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Earth day picnic a success

Pictured above: A Baldwin employee grills the hamburgers that were served at the picnic.

Pictured to the right: Jon "Tubs" Wakeman, Michigan State student and member of the band Coldcut Trio, which was one of three bands that played at the picnic.

To celebrate Earth Day, Eco Club sponsored a picnic that was catered by Baldwin on Tuesday. People were encouraged to bring their own plates and could save \$1 off of the t-shirts if they did. Musical entertainment was provided for students from the bands Jabba da Funk, Coldcut Trio, and Cavity Creeps. There were t-shirts, beads, and buttons for sale to celebrate the day.

Earth Day, founded by John McConnell, began in 1970 on the first day of spring to increase awareness of the environment and recycling.

The meal was free to boarding students with an ID and \$6.65 for everyone else.



Referendum voided; presidency in doubt

New vote on constitutional amendment will determine leadership of Senate

By Brian Longheier
Staff Editor

Determining the next president and vice president of Student Senate comes down to a yes or no vote on a referendum Monday.

In the election last Wednesday, Robert Bruner, South Lyon sophomore, and Kelli Zappas, Pittsburgh, Penn. sophomore, won the popular vote — 198 to 185 — against their opponents, Timothy Krabill, Roscommon junior, and Berkley Browne, Grosse Pointe Park freshman.

As it stands, though, Bruner and Zappas are not eligible to serve as president and vice-president, as neither one of them has served a full term as a senator. Thus, if the referendum passes, Bruner and Zappas will win the election; if it fails, Krabill and Browne will win by default.

Some worry that this fact will cause people to vote based on the candidates rather than the referendum itself.

"Any vote on the referendum is going to be politicized," said Representative Justin Ebersole, Manchester sophomore.

For this reason Student Senator William Sweeney, Wayne junior and chair of the student affairs committee, proposed that voting on the referendum be postponed until next semester.

"The referendum is tainted beyond belief," he said, "and we cannot let it go through with people voting for the candidates rather than the referendum itself."

Some even believe that the referendum and the current qualifications listed in the constitution should have nothing to do with who is selected to serve as president and vice-

president next year.

"I think the student votes override the constitution," said Student Senator Melissa Brown, Shelby Township sophomore and chair of finance committee. "If the students ask for something why don't we give it to them?"

Representative Jason Watts, Allegan sophomore, taped his mouth shut and handcuffed himself to the second floor of the Kellogg Center railing in Monday's senate meeting to symbolize his belief that the stu-

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Albion's academic reputation: fact or fiction?

By Laurie Schultz
Staff Writer

How academically rigorous is Albion College? It's a simple question with no simple answers.

The third-tier ranking given to Albion College in the *U.S. News & World Report* issue "America's Best Colleges" was quickly denounced by the student senate.

Yet, in *The Princeton Review's* "1997 Best 310 Colleges" Albion is not even listed, although Kalamazoo, Calvin, DePauw, Wabash, College of Wooster, Denison, Earlham, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin all made the grade.

The college's academic reputation can be defined in numerous ways depending upon who you ask. But how rigorous is it really?

Several transfer students were asked for their perceptions of Albion's academics in light of their experiences at other institutions.

Reishia Kelsey, Southfield junior, found her previous school, Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., much more diverse and challenging academically.

"The classes are similar," Kelsey said, "but the professors here tend not to be as demanding as those at Butler, with the exception of some in the communications department."

For Diana Gumm, Albion junior, transferring from Mott Community College in Flint was not that academically stressful.

"It's not harder classwork," Gumm said. "At Albion I get more individual attention from professors which makes a world of difference. There is more in-depth work to be done, but with the extra attention you can get the most out of it."

April Smith, Chicago, Ill. senior, was a freshman at Albion before transferring to Wayne State University her sophomore year for a more diverse social atmosphere. After one semester at Wayne, Smith decided to return to Albion.

"The curriculum at Wayne couldn't compare to Albion's."
—April Smith, Chicago, Ill. senior

"I realized I had made a mistake when people at Wayne kept asking me why I transferred out of Albion seeing as it is such a good school," Smith said.

"At Albion we're competing with students who were in the top 10% of their class. At Wayne there just isn't that competition," she said. "Plus, the curriculum at Wayne couldn't compare to Albion's. It was lots of busy work and exams."

The same sentiments were echoed by Kristen Tubilewicz, Battle

Creek senior, who transferred from Michigan State University after her freshman year.

"Being at a smaller school makes a big difference," Tubilewicz said. "At State there were five hundred people in the classes, and so the profs just give multiple choice tests."

"As far as core classes, Albion is one hundred times harder than Michigan State," she said. "At State, I didn't have to study and got a 4.0. Once I got to Albion I had to cut down to three classes at the beginning in order to adjust to the more demanding classes."

With such a disparity of opinions amongst its own, Albion's academic reputation comes down to the individual. Even as a small liberal arts college, Albion is able to provide an environment for students who choose to excel, whether it be by going to top-ranked medical and law schools, or even becoming a Rhodes scholar.

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dents' voices are not being heard.

Sweeney said he believes that the constitution should be upheld.

"It was made clear that if [Bruner and Zappas] won the popular vote and the referendum did not pass that they would not be permitted to take office," he said.

Zappas argues that this fact does not matter.

"That was not made clear to the student body," she said. "If we ignore the most important voice students have — their votes — it will be the biggest assault yet on the student body and the most severe blow ever to the credibility of senate."

In any case, most everyone seems to agree that the referendum should not become an issue of candidates.

"It's an issue of the referendum," said Melissa Peterson, Lowell freshman. "Let's not make it an issue of the candidates."

The senate executive board decided Sunday to void the results of the vote held on the referendum last Wednesday and hold it again.

According to President Amanda Cowger, Troy junior, students will have the opportunity to vote again on the referendum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday in the Kellogg Center.

The amendment would make any senator or representative who has been involved with senate for at least twelve weeks in the past academic year eligible to run for the offices of president and vice-president. Currently only senators with at least one year of experience are eligible to run.

The referendum is being voted on again because many students, both members and non-members of senate, have questioned the validity of the original vote. Voters were given the option of voting to pass the referendum or of not voting at all. Ballots without a vote indicated on them were counted as votes against the referendum.

According to Cowger, this time students will be given the option to vote against the referendum. Thus abstaining from voting would truly be abstaining.

Some support the referendum in order to make senate more accessible to all students.

That is why Herbert Lentz, Beulah freshman and senate secretary, proposed the constitutional amendment.

"The current guidelines for president and vice-president were too strict

The present Albion College Student Senate Constitution (Article VI, Section 1, Part A) says:

- The President shall meet all the qualifications of Senator and shall have completed at least one full term in an official Senate capacity by his or her inauguration.

The following is the proposed change:

- The President shall meet all the qualifications of a Senate member and shall have served as a Senator or Representative for at least twelve consecutive weeks during the academic year preceding the spring election.

(Editor's emphasis)

in allowing only people who had served as a senator for a full year to run," he said. "We reached a compromise in our committee that 12 weeks as a representative or senator is enough time to qualify to serve as president or vice-president."

Others, such as Sweeney, view the passing of the referendum as detrimental to senate.

"The referendum actually takes options away from the students," he said. "Currently, the students have to elect the candidates at least once as senator before they can run for president or vice-president."

"If the referendum passes, the students could be presented with a slate of candidates which has never been elected by the student body. It really takes the power away from the students and gives it to senate."

"If the referendum passes, someone with only three months on senate and no voting record could run for president. Without a voting record, you really have no idea how the candidate feels on the major issues."

To pass, two-thirds of voters must vote in favor of the referendum.



The Albion College Dancers performed in their annual spring concert Thursday and today at 8 p.m. and will perform Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Herrick Center Auditorium. Photo by Jamie Mertz

Mitchell changes administration

Carrier remains acting provost until a new provost found

By Brian Longheier
Staff Editor

President-elect Peter Mitchell has announced the changes he will make to the cabinet and the administrative staff for the upcoming academic year as well as his plans for filling the positions vacated last year by Donald Omahan, former vice-president and dean for student affairs, and Margaret Curtis, former provost.

Jeffrey Carrier, acting provost, will continue in this position for the upcoming academic year.

According to Mitchell, the decision to ask Carrier to serve as interim provost was endorsed by both the provost search committee and the faculty steering committee.

A search for a permanent provost will be conducted during the upcoming year.

Mitchell said that a national search is currently being conducted for a vice president and dean for student affairs.

An advertisement for the position was placed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in early March, to which 65 people responded.

A search committee has been formed, chaired by Carrier and consists of Ruth Schmitter, chair and associate professor of biology; Leonard Berkey, associate professor of anthropology and sociology; Patricia Franzen, director of the Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs; Michael Sequite, di-

rector of campus safety; Andrew Dunham, acting director of campus programs and organizations; Joseph Green, Kingsford senior; Amy Wise, Perrysburg, Ohio, junior; Rychee Parmann, Dexter sophomore; Frank Broccolo, Huntington Beach, Calif., sophomore; and Berkley Browne, Grosse Pointe Park freshman.

The committee will eventually identify five to eight candidates for extensive background checks, invite two to five for campus visits, and forward its recommendation to Mitchell.

Mitchell said he is optimistic that a decision will be made before graduation.

He said that Sherie Veramay, acting dean of students and director of career development, will continue to serve in that position until the new dean arrives on campus.

Mitchell also said that two part-time administrative positions will be established — those of associate provost and executive assistant to the president.

Beth Lincoln, associate professor of geological sciences, will serve as the associate provost, while still teaching part-time.

According to Lincoln, her responsibilities will include working on assessment and a review of the core curriculum.

Mitchell said that Marlene Kondelik will continue to serve as assistant provost. Her position will assume some new duties for the president's office, including institu-



Photo courtesy of Communications
President-elect Peter Mitchell

tional research.

Veramay will serve as the executive assistant to the president, while continuing in her position as director of career development.

"The responsibilities of executive assistant to the president will include assisting me with administrative work and special projects," Mitchell said, "as well as serving as secretary to the Board of Trustees and assisting the cabinet in its work."

Veramay said she believes that her two part-time positions will complement each other.

"I think there will be some overlap in the type of work I do," she said, "as Dr. Mitchell has an interest in placing emphasis on career services."

Mitchell said that, with the exception of a permanent provost, all the changes will take effect before the beginning of the next academic year.

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In defense of Union Board....

Union Board president defends and explains her organization's choice of programming

To the Editor:

Having read the last few letters and the "As We See It" in the March 21, 1997 *Pleiad*, there are several things that need clarification.

First, while it is true that lack of volunteers is a major reason Union Board is unable to host a show the size of that to which Albion has become accustomed, the solution is not the enlistment of day-of-event help. It must be understood that when we held the larger shows, UB was 40-50 members strong.

This year, when we set our programs and budgeted our funds, we had closer to 7-10 members. It is not possible to hold a large concert without a large volunteer base, and it is

equally impossible to plan and budget for a show we were not equipped to pull off. It would not have been a responsible use of student activity fee funds to plan a show that we would have been unable to see through.

Should we have made the decision to attempt a concert only to have it fail, the ramifications tied to our violation of contractual obligations would have jeopardized future programming plans. The plans were not explored, or even mentioned, in either the "As We See It" or the letters.

Second, UB is dedicated to diverse programming on campus. It is essential to reach as large a cross-section as possible. We operate on the principle of trying to reach all students at some point during the year.

To this end, any and all students wishing to help in the planning process are always welcome at UB meetings, which are at 5 p.m. Thursdays in Norris 106.

Third, as to the recommendation that we should be "pooling resources with the Kellogg Center Programming Council," we already work very closely together and many events have been co-sponsored. However, it is not fair to that group's mission to ask them to sacrifice their own viable programming to tackle a concert that would be a shaky prospect at best.

Also, please remember that when we had shows like Blues Taveler in 1995, Adam Sandler in 1994 and Live in 1992, they were relatively unknown. UB has a tested knack for

finding acts on the rise and hindsight reflection on the size of performances is unfair and inaccurate. Keep an open mind about bands coming to campus and realize that name recognition does not necessarily equate with quality.

There also exists a misconception that "everyone attends concerts" and that "everyone would go." Based on past facts, this is simply not the case. "Verve Pipe", "Live" and "Material Issue" each had comparable attendance to hypnotist Tom DeLuca who performed this semester.

Last, UB members have worked diligently to bring quality programming to this campus. Instead of receiving thanks and appreciation, they have been repaid with complaints and

threats of having monies revoked. The positive things that have occurred as a direct result of the efforts of these volunteers have been completely ignored.

There will have been a total of three record label bands here this semester and those accomplishments are never mentioned. The only thing that could have changed this year for UB would have been more people willing to get involved, as our current group has, and fewer people sitting on the sidelines complaining.

Courtney J. Kakuksa
President, Albion College
Union Board

Former Union Board member explains the Spring '96 "Verve Pipe" concert

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter in the April 4 issue by Erica Schmittiel, "No Spring Concert?"

I was dismayed to see the reaction of Erica regarding last year's "Verve Pipe" concert. As an executive member of the 1995-96 Union Board, I would like to comment on some of the concerns that Erica raised.

Planning for the Spring '96 concert began many months before the concert actually took place. Bids went out on such names as Sponge, Collective Soul, The Cranberries, and Billy Joel, all big name draws.

Unfortunately, many bands we solicited were touring in a different part of the country, were not available at all, or required more money or more facilities than Albion is capable of supplying.

A lot of hard work and a lot of time was spent exhausting every option that we had available to us. As with a lot of work, it is done behind the scenes, and so it may appear that nothing was done, when in fact, we worked harder than ever before to land a big name act or two.

In my time on UB, we supported up and coming bands with our big Spring show, and with the Verve Pipe we had the added opportunity of sup-

porting a band that has provided entertainment to a local fan base for years.

Remember, Live, our '93 act, did not hit it big for almost two years. In '95, Blues Traveller was just starting to take off when they hit Albion. Verve Pipe has carried that tradition, featured recently in the national music scene on The Jenny McCarthy show and MAD TV, with scheduled appearances this month on The Late

Show and Saturday Night Live.

Much more hard work and effort went into the planning of the Verve Pipe show than was credited by Erica, and I think I can speak for the members of the 1995-96 Union Board in standing behind the decision that was made.

Mike Kobylarz, '96

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Senior criticizes lack of annexes, encourages use of nature center

To the editor:

In my last semester at Albion, I have done a great deal of thinking about my four years I have spent here.

I am very grateful that I chose to attain my Bachelor's degree here, as I feel my experience as a whole has been highly rewarding. There are many things I have learned that I do not think I would have found elsewhere.

Of course, there have been some bothersome things as well and two are currently on my mind as I prepare to leave.

I have been fortunate enough to live the past year in the pink annex on Park Street with four other women. It is quite hard to convey the extent to which this experience has positively influenced my life at school.

Going away to college is a large leap one takes towards becoming an independent adult, and living in a house rather than a dorm has greatly intensified this feeling of independence. While the community aspect of the dorms is important as entering freshmen, I feel it quickly becomes stifling.

Living in an annex helped teach me so much more about life after graduation. From budgeting money for groceries to cooking meals, I feel I have learned more about responsibility than the dorms taught me in the three years I lived there.

Although I enjoyed the times I had in the dorms, it was hard for me to feel as though I was on my own as a mature adult when there was hardly enough room to have three or four friends over.

It greatly disappoints me that the college is further limiting the choices women have for places to live by tearing down annexes to make room for parking. As it stands already, women have fewer options than men due to fraternities and the college is doing a great disservice to upcoming classes by narrowing it down even further.

I understand the demand for more parking space is

ever present, but it seems the route the administration has chosen to solve this problem is the greater of two evils.

There is other land the college owns that could be used for parking instead. I am not assuming all women dislike dorm life. Perhaps some may even prefer it given the choice. The key is I feel we deserve the choice.

The second disappointment I have had with my time at Albion has to do with the Whitehouse Nature Center. I have worked there for three years now and have come to realize how lucky we are to have this beautiful natural habitat in such close proximity.

I have gathered in my time there that the majority of the campus does not fully appreciate the atmosphere it provides. Even after three years of working there, I walk the trails and am continually surprised at the beauty that surrounds me.

It is disheartening to me that I do not see more students down there taking advantage of the opportunity when it is practically in their back yard. I urge you to at least take one long walk during each season and take in the tranquility surrounding you. We are very lucky to have the nature center to enjoy — but not abuse.

So enjoy it. Who knows, the college may decide it needs the land for parking some day.

Melanie A. Peldo
Sterling Heights senior

OPINIONS

Albion: It doesn't suck



Viewpoint ...
Aaron Lubeck, Ann Arbor senior

Somebody told me that to write satire you have to be complaining about something — bitching, whining. I'd like to step out of those restrictions for a moment to say, while I like to make fun of Albion, I actually kind of like the place.

We're all stuck here in south-central Michigan for at least four, perhaps five or six years, and we have all spent ample time complaining about the town that acts as home, yet seems so distant.

But it's really not that bad. While it's not the social mecca that Chicago or New York might be, we have no guns, sirens or bomb threats interrupting our studies and the city maintains a certain charm.

Sure, I've spent endless hours trying to get a decent radio station in this town, as fate has landed us smack in the media-black hole halfway between Chicago and Detroit, where the most reliable news source used to be WLBN and *The Pleiad*. Now campus cable has been brought into the dorm room and down the toilet goes that gripe.

Downtown Albion has succeeded in maintaining a cer-

tain charm that almost all of small-town America has lost to institutions such as Meijer and Sam's Club. Now that I'm 21, I can legally enjoy more of this charm — flush!

The architecture of Albion's homes are particularly amazing. Most of this town has a 1930s look to it. Hardwood floors line the big homes, many of which are now efficiencies, and the big homes are encased by oakwood trees which line the streets giving Michigan Avenue a historic feel.

As for any Albion College student who thinks the town is ugly, I got news for ya — the ugliest buildings in town are our own Twin Towers and the fraternities. Built in the public housing era of the late 1960s, as disastrous a time for architecture as the 1980s was for fashion, these buildings are as friendly to the eye as their plumbing systems are to the body.

Even the Kellogg Center was done with a little bit of class by restoring the outside of Dickey Hall and not throwing away Galaxa and Mrs. Pac Man. Besides, student centers are something schools our size get as often as the Red Wings win championships. I'd complain about the colors, but I'd probably be beating a dead horse.

So enjoy it while you're here. Go to the festivals. Sled down Victory Park on Baldwin trays. Play paintball on the quad. TP Mels' house. Put all your parking tickets on a cop car at 4 in the morning. Streak Taco Bell. Hop a freight train to K zoo. Go ahead, have a jolly good time.

Travel Tales...

New York proves to live up to its reputation



By Julie Fontichiaro
West Bloomfield senior

"No destroying subway property... One seat per person... No blocking free movement... No lying down."

Welcome to New York City and its pleasant subway rules. Last semester I participated in the Great Lakes College Association's New York Arts Program. New York City is a place so intense and fast-paced that you will never be able to see all it has to offer. And even if you did, the people, the exhibits, the restaurants and the shows would change and you'd have to go back. But the energy of the city is constant and if it doesn't exhaust you first, it will push you to explore the city that never sleeps.

My internship was right in the center of Manhattan at Rockefeller Center where I worked for NBC's Today Show. Each morning I walked to work with thousands of other employees in a pedestrian rush hour.

I never got over the thrill of walking past Macy's, the Empire State Building, and the two stone lions in front of the New York Library every morning. Or riding up to the third floor in an elevator with NBC logos on the carpeting and Jane Pauley standing in the back corner.

When people asked what I did during my internship, it's hard to come up with a concise summary. I answered Katie Couric's phone ("Good Morning, Katie's office!"), helped to coordinate the live Natalie Cole concert, dressed up like an elf and collected toys for charity from the crowd during Al Roker's weather report (He said my name on national TV!! "And Julie's doing a great job collecting toys..."), sat in on a Barry Manilow interview (I know,

He's not really my favorite either. But to say Barry Manilow shook your hand and wished you luck is not something that would happen on a Tuesday in Albion).

And of course there are the obligatory intern duties of mail sorting and copying. Not a problem since this puts you in prime position every time Mat Lauer walks through the door.

Compared to the community of Albion College, spending a few months in the city was a definite change of pace. Because there's a city culture that encourages people on the street to keep to themselves, you have to break that Albion habit of smiling and making eye contact with strangers and start fighting for cabs, pushing yourself onto subways, walking FAST and start complaining about the city you grow to love!

The best way to describe New York City is intense. The people are driven and diverse, the shopping is spectacular, and the people-watching is a nonstop treat (I saw a poodle with a diamond collar being led around Tiffany's. Really!).

Living in Manhattan, you slowly make the transformation from a Midwestern tourist to a New Yorker, where tourists ask YOU for directions.

So what was it like coming back to Albion? Why are these people walking so slow! What's a KC number? And where in the world did I put my ID and copy card!

Travel Tales... is a recurring column open to students who have been off-campus.

Blood drive successful again

To Students, faculty and staff of Albion College:

Thank you for making the Albion College Blood Drive on April 11 a success!

Collectively, we donated 83 pints of blood, though only 72 were able to be used. This blood goes to help those in need in the mid-Michigan area.

Several students were first-time donors and some people hit their gallon total amount of blood donated. The response to this blood drive was wonderful.

As an added bonus to the intrinsic rewards of donating blood, students who donated were entered into a drawing and some students won gift certificates to Subway, VideoTime or Frosty Dan's.

Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, we give a huge "thank you" to everyone who made this drive a success, from the donors — most importantly — to the volunteers and the Red Cross itself.

Sincerely, Genevieve R. Hebeke, Warren junior
Service V.P. of Alpha Phi Omega, on behalf of A-Phi-O and the American Red Cross

Postal concerns

To the Editor:

I am an employee of the Albion College Campus Post Office and I would like to respond to a letter printed in the April 11 issue of *The Pleiad* in which Darrin Matteson expressed his discontent with the "mailroom staff."

Let's begin with Mr. Matteson's accusation that his mail is deliberately held for the sole purpose of inconveniencing him. Priority mail is NOT guaranteed. Whenever someone approaches me about sending something priority, I explain to him or her that whatever he or she is sending *should* get to its destination in two or three days, but that it is not guaranteed.

If it takes longer for a package to reach its intended destination, the fault does not lie with me the worker. The mail is shipped out to the Albion Post Office at 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and earlier on Saturdays. What happens to it after that is not my concern. I certainly DO NOT hold people's mail. And further more, I am offended that Mr. Matteson has accused my co-workers and I of such behavior.

Mr. Matteson's next complaint was that I, an employee of the Campus Post Office, intentionally sort through and weed out magazines and catalogues sent to students. Yes, there are tubs of

catalogs that sit outside the window of the Campus Post Office but the things thrown in there are NOT intentionally weeded out. What I put in those tubs are catalogs that are not addressed to anyone's Kellogg Center box and are not asking for a change of address.

Any magazines that go into those tubs are the property of people who no longer attend Albion College. I am unable to forward home magazines. Only first class mail can be forwarded. Therefore, the magazines of persons no longer attending Albion College also go into the tubs. Any magazine or catalog that is addressed to your Kellogg Center box goes into your mailbox.

I am not perfect and occasionally I do make mistakes, but Mr. Matteson's accusations that I or any other employee of the Campus Post Office deliberately deny mail to the students of this campus are completely false.

Bethany Rinks, Flint sophomore and in support: Elizabeth Grewe, West Branch sophomore; Hayley Raynes, Lake Arrowhead, Cal. sophomore; Anush Kapadia, Bombay freshman; Heather Gavord, Bay City junior; Meaghan Powers, Seminole, Fla. junior; Sarah Born, Battle Creek freshman

Support 'diversity'

To the editor:

Bringing the justification for intolerance to a new low, the Albion College newspaper has said that by granting "permission to organize" a group on campus, "...Albion College, its students, and faculty..." are supporting the leader of the organization.

Regardless of whether we agree or disagree with the views of an organization or its leader, in no way does allowing the group to organize and speak suggest that we "support" the group or its views!

Only a week after writing

about Albion's search for "complete diversity" on campus, *The Pleiad* now says that a student is "...entitled to his own ideas, but giving him a platform to present those ideas goes against several policies in the student handbook." After all, *The Pleiad* points out, "Albion College is an institution of free thought and expression [sic]."

Go figure.

Jon A. Hooks,
assistant professor of
economics and management

Volunteers needed

To the Editor:

Greater Albion Habitat for Humanity will be joining a state-wide effort to build at least 100 homes in Michigan between June 21 and July 5. Only two weeks!

The theme of Blitz Build '97 is "Mission Possible." Greater Albion Habitat is planning to build its fifth house at 603 Kennedy Street — next to its fourth home, 605 Kennedy Street.

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Students needing housing should contact me at (517) 629-2506. Contributions can be mailed to: Greater Albion Habitat for Humanity, 203 S. Superior, Albion, MI 49224.

If you have any questions, please call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lisa Harris, '89
Director

Tunnicliff balances three jobs: family man, director of Ford Institute and Mayor of Albion

In a recent interview, the newly appointed Mayor discusses his hectic schedule and his goals for Albion

By Mandi Ewing
Staff Writer

"On the up side, it's stimulating. On the down side, it really fills up a dance card."

This is what Kim Tunnicliff, director of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service said about his new part-time position as Mayor of Albion. "There's more involved than I thought."

As Tunnicliff's schedule has become significantly fuller and somewhat more structured he explained that devoting his time to a number of tasks is a bit mind-boggling, but he is "reasonably confident that it can be juggled as soon as we figure out what the role of mayor is. One advantage is having such an efficient assistant, Vicky Grant."

Tunnicliff mentioned how she sets his schedule on his desk each morning so he is prepared for what meetings he has.

He went on to explain that his first and foremost priority is the Ford Institute.

"Aside from my family,

nothing can take precedence over that. It has to continue."

Speaking of his family, Tunnicliff commented on how they are dealing with his increased work load. As a family, the Tunnicliffs get involved with community theaters and perform together. They are currently working with the Eaton Rapids Community Theater.

A momentary interruption from the city manager, a common occurrence for Tunnicliff, simply reiterates the busyness of his schedule. Tunnicliff said, "Most of it is a lot of fun, but there are only so many hours in the day."

One aspect of his hectic schedule that he is proud of is that it proves he practices what he preaches. Often his advice to students is to get involved in many activities they really enjoy. In this aspect he is certainly leading by example.

Tunnicliff hopes to use his position as mayor to benefit the community of Albion and therefore the students of Albion College.

"I would like to build greater relations between the college and

the community." He also wants "to improve communications between citizens and the city administration."

When asked what he would most like to accomplish as mayor, Tunnicliff replied, "I would like to see progress made on the city's housing situation. There have been no new homes being built since the 1970s."

Tunnicliff said the town needs to figure out "how to attract builders...and then create those opportunities."

Tunnicliff emphasized that there are many issues that the city needs to address.

We need to envision it as a whole package: low crime, nice infrastructure, adequate housing, good education." These are the things, Tunnicliff said, that will attract people to the community.

When asked if he would ever slow down, Tunnicliff replied, "Once you get used to one thing you start looking for other things to do as well."

To sum it up, all he could say was, "It's a busy place!"

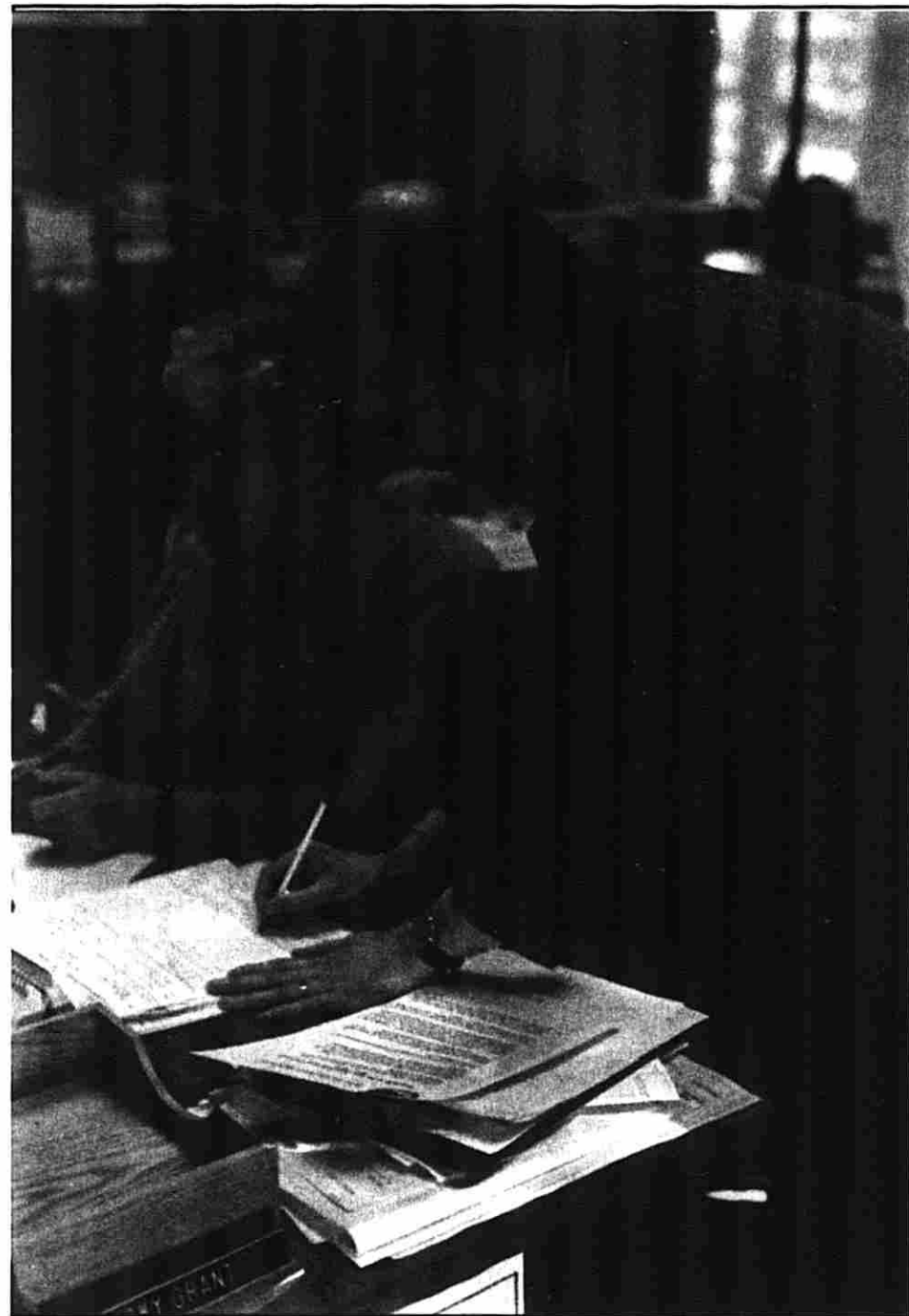


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Vicky Grant and Kim Tunnicliff of the Gerald R. Ford Institute are hard at work.

Several annexes set to come tumbling down in a few months

Renovations around campus will leave only four annexes next semester

By Amy Jentoft
Staff Writer

By the time fall semester rolls around, many students will have to move back into the dorms or find alternative living arrangements.

With several annexes scheduled for demolition this summer, the college plans to renovate the Burns Street apartment complex as well as open the Briton House apartments, located at the corner of Huron and Erie streets, for student living.

According to Lisa Batterbee, director of residential life, 109 and 111 Park St. and 804 E. Michigan Ave. are scheduled to come down and 1109 Jackson St. will be removed from residential use. Yet 711 Michigan Ave. (SHARE), 1106 Jackson St. (Coffee House), 1112 Porter St. and 312 Bidwell, which



Photo by Jamie Mertz

Laura Boyes, Birmingham senior, Emily Oberlitner, Ashley senior, Cindy Bella, Blissfield senior, Meanie Peldo, Sterling Heights senior and Sarah Nehring, Grand Blanc senior all reside at the 111 Park St. annex, which will be torn down next year.

has been assigned to Sherwood, will still be available.

"The house either needs to be torn down or really fixed up," said Heidi Shudra, Gwinn junior and 804

E. Michigan resident. "However, it's been my home — how can I not care that it's being torn down?"

Initially, there was concern about the loss of so many living

spaces, but Michael Zabriskie, assistant director of residential life, said the changes would result in a net gain.

"We have lost 20 [spaces] with the annexes," he explained, "but we've gained 24 from the Briton House."

The apartments, which have been owned by the college for some time as Colchester Properties, contain six apartments.

Each apartment will house four students and contains two bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen and living room. Next year's residents have already been chosen based on an application process and a lottery.

The Burns Street apartment complex, located two blocks from Twin Towers, will undergo a complete renovation this summer.

According to Kenneth

Kolmodin, director of facilities operations, the work includes paint, carpeting, window blinds, new furniture, new exterior doors, replacement of furnaces and hot water heaters along with some maintenance work to bathrooms and lighting.

Last year the college tore down the 709 and 713 Perry Street annexes, as well as the Ingham Street home of Elwyn Zimmerman, former director of counseling.

As a part of the campus-wide repairs, Epworth Hall will be the temporary home of the music department next year while Goodrich Chapel is being remodeled.

Work has begun to get it ready for remodeling, and the department is scheduled to move in shortly after commencement.

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FEATURES

Model UN makes a name for Israel in Hungary

By Jessie Jones
Staff Editor

"We went and we paved a road," said Melissa Peterson. "We want to make it longer."

Peterson and four other Model United Nations members along with Kim Tunnicliff, director of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service and advisor of the MUN, returned on April 7 from a week long trip in Budapest, Hungary.

MUN sent the members overseas to participate in the sixth annual WorldMUN conference, a mock-conference, where they debated mock-international issues for their country Israel.

Attending the trip were Sarah Coburn, Toledo, Ohio senior and UN secretary and coordinator of the trip; Christopher Moore, Pioneer, Ohio freshman; Peterson, Lowell freshman; Jason Watts, Allegan sophomore and MUN vice-president; and Alexander Zbiciak, Hastings junior.

The trip was successful for the members, and the only problem they had was the language barrier.

The official language while the conference was in session was English, but outside of the conference, no one knew how to speak German, the official language of Budapest.

"We were all afraid the other delegates would hold conversations in other lan-

guages," Coburn said.

That was not true. The other delegates would try to talk in English whenever they could while the conference wasn't in session.

"I didn't expect to feel as comfortable," Tunnicliff said.

The conference went well for the members. Coburn was awarded an honorable mention in the disarmament committee and Peterson was awarded best delegate of the social, humanitarian and cultural committee.

Also, Watts and Peterson were invited to the Vienna WMUN in 1998.

Other members of the conference were impressed with how well the Albion members debated and complemented them. Even those that were from Israel said that the members did a good job of representing Israel.

"It was a struggle to get Israel's voice heard," Peterson said.

Through the trip, the MUN members have shown to themselves that they are able to compete against other successful colleges. They also enjoyed interacting with other MUN members from around the world because it was "truly an international conference," Tunnicliff said.

"It's eye opening," said Coburn, "to become international and meet other students."

Peterson agreed.

"It was the proof that I really could get along with other [international] people," she



Albion's crew relaxes and enjoys some Hungarian cuisine during their busy schedule at the MUN conference in Budapest. photo courtesy of Melissa Peterson

said.

Although there was a lot of work done during the conference, the MUN members did some sight seeing. They visited the National Museum, St. Mathias, St. Steven Besitille, the Fisherman's Bation, and Castle Hill.

"It was cheaper to go to Budapest than to New York," Tunnicliff said.

Peterson could not get over how inexpensive items were in Budapest. The most she spent for a meal at an "expensive" restaurant

was \$10, and that was for a three course meal.

"It's a great place for college students to go," she said, "because it was so cheap."

The MUN members accomplished what they wanted out of the trip. They not only realized that they could compete successfully against larger colleges, but they have also made a name for themselves that will hopefully bring more interest to the group.

"I think we made MUN a household name on campus," Coburn said.

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Vulgamore leaves distinguished record

By Britt Halvorson
 Staff Writer

At 3 p.m. on Sept. 30, 1983, over 2,000 guests from 15 states and the District of Columbia dotted the campus to signal a change: the inauguration of Melvin Vulgamore as Albion College's 13th president.

The inauguration was a two-day event. Classes ended at noon on Sept. 30 so everyone could attend. Among the guests were James H. Brickley, then Michigan

Supreme Court Justice, Mary Coleman, former Michigan Supreme Court Justice, and 150 representatives from colleges all around the United States.

Vulgamore's inaugural speech was entitled "Unless a College," named after a line from the Robert Frost poem "Build Soil."

He assumed the role as president after Bernard Lomas, the 12th president,

became the college's chancellor. Vulgamore came to Albion in 1983 from the University of Richmond, a private, co-educational school with 4,000 full and part-time students. He served as Richmond's vice president and provost for five and a half years.

Vulgamore is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church. He earned a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1957, a



Pleiad file photo

Mel and his wife, Nan, have been a visible part of many campus events, including football games.

Bachelor's of Divinity from Harvard University in 1960, and a Ph.D. from Boston University in 1963. He later served as a professor of religion, associate dean of the faculty, and dean of academic affairs at Ohio Wesleyan. During the 1971-72 school year, Vulgamore was a visiting professor of cultural studies at the American University in Beirut. Vulgamore's wife, Nan, was previously a music faculty member at the Columbus School for Girls.

Upon assuming Albion's presidential responsibilities, Vulgamore saw the need for greater fund raising goals. "We need to be on the street with a major plan for Albion," Vulgamore said in the October 28, 1983 issue of *The Pleiad*.

James Cook, professor of English, recently spoke on Vulgamore's 14 years as president. He gave a speech at the faculty dinner honoring the Vulgamores on April 15.

Cook said Vulgamore's greatest presidential strength lies in his fund-raising abilities. "What I think he's done most brilliantly is

represent us to our outside constituency," Cook said. He pointed to the College's endowment increase from \$25 million to over \$100 million during Vulgamore's 14-year presidency.

"President Vulgamore has been a very successful fundraiser for Albion College," agreed Frank Frick, Stanley S. Kresge professor of religious studies. "His leadership of

the current capital campaign is putting in place some solid funding for educationally important aspects of the college's life as a quality liberal arts institution."

Elizabeth Brumfiel, John S. Ludington Trustees' professor of anthropology and sociology, also feels that Vulgamore's fund-raising has provided opportunities for students and faculty. She pointed to her own endowed professorship as an example.

Brumfiel; Frick; Ingeborg Baumgartner, Howard L. McGregor, Jr., professor of the humanities; Jeffrey Carrier, acting provost and A. Merton Chickering professor of biology; and Geoffrey Cocks, Royal G. Hall professor of history, all have endowed professorships or chairs.

According to Cook, endowed professorships provide guaranteed, internal support for scholarship. They are extremely beneficial to professors, Cook said, since it is difficult to obtain grant money. Vulgamore has set a standard for faculty scholarship by offering this research support, Cook stated. "He recognizes that scholarly work, in turn, influences what goes on in the classroom."

Vulgamore has also found finances for the women's studies department and multicultural programming during his presidency, Cook said.

Brumfiel and Cook both commented that Vulgamore has helped provide great facilities for students and professors. Campus improvements made during his tenure include the Kellogg Center, the Frank Bonta Admissions Building and the renovations of Robinson and North Halls. "The physical aspect of the campus has changed radically in the 14 years he's been here," Cook said. "Our facilities are the envy of all other liberal arts colleges in Michigan."

Cook also believes that, of all previous presidents, Vulgamore most successfully joined the college and the Albion community.

Vulgamore and wife Nan accomplish great things by working together, Cook said. On Dec. 9, 1983, *The Pleiad* editorial made a

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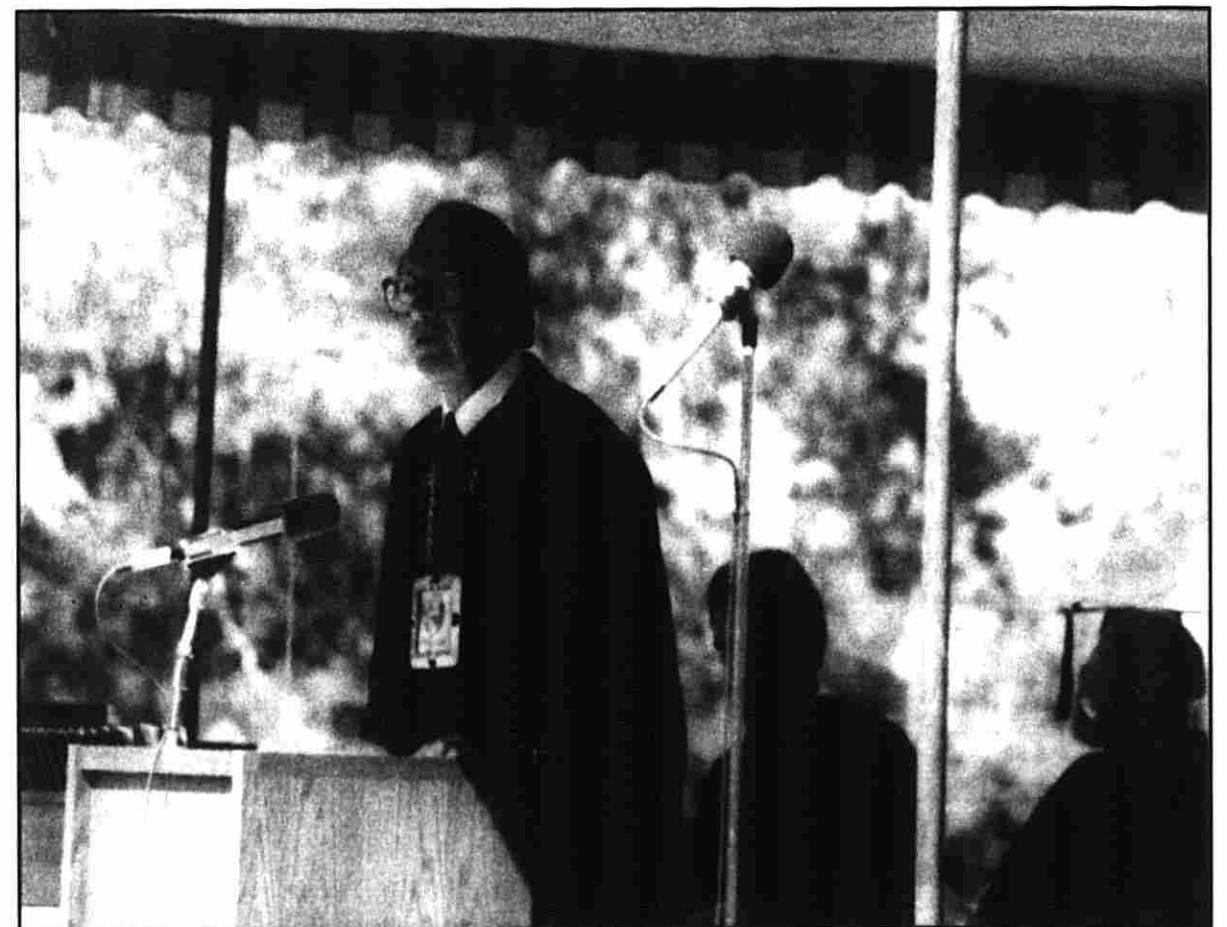
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Above: President Melvin Vulgamore enjoys a game of basketball, one of his favorite sports.

Below: Vulgamore speaks at his innauguration in 1983.



similar statement. "For any who have talked with the Vulgamores, one realizes that by hiring him, the college has acquired two people dedicated to leading Albion, not one. This teamwork is a rare commodity."

According to Cook, Nan Vulgamore has contributed her vivacity to the college community. "She has great personal warmth that she communicates to others," he commented. "They are highly energetic people." Cook mentioned being in a meeting with the Vulgamores the previous night until 11 p.m. It was their nineteenth such meeting this year. "The president and the president's wife are on duty 24 hours a day," Cook said.

Because of this, the duration of their tenure is remarkable, Cook commented. The average college presidency length is five to seven years, but Vulgamore has served for 14 years. In his inaugural speech Vulgamore said, "I accepted this presidency because I believe that strong liberal arts colleges are needed in the future as much as they were in the past."

Cook, who was also an Albion student in the 1950s, said he feels that Vulgamore has been the best president in his experience. "There is much to celebrate in his presidency," Cook concluded.

Famous alumnae excel in field of education

By Josh Epstein
Staff Writer

Need a quiet place to study?

Sick of the library?

Starting to lose motivation?

Once again *The Pleiad* staff has come to the rescue. Try the Alumni Conference Room on the third floor of the Kellogg Center. You'll get your motivation from the plaques of Albion grads honored by the college for their accomplishments after graduation, a reminder that we are actually here for a reason. It's located conveniently close to the Eat Shop, without the eternal quiet of the library.

In a follow-up story to the piece on famous male alumni in the March 2 edition of *The Pleiad*, the staff has snuck back into the secret vaults buried deep in the heart of Albion to bring you updates on some female Albion grads who have risen close to the top in their respective fields.

Along with the respect of the college, the two women chronicled this week have also earned the praise of their peers. One, Florence "Dinghy" Sharp, pioneered what is now a standard tool in classrooms around the world, while the other, Vivian Bull, has been promoted to the position of president at one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation, according to a *U.S. News* annual report.

Florence "Dinghy" Sharp

As an Albion student, "Dinghy" Sharp, '50, worked just a little harder than the rest of her classmates.

She had to.

Battling dyslexia, a neurological disorder that makes one transpose letters, Sharp graduated in 1950 with a degree in



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Florence "Dinghy" Sharp, '50, pioneered the "Bucket Brigade" in 1970, an individualized teaching technique for the learning disabled.

speech and a minor in education. Because of her disorder, Sharp used taped versions of her textbooks and oral examinations from her professors to receive her degree.

After graduating from Albion, she continued to work hard, going on to receive her master's degree in speech and language pathology from Northwestern University in 1951, and a second master's in audiology and teaching of the deaf. In 1963, she went to Wayne State University and received a third master's, this time in clinical psychology.

She wasn't quite finished.

In 1979, she received her fourth master's, this time from Oakland University in reading remediation/learning disabilities.

Along with her 40 years of devotion to teaching the learning disabled, Sharp has been honored for a specific contribution she made to the education field. In 1970, she created a new technique, called the Bucket Brigade, that concentrated the efforts of one adult and focused their attention on one child. "I took all my tricks and put them in a bucket," Sharp said.

The technique allows a parent to work one-on-one with their child, under the supervision of a trained teacher. "Parents take a bucket full of learning games to the learning-disabled classes and teach their 'bucket buddy' math, reading, spelling and other things. When a child gets a certain number of points collected he can open a checking account. When his checking is full, he may start a savings account, accumulating points, and interest, that can be used for mutually agreed upon rewards, like a trip to the ice cream parlor," Sharp told a *Farmington Observer* reporter in June of 1984.

The technique is widely used and acclaimed by special education teachers everywhere. "It really has simplified things a lot," said Sally Ryon, a special education teacher in the Detroit school system. "I heard about Sharp and her program when I was first out of school," the 1967 graduate of Central Michigan said. "A lot of the techniques we use are based on things she first introduced."

Sharp is nationally recognized as an authority on teaching learning disabled children. In 1991, three years after retiring from the Farmington school district, she was honored with the National Learning Disabilities Association President's plaque.

Sharp was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1984.

Vivian Johnson Bull

Vivian Johnson Bull, '56, has spent 41 years educating students in subjects that she has mastered.

In 1992, Bull was named president of Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. She is a member of the economics department there.

In the years between her appointment as president and her graduation from Albion, Bull has taken on some interesting tasks.

Always a student, Bull has spent many years looking for answers and searching for solutions. She has ventured on archaeological expeditions to Caesarea Maritima, Israel, 16 times.

Accompanied by her husband, Robert J. Bull, director of the expeditions, she worked as the registrar and treasurer as



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Vivian Johnson Bull, '56, serves as president of Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore.

recently as 1993. The trips are now a joint operation, organized between Robert Bull and Avnar Raban of the University of Haifa and Kenneth G. Holum of the University of Maryland.

The group has spent many years drawing plans that diagram the famous city. Caesarea Maritima, now part of Israel, was originally built by Herod the Great and named to pay tribute to his patron, Caesar Augustus. The city was a powerful center of the Roman empire. The expeditions have uncovered sections of the city believed to have come from both Roman and Byzantine times.

For more information on the internet, check out "www.wfu.edu/academicdepartments/religion/caesarea.html."

After receiving a Fulbright Fellowship, Bull studied at the London School of Economics, receiving a master's degree. She later received a doctorate from New York University.

In 1978, Bull was appointed the associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Drew University in Madison, N.J. Her husband is still a member of the faculty at Drew.

Bull was a member of the planning board for the College of Management and Administration at Africa University in Zimbabwe. She is still a member of the Board of Trustees for the university.

Linfield College's web site (www.linfield.edu) gives a small sample of Bull's commitment to education and to liberal arts in general: "A commitment to the liberal arts is the best preparation for a lifetime of learning and serving," she said. Bull was awarded Albion's Distinguished Alumni award in 1979 for demonstrating a strong commitment to learning and teaching.

Habitat for Humanity needs help building dreams

By Zack Loeprich
Staff Editor

"Mission Possible" isn't a sequel to Tom Cruise's summer blockbuster, "Mission Impossible."

Rather it's Habitat for Humanity's theme of Blitz Build '97, a statewide effort to construct 100 homes in Michigan between June 21 and July 5.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical, nation-wide organization that builds and renovates homes for low income families.

The families purchase these homes with the help of no-interest loans from Habitat, at no profit for Habitat.

Each Habitat home is built through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of ma-

terial and money. All material is donated or bought through donations.

The Greater Albion Habitat for Humanity will join the statewide building effort as it will construct its fifth home in Albion at 603 Kennedy St.

Lillian Turner, the homeowner, will make the ceremonial "first shovel" at the groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Habitat encourages community members and Albion College students to become part of Blitz Build.

Besides helping construct the home during the summer, students and community members can sponsor a home through their organization, organize fund-raising events and donate building material.

In order to accomplish building 100 homes

in just two weeks, Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers.

"Each day we are hoping to have a least 20 volunteers," said Lisa Harris, co-director of Albion's Habitat for Humanity. "The goal of the Blitz is to construct the home in 14 days."

Harris added that Habitat will provide meals to all volunteers during the construction.

Also, since the build is scheduled when school is out, any student wishing to return to help and is in need of housing should contact her at the Albion Volunteer Bureau at (517) 629-2506.

"We've had a lot of college student participation," Harris said.

Students who wish to participate in the Blitz Build but are not going to be in the Albion area can contact Harris at the Albion Volunteer Bu-

reau to find the Habitat for Humanity program nearest them.

Although Habitat is dependent on volunteer labor, it does staff technical experts and contractors for on site training of the volunteers.

"In addition to the volunteers, we have a lot of technical experts and we will be able to give you some training," Harris said.

Habitat for Humanity does not give away homes to needy families. Families are chosen by a selection committee based on the families levels of need, ability to repay the no-interest loan and willingness to become part of the Habitat program.

Each family is required to spend hundreds of hours on the home and attend several Habitat sponsored workshops.

Superficial Hollywood

By Mike Somers
Staff Writer

Despite evidently lackluster acting, last week's production of *The Misanthrope* managed to update Moliere in a relatively engaging style.

I really enjoyed the stage design. J. Thomas Oosting, professor of speech communication and theatre and stage designer for this production, transformed the Herrick Center's Black Box into an interesting arena stage. Triple-decked bleachers completely encircled the stage.

The set was very minimal and quite effective in portraying a sense of being in a celebrity's dressing room, which fit with the director's vision.

Royal Ward, professor of speech communication and theatre and director of *The Misanthrope*, updated and Americanized the play by placing the action in shallow, superficial Hollywood. Moliere would easily have seen the connections between the fashionable, Teflon-coated world of Southern California and 17th-century French court society.

What I like best about the arena stage was the wonderful sense of interaction it provided between the audience and the

actors. The action felt more immediate, and minimalism of the set forced the actors to play to the audience to a higher degree. Oosting and Ward did their job well in communicating the point of the play through their choices in staging and design.

Unfortunately, the majority of the actors didn't quite do their jobs in delivering the updated goods.

Most performers succumbed to the understandable temptation of speaking as if they were reading from *The Cat in the Hat*. Moliere's use of iambic heptameter and rhyming couplets makes it easy for most people to see comparisons to Dr. Seuss' style, and for most of the performance I felt like I was back on my mother's lap being read to. Moliere's words, at least, gave the audience something to hold on to during the actor's more pedantic moments.

Bright spots in the cast were leads Amanda Geerts, Grand Haven junior, and Ian Reed Kesler, Birmingham sophomore. As ill-fated lovers Celimene and Alceste, Geerts and Kesler brought sorely needed energy to the stage by controlling the rhythm of Moliere's writing and making it sound like natural speech. By understanding the nuances of the language, Geerts and Kesler were able to communicate the sharp wit and



photo by Jamie Mertz

Ian Kesler, Birmingham sophomore, Kevin Shehan, Grosse Pointe Woods sophomore, and Christopher Otwell, East Tawas senior act in a scene here from *The Misanthrope*.

sarcasm that make *The Misanthrope* such a joy to read and watch.

Again, the production was quite enjoyable despite the acting problems. Costumes were dead-on and successfully communicated a sense of the characters. The make-up design, as well as the lighting design, was subtle, which is appropriate for a showing in the black box. Overall, *The Misanthrope* was a technical and visual success.

What concerns me is that Ward's

statement on superficiality and dishonesty in our culture wasn't communicated effectively through the actors. One really had to listen to Moliere's words to glean the meaning Ward wished to indicate. Of course, that isn't inappropriate to expect from an audience member but something is missing when simply reading the play could give the setting more context than the actual performance.

Overall, *The Misanthrope* was an entertaining way to spend an evening.

Two bravos.

The Pleiad made the following inaccuracy last week:

In the article "Where are all of Albion's students going?", in paragraph 9 on page 4, the line "Meyer said the faculty deserve a lot of credit for increases in attrition", should have read "Meyer said the faculty deserve a lot of the credit for increases in retention."

The Pleiad regrets this error.

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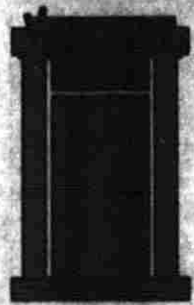
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Tennis teams look ahead to next season for improvements

Albion's men's tennis squad battles a tough MIAA conference and one of the nation's strongest programs

By Zack Loeprich
Sports Editor

For the past eight seasons, Albion College football has reigned over their opponents in the MIAA—a pretty impressive record.

For the past 60 years, from 1936 to 1996, Kalamazoo College's men's tennis team has ruled the MIAA—a very impressive record.

Adding to Kalamazoo's 60 straight years of MIAA titles are seven national championships since 1976.

"All the players come to them; they don't have to do any recruiting," said Bob Adkins, Albion College's head tennis coach.

However, Albion College does hold the distinction of being the last college in the MIAA to win the conference besides Kalamazoo. That was in 1935.

"We've got a long way to go as a program," Adkins said.

In the recent match against na-

tionally ranked Kalamazoo College, Albion was able to win 22 games.

The number three doubles team of Matt Stockdale, Canton, Ohio senior, and Don Dimitroff, Lansing sophomore, were able to battle a tough Hornet doubles team to a second set tiebreaker. Although they lost the set and match, it was one of the positive points in an otherwise one-sided match.

"[Dimitroff has] done really well at that position," Adkins said. "He's won a couple of matches and been really competitive at that position."

Albion's men's tennis team is battling through a transition period. Currently the team is winless this season.

"What we're trying to do is be competitive and to keep the ball in play," Adkins said.

It's coach was hired in late February, delaying the start of practices by a couple weeks.

The college administration also approved the building of a new outdoor tennis facility.

The new facility will include eight new tennis courts and a grandstand to overlook those courts. The college also might add a new indoor tennis facility.

Adkins also plans on a fall practices schedule preceded by a summer workout program. The team also plans on a trip to either Hilton Head, SC. or to Florida.

Next season the Britons will return all but one player to the roster.

Currently, Bryce Jaskowski, Livonia junior, holds the number one singles and number one doubles position with Bryan Todd, Coldwater freshman. Todd holds the number two singles position.

Matt Forster, Midland freshman, Zach Rorabaugh, Three Rivers sophomore, Nick Christopher, Frankfort junior, Brandon Snook, Greenville freshman, along with Dimitroff and Stockdale round out the Britons young roster.

The men's tennis team will battle the MIAA in the conference tournament May 2-3 in Holland.



Photo by Zack Loeprich

Albion's varsity baseball team is wrapping up the '97 MIAA season against Adrian, at Adrian, today at 7 p.m. and a double header tomorrow at 2 p.m. In the final conference games, Albion will play Calvin at Sutherland Park, Kalamazoo on May 7, at 7 p.m. The Britons will also play Calvin in a double header the next day at Calvin, at 2 p.m. The Britons are currently 12-17 (3-6 in the MIAA) and in fourth place in the conference. Hope College is currently in first with a 8-1 conference mark followed by the 6-1 Alma Scots and 5-1 Olivet College.

A frustrated women's tennis team wraps up its season

By Laurie Schulz
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team heads into its last two weeks of conference play with a stable 3-4 overall 1-2 MIAA record.

Led by Sarah McCoy, East Lansing senior captain, the Britons have struggled after getting a late start on their season due to coaching conflicts.

Darrell Sedersten, associate professor of physical education took over as head coach in January despite his lack of experience with coaching tennis.

"It's frustrating when you don't think the school is supporting you," McCoy said.

"Having the late start and no

spring training trip has really put us at a disadvantage," said Heather

"It's frustrating when you don't think the school is supporting you."

Sarah McCoy, East Lansing senior tennis captain

"Having the late start and no spring training trip has really put us at a disadvantage."

Heather Heinze, Mount Pleasant junior

Heinze, Mount Pleasant junior and number three singles player.

"We had no tournaments this season either, so we haven't been able to get many matches in."

The team has been working with a tennis pro in Battle Creek two or three times a week in an effort to enhance their level of play.

Tomorrow at 1p.m. the Britons face Calvin in their first home match of the season.

The team's second, and final, home match will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. against Adrian.

"We're looking forward to the MIAA meet coming up at Kalamazoo," McCoy said.

The team heads to Kalamazoo next Saturday for the MIAA conference matches.

MIAA Standings

Softball

Baseball

	W	L		W	L
Alma	8	0	Hope	8	1
Calvin	5	1	Alma	6	1
Hope	4	4	Olivet	5	1
Kalamazoo	3	5	Albion	3	6
Adrian	3	7	Kalamazoo	2	4
Albion	2	6	Adrian	1	6
Olivet	1	3	Calvin	0	6

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