Annual dance recital is tonight, Sunday in

Performers offer a 'mish-mosh' of classical, traditional and modern dance by n

#### By Todd Brower Staff Writer

Two nationally-recognized dancers have choreographed pieces to be performed by the Albion College Dancers in the annual student recital. The performances are at 8 p.m. tonight and 2 p.m. Sunday in Herrick Auditorium.

John Parks, currently a professor at University of South Florida, has been the lead dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, dance captain of the Tony Award-winning Broadway production of "The Wiz," and a dance performer in both the movie "Malcolm X" and the "Bill Cosby Christmas Special."

Parks, who resided in Albion from 1982-83, choreographed the story of Ida Goodson, a jazz singer. He spent vacation time to visit Albion this March, working with the college dancers. The week brought blisters and sore muscles to the dancers while evoking the spirit of the dance.

"He brought it to life," said Melissa Wyss, adjunct instructor of physical education and dance instructor. "It was a miraculous thing for me to watch him put all the feeling and history into the performance and then have [the dancers] carry that life until now."

Park's visit made the impending performance more real for the dancers who have been working on this piece since last fall, and helped form a bond between them and Goodson. This connection strengthened when the audio and visual effects were added to the steps they learned.

"You'll see slides of [Goodson], you'll hear her, and all the music is hers," said Kristin Haukebo, Norway senior.

About Parks, Haukebo said, "You would think such an excellent dancer and performer would focus on steps; that wasn't the case. He wanted us to interact with those around us."

"He demanded a lot of them, and he got a lot out of them," Wyss said. "Having John here gives the opportunity for dancers at Albion to learn advanced dance."

"Dance is a lot more physical than people realize," said Mary Schultz, Hubbard Lake senior. "It takes a lot to put your body and soul into a piece."

The other guest choreographer is Barbera Selinger, co-director of the Detroit Dance Collective. Selinger's "Portrait" will be performed by Haukebo. "Slides act as lighting," Wyss said. "It's [Haukebo's] image projected. You'll see the images change while she's dancing."

Selinger choreographed two pieces last semester, as well.

"Student-choreographed dances will be performed in addition to the Parks and Selinger's pieces. Selections include a folk dance from India and a solo dedicated to the Hindu God Siva, both projects of Sunonda (Tina) Samaddar, Troy junior. "It's a lot harder than it looks," Samaddar said. "I have to tell a story while I'm dancing. There's an entire culture that you're trying to portray."

An art performance directed study by Schultz combines visual art and dance. "It's more of a ritual than a dance," she said, "because of all of the different aspects involved.

"It's less straight-forward than dance where you break it into counts," Schultz continued. "There's costumes, body painting, one of my paintings, and it's very improvisational."

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Tickets are \$1 for students, faculty and staff, and \$2 for general admission. They are available at the door.



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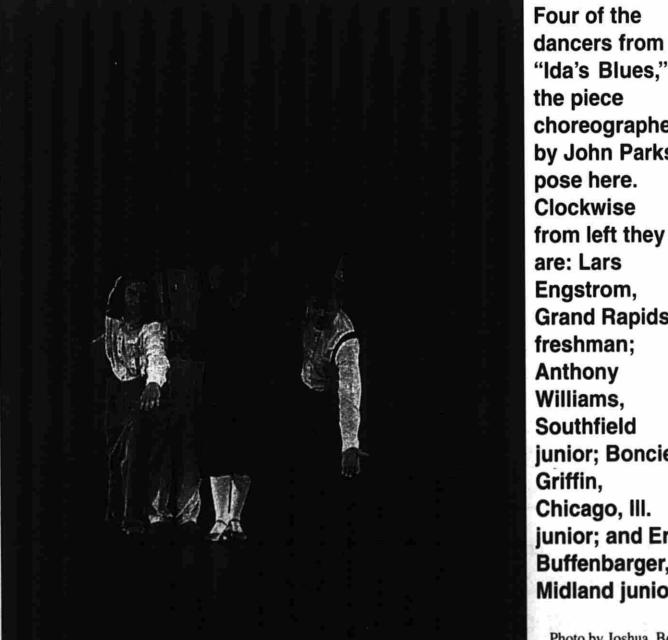
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"Ida's Blues," the piece choreographed by John Parks, pose here. Clockwise from left they are: Lars Engstrom, **Grand Rapids** freshman; Anthony Williams, Southfield junior; Bonciel Griffin, Chicago, III. junior; and Eric Buffenbarger, Midland junior.

Kristin Haukebo dances in her

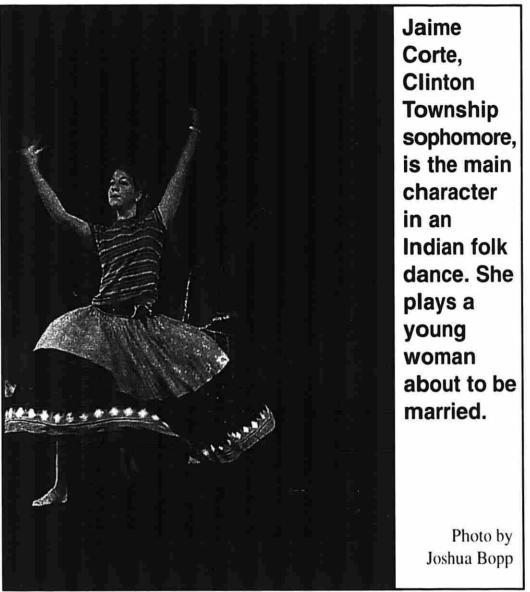
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Dancers and drummers perform the tribal 'ritual' choreographed by Mary Schultz, Hubbard Lake senior. Photo by Joshua Bopp

The Charleston is always a favorite for the Ballroom and Folk Dance class (Physical Education 185). The structure of the Charleston allows a lot of personal expression. Photo by Joshua Bopp

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#### as we see it

### The tradition continues

#### The semester's hits-and-misses

The Pleiad has had a tradition of end-of-the-semester "hits and misses"—our own summary of current events. This is how we see it in April of 1996:

Hit: Bill Ferguson as last semester's acting president.

Missed: Bill Ferguson's presence on campus this semester.

Hit: Albion College's Year of the Woman.

**Missing:** A female commencement speaker.

Hit: Men's baseball team and its winning record.

Miss: Support for the team, despite their winning record. Hit (at least we like to think so): The technologically-

advanced Pleiad.

Miss: The Pleiad's, uh, Vulgamore resignation coverage.

Hit: The revival of WLBN.

Still missing: The audience.

**Hit:** Albion College is gaining statewide news attention.

Miss: The reason we're getting that attention.

**Hit:** Increased campus-wide awareness and discussion of minority issues, through panels, programs and the computer bulletin folders.

**Still missing:** The trustees' inclusion of sexual orientation in the Faculty Handbook's Non-Discrimination Policy. (Come on, it's 1996.)

**Hit:** Strong attendance at performing arts events on campus. **Will be missed:** Melvin Larimer, retiring professor of music and choral director.

Also will be missed (if he chooses to leave): Dean Omahan.

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# Faculty, staff 'condemn' recent events

Freedom of speech demands an excercise of responsibility

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participate in public affairs free from institutional censorship or discipline, "but he or she should also make every effort to indicate that he or she is not an institutional spokesperson." Deliberate misrepresentation of statements, actions or events are not in accord with the exercise of responsibilities attached to free speech.

2. The students at Albion College have defined and implemented a reasonable system of self-government.

We wish to reaffirm our belief that it is in the best interest of the Albion College community to allow our students to handle their internal matters without interference from college administration, faculty or the outside community.

Only in serious cases where due process is denied or disregarded should administrators or faculty intervene in Albion College's student self-government.

3. While no group or institution can or should isolate itself from larger societal issues and concerns, we condemn recent events in which Albion College's internal processes have been used by individuals outside our community to further their political agendas.

We urge all members of the college community to resist pressure to use the college in such efforts.

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## Diversity Award may become legal issue

To the college community:

As you are probably aware, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled against the use of discriminatory practices in higher education admissions even if these practices are being used to meet diversity goals (Hopwood v. State of Texas). In the ruling Judge Jerry E. Smith wrote:

"The use of race in admissions of diversity in higher education contradicts, rather than furthers, the aims of equal protection. Diversity fosters, rather than minimizes, the use of race. It treats minorities as a group, rather than

as individuals. It may further remedial purposes but, just as likely, may promote improper racial stereotypes thus fueling racial hostility."

Albion College's non-needbased, non-merit-based, inappropriately narrow and misnamed "diversity" award is in clear violation of the spirit of this ruling.

It is only a matter of time before this award becomes a legal issue for the college. The Albion College community should demand a more innovative and proactive approach to addressing the worthy goal of diversity. The administration should certainly know that buying students, be they National Merit Finalists or minority students, is a simple but unstable solution to a dynamic problem.

I encourage the administration to abandon the current award, and to exhibit the kind of creativity they are highly paid for in developing a broad-based, nondiscriminatory, opportunity-oriented diversity program at the college.

> Jon A. Hooks assistant professor of economics and management

This is the last isssue of The Pleiad for this year. Enjoy the summer and look for the next edition next fall-straight out of our new Kellogg Center office!

# Forces of Nature performs Monday

#### Samantha Lyne Staff Writer

Forces of Nature, Albion Performing Artists and Lecture Series' last performer of the year, will begin at 7 p.m. Monday at the Washington Gardner Junior High School Auditorium.

Forces of Nature blends modern dance, ballet, jazz and traditional African dancing with ritual dance forms that are not simply African or Afro-American.

Mary-Kate Nocella, assistant director of campus programs and organizations and resident coordinator, is the coordinator for APALS.

"The performance itself is such a unique blend of performing arts, and it combines contemporary, modern dance and traditional, West African dance, and also live and recorded music and martial arts," she said.

The performance includes an act in which a Mali village celebrates the birth of a child in the rousing "Lamkavena Ban," as well as the story of Marie Laveau, the 18th-century voodoo priests of New Orleans.

The purpose of APALS, according to Nocella, is to bring performances and lectures to the college community at no cost to students.

After each show, the audience is given a chance to mingle with performers at a reception. "It is a good opportunity to meet the performers," Nocella said.

Currently in its fourth season, APALS has presented artists such as Paul Loeb, author of "Generation at the Crossroads:

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Apathy and Action on the American Campus," and Stacey Kabat, a leading activist against domestic

violence and recipient of the 1992 Reebok Human Rights Award and the 1993 Motion Picture Academy Oscar Award.

Just
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APALS
brought Dale
Gonyea,
musical
comedian, to
Albion
College.
Gonyea played
the piano and
made jokes

about musicians. "Afterwards he stood around and signed autographs, took pictures and had refreshments with the audience," Nocella said.

Next years performances

include: Scott Simon, a National Public Radio host; the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra; and David Carrasco, a professor who

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-Mary-Kate Nocella

stage.

Forces of Nature is free to APALS members and Albioon College students, faculty and staff upon presentation of their college I.D's.

discusses Chicano Mexican

background. According to Nocella, the lectures are usually one hour and a typical performance runs one and a half hours. The lectures are held in Norris, with performances taking place at the junior high school because of the bigger



Forces of Nature will perform in Albion at 7p.m. Monday at the Washington Gardner Junior High School Auditorium. Admission is free to Albion College students, faculty and staff.

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# Softball has strong hitters

#### By Nora Wiltse **Sports Editor**

Competing tomorrow in a doubleheader against MIAA rival Olivet, the Albion College softball team will need to focus on defense, according to Lisa Melz, visiting instructor of physical education and head coach.

"Batting-wise, we're probably in the top five [in the MIAA]. We know we can hit. But right now our ERAs are one of the highest.

"Our emphasis needs to be more on defense, and just making routine plays better ... If we play like we know we can play, we should at least split—if not win both," Melz said.

Melz said the team—with only four of the 16 players being returners—is improving day by day. "The girls are young, and very enthusiastic. We're going to be taking some poundings, but it's good experience for us. We've just gotten better and better."

Christine Cleland, East Lansing senior and team co-captain, has the 7th highest batting average in the conference (.455).

Since Cleland did not play softball until college, her statistics are impressive, Melz said. "She's a role model to other girls, she's trying to carry a lot of the load on her and doing a very good job."

Another strong hitter is Christine Betz, Dexter junior and center fielder. "She's our lead-off hitter. She's a very good eye at the plate."

Piper Metz, Brighton freshman, is another strong hitter, Melz said. "Asking a freshman to be our number four hitter is putting a lot of pressure on her, but she's handled it well."

The team's record is currently 1-13 (1-8 MIAA). "Right now I'm happy with how we've come out. Our time will come."



Christine Cleland, East Lansing senior and team cocaptain, anticipates a ground ball during practice. Cleland has the 7th highest batting average in the MIAA at .455.

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#### MONDAY

3:30 p.m. softball @ home vs. Madonna

#### TUESDAY

3 p.m. men's tennis @ home vs. Adrian women's tennis @ Hillsdale

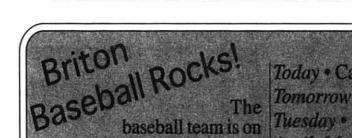
#### WEDNESDAY

3 p.m. softball @ home vs. Alma

4 p.m. men's tennis @ home vs. Spring Arbor

#### THURSDAY

4 p.m. women's tennis @ home vs. Defiance



baseball team is on place with a 8-1 record! Cheer May 3 . @ Alma, 4 p.m. them on today at 4 p.m.

#### Schedule

Today • Calvin @ home, 4 p.m. Tomorrow . Calvin @ home, 1 p.m. Tuesday • @ Hillsdale, 4 p.m. it's way to another MIAA April 26 • @ Kalamazoo, 4 p.m. championship, and is in first April 28 • @ Kalamazoo, 1 p.m. May 5 • @ Alma, 1 p.m.

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