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Falling into a week of competition and fun



photo by Jessie Jones

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon were one of the teams competing in the Homecoming Week competitions. They took second place behind Delta Tau Delta in the pyramid building competition.

Walker brings solid experience in student affairs

New dean of students busy learning campus culture

Jamie Justus
Editor in Chief
and
Brian Longheier
Managing Editor

"I've got a lot of experience in student affairs," said Sally Walker, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Walker came to Albion this summer from the University of Massachusetts Boston, where she was the director of the graduate program for the college of management. She worked on joint academic and student affairs. She received her B.A. in English from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, a small private, Methodist university, in 1973.

Walker also received her Ed.D. in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy in 1995 from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

Her thesis was on undergraduate alcohol and drug use.

Her past work experience includes serving as dean of students at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind..

She was also the assistant director for residential life at Temple University in Philadelphia, Penn., where she administered a residential life

program for 1800 students.

Walker also served as an admissions counselor at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

At the University of Delaware, she was the complex coordinator, administering a residence complex of 850 students housed in seven halls.

Her other responsibilities there included supervising the residence hall directors and resident assistants, serving as a rape crisis group co-co-

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—Sally Walker, vice president for student affairs and dean of students

ordinator and developing curriculum for and teaching an assertiveness training course.

Walker says she is happy to be here at Albion, since she went to a small university herself.

"It's a real exciting time to be here. You're [Albion College students] a very bright, energetic group of people."

Walker notes that contact among

administration, faculty and students is very good on this campus.

"The faculty are more engaged with students here than any other place I've ever been."

She has a lot of new plans in the works, but is still trying to assess the needs of students.

"We are in the midst of assessing what all those issues and concerns are."

"So much of starting a new student affairs job is just learning the campus culture..." she said.

She also stated that students' welfare is a priority.

"I've got to be certain that basic level needs of students are being served," she said.

One thing Walker is currently looking into is a health insurance program for students, as she is assessing health, safety and security issues.

Walker said that they are also looking at a staffing pattern for 200 more students, to go along with President Mitchell's push for 1800 students.

They are getting feed back on many issues from the students.

"It's critical that we know how our students feel... We are certainly looking at how academic affairs relates to student affairs."



Photo courtesy of communications

Sally Walker is the new vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Among her many jobs is administering the judicial system and acting as an advisor for Student Senate.

She is a member of the Vision Committee, which is assessing the college and determining a plan to lead Albion into the twenty-first century as one of the leading liberal arts colleges.

Even with a new president and a new dean of students and vice president for student affairs, the Vision Committee started meeting immediately and things appear to be running smoothly.

"We've just hit the ground running."

New endowed chairs use money to and students

Langbo and Diehl professorships fund faculty and student research and international travel

Emily Betz
Staff Writer

James Cook, professor of English and recent recipient of the Langbo Trustees' Professorship, has already spent some of the money from his endowment — on a student.

Last week Cook took Jenny Risner, Albion senior, to Chicago to show her the resources of the Newberry Library. Risner said Cook helped her locate the genealogical information she needed for her departmental honors thesis.

"Going to the Newberry was vital to my research because their genealogical holdings are impressive," Risner said.

This trip is just the beginning of Cook's plans to enrich Albion College.

"Albion College has always nurtured me, and I'd like to use the money in a way that benefits the in-



photo courtesy of communications
James Cook, professor of English

stitution, my colleagues and the students," he said.

Myron Levine, professor of political science and new recipient of the William W. Diehl Trustees' Professorship, said he is grateful to the college for finding the money to support endowed chairs as they provide



Photo courtesy of communications
Myron Levine, professor of political science

the means to start projects that otherwise may not have been possible.

Levine said that many academics choose liberal arts colleges because they like the life of a small college, "but the demands of teaching make it difficult to undertake larger projects."

According to Lori Duff, administrative assistant to the provost, these new professorships are funded by gifts from the Langbo and Diehl families and entitle the recipients to \$10,000 a year for four years. She said the president decides who receives the professorships based on recommendations from the Faculty Affairs Committee.

With these recent gifts Albion now has seven endowed professorships. Levine said it is a vote of confidence to be among those who hold endowed chairs and that "[It] gives us the means to do some amazing things."

Levine is starting a new study on voting behavior in metropolitan Miami to find out how the city's new racial division has affected its traditional voting patterns.

There is a very good chance I will have a student assisting me on the Miami project," he said.

The student would assist Levine

in reading and entering data and interpreting results.

Cook said he hopes to organize a performance in Odense, Denmark, of a play by Antonia Pulchi that he translated. He said he may be able to sponsor student travel to the event.

He also plans to travel to archives in Florence and London including the Biblioteca Nazionale and the British Library.

He said he is trying to start an off-campus program in Venice where students can study Italian and art history.

Levine's plans also include travel to Europe. "The money will allow me to follow up on earlier work on Western European urban policy," he said.

Cook said he also dreams of starting an electronic journal that publishes the syllabi of good liberal arts courses nationwide. He said he is interested in identifying these courses because "liberal arts colleges do the best job of teaching."

BACK TO THE FUTURE

We'll bring down the curtain on the Albion Campaign for the Generations with "a really big show" designed especially for our alumni, friends, faculty/staff and students. Join our program host, President Peter Mitchell, '67, plus our own "celebrity guests" and dancing to music "across the generations."

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As We See It

Albionian is sadly missed on campus

For many students, the end of last semester was seriously lacking something: a yearbook.

For those who are unfamiliar with the recent history of our yearbook (or lack thereof), we should explain that the *Albionian* was discontinued after the 1995-96 academic year. Lee Williams, then director of campus programs and organizations, offered three reasons for discontinuing the yearbook at the time: lack of student interest, accrued debt and the on-going cost of publishing the book.

Although the staff of the new video yearbook made a noble attempt to step into the shoes of the *Albionian* and the niche it had in campus history, there are certain things that videotape just cannot capture.

There is nothing like sitting down and paging through the yearbook of one's alma mater, examining photographs of old acquaintances and sparking cherished memories. It is a leisurely activity, allowing one to take the time to peruse the pages carefully, something which just cannot be done with a videotape. And although a videotape may have great action shots, the pause button on the VCR cannot take the strain of holding the tape in place for minutes on end to examine one's favorite shot. Further, a videocassette just does not look as attractive displayed on a coffee table as a real yearbook would.

A yearbook can serve very practical purposes as well. *The Pleiad* staff cannot count the number of times old editions of the *Albionian* have helped us find photographs of alumni or past events. And it seems likely that others have found it to be an excellent research tool as well.

Thus, we urge any students who may be interested in preserving what once was a long-standing Albion tradition to look into reviving the *Albionian*. Perhaps it's a long shot; there may be no money available for it or the student body may no longer be interested in having a yearbook. But we feel confident that many other students will agree with us that we are missing out on something by not being preserved in the annals of time like only a yearbook can.

an unsigned "as we see it" represents a majority consensus of the editorial staff



By Pamela Choate

Self defense class would help students protect themselves

To the Editor:

In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month I would like to suggest that Albion College move toward implementing a self-defense class. This would not be a martial arts class, but just a basic self-defense class to teach students how to fight off an attacker.

This class could be offered at the Dow Recreation and Wellness Cen-

ter for one afternoon per week. It would not have to be a credit class and maybe one of the organizations on campus would be willing to sponsor it. This could be a very empowering class for students and could help prevent some date rapes from ever occurring.

The article detailing the harassment of four women joggers in the October 3 issue of *The Pleiad* provides evidence that a class of this type

is needed on campus. Some of my friends have also been harassed while jogging through Victory Park. I have had similar experiences while walking on campus.

I hope the Albion College community will take this into consideration. It could make our campus a safer place.

Jennifer Barthel
Horse Shoe, NC sophomore

Alumnus explains that college had capacity for 1800 in 1970s

To the Editor:

I just read your editorial in last week's "As We See It, 1800 Students leaves us scared" and was a bit amused. Back when I was a freshman at Albion my class had approximately 560 students.

I lived in Wesley Hall and fellow students lived all over the place: in the lounges at the end of each hall, in annexes, even in the old infirmary in the basement of Wesley. There were even rumors that students were living at the Holiday Inn (now the Days Inn) out by interstate 94, but I never actually met any of these students.

In any event, the college did a great job of scheduling events that brought all of us together. My class built a

float for the homecoming parade, sat together at football games, had dances and got into as much mischief as any other class.

Looking back I am unaware of lasting problems this caused for my classmates. If you're really interested in finding out if the proposed "overcrowding" is an issue, I suggest you contact alumni from some of the years when large freshman classes entered Albion College. Ask them for their opinions. I think you'll find that some of the strongest bonds were forged in what others saw as "adverse" conditions. Turning a negative into a positive was one of the great lessons I learned while attending Albion.

Alby Zatkoff '76

Students should have greater concerns than cable channels

To the Editor:

In response to the September 26 article "Is better cable worth the extra expense and loss?", I would like to offer a simple solution that I feel would go far in solving a number of Albion College's problems: spend a

lot less time and money worrying about whether or not students have enough cable channels in their room, and a lot more time finding more constructive uses for our tuition money.

Besides saving us many thousands of dollars per year, it would encourage students to actually leave

their rooms every once in a while and make a worthwhile contribution to the college and/or the community.

Perhaps this is the real issue that *The Pleiad* should be addressing.

Tom O'Brien
Oak Park, Ill. senior

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Members of the Homecoming Court include (from left to right), Top Row: Timothy Krabill, Higgins Lake senior, Molly McCracken, East Lansing senior, Kirk Rosin, Frankenmuth senior, Nicholas Christopher, Frankfort senior, and Nathan March, Zeeland senior. Bottom Row: Janylyn Knorr, Traverse City junior, Leonica Riley, Battle Creek junior, Robert Bruner, South Lyon junior, Courtney Kakuska, Temperance junior, and Rachel Scherer, Mason senior.

Elections to determine the Homecoming King and Queen will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. today in the Kellogg Center. The King and Queen will be announced during halftime of the football game versus Omet, tomorrow at 4:30 a.m.

Homecoming Schedule of Events

Friday

- 7:30-9:30 p.m. SOAR Leaders Reunion - Langlois Living Room, Kellogg Center
- 9:30 p.m. Alumni and Student Bonfire and Pep Rally at the Cause
- Rain location: Dow Center
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Guided tours of the Kellogg Center
- 11 a.m. Honoring Distinguished Alumni and Merit Award Recipients Awards Ceremony, Gerstaecker Commons, Kellogg Center
- 12-1:15 p.m. Alumni, Student and Faculty Reception and Luncheon at the Dow Center
- 1:30 p.m. Football game against the Omet Comets at Sprankle, Sprankle Stadium
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Scott Smith (right), Romulus sophomore, and his friend, Kim Mientkiewicz, help Habitat with the landscaping of a local home.

Habitat for Humanity helps build futures for families

Katie Snyder
Staff Writer

Ben Smith is building Albion. Smith, a Junction City, WI sophomore spent his off-hours this summer working with Greater Albion Habitat for Humanity constructing two homes for local families.

Both Smith and his older brother Isaac worked with a local builder in Albion this summer, converting some area houses into apartments.

The GAHH constructed two houses this summer, 114 S. Albion St. and 223 S. Ann St. These homes were built during a two week period called a "blitz build." The blitz build was a state wide effort to construct 100 homes in Michigan.

The Ann Street home was built cooperatively by the House of Republicans and the GAHH during a two-week period from late July to early August.

Among the working volunteers

was Governor John Engler.

Smith is now bringing his experience to Albion College, taking on the role of co-chair for the college's Habitat for Humanity group. He, along with co-chair Kim Parker, Bedford, Ohio sophomore, restarted the group after a semester of inactivity last spring.

Albion College's Habitat for Humanity is affiliated with The Greater Albion Habitat for Humanity, a chapter of Habitat for Humanity International. GAHH provides the projects and equipment for the College group.

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to provide, "a decent house in a decent community for God's people in need," according to a GAHH press release. The organization was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller, a successful salesman.

Habitat provides these homes for working, low-income families who are willing to put their own time and energy into building a new home.

Habitat does not give away houses. Homeowners must put in 250 "sweat equity" hours working on their home or another Habitat project and pay a monthly interest-free mortgage.

Habitat is funded through volunteer's donations of time, equipment and construction services. Building contractors such as plumbers and electricians often donate their services so a house can meet state building codes and pass inspections.

While Smith said some skilled laborers are necessary, most of the people he worked with did not have any experience in construction.

"All you need to do is show up," Smith said.

Smith, now a member of the construction board for GAHH, worked with many people this summer on the projects. But, he said, "you'll tend to see a core group showing up on a regular basis."

Smith and Parker want to develop a core group of student workers.



photo courtesy of Kim Parker

Brian Markin, Sylvania, Ohio sophomore and Amanda Gilman, Shorewood, WI senior were among several Albion College students who helped renovate a house on Kennedy Street in Albion last year.

Seventy-five or more is their long-term goal. Another goal is to have a work project planned for every weekend during the school year and a project for Spring Break.

GAHH plans to construct 20 houses by 2000 and four within the next year. Smith and Parker would like to get Albion College students involved in these projects.

Briton Bash proved that Albion students are interested in helping improve the community, as nearly 120 signed up for further information about up-coming Habitat projects.

Parker said the Black Student

Alliance and the College Republicans have both expressed interest in participating in future projects.

The Habitat group will be working on only local projects, as both Parker and Smith said they believe it is good to get to know Albion outside of the college boundaries.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, Parker and Smith took a group of 16 students to the Albion Street house where they spent several hours landscaping and moving a misplaced shed. On Sunday, Sept. 28, they returned to do more landscaping on the Albion Street house.



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'Dentist of Auschwitz' speaks of Holocaust survival

Melissa Driessche
Staff Writer

Benjamin Jacobs cannot erase the memory of pulling the gold teeth and dental bridges from dead bodies.

Extracting the valuable gold teeth from the dead Jews for the Nazi regime was only one of the horrific duties performed by Benjamin Jacobs during his four year internment in various concentration camps in Europe during World War II. Nonetheless, it was a job that most likely saved his life.

Jacobs, who was born Berek Jakubowicz, lived in Dobra, Poland until 1941 when he was sent to a concentration camp because of his Jewish heritage. For four years he lived the nightmare forced upon him by Nazi hatred.

Today Jacobs uses his experiences to educate audiences about the past, in hopes that nothing like the horror of the Holocaust will ever happen again. He has recorded his accounts in his novel "The Dentist of Auschwitz".

Jacobs, who now resides in Boston, travels the country to share his stories with people of all ages. He will speak here at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Norris 101.

He tells how his basic knowledge as a dental student and a bag of dental tools helped him avoid some of the rigorous

labor at the work camp at Auschwitz. While his duties were gruesome, they were essential to saving his life.

Jacobs describes how he was expected "to save whatever could be saved from Jews who had nothing else to give but their gold fillings, teeth and bridges."

He was rewarded with a little extra food, which he shared with his father and brother, who were also inmates at Auschwitz. Jacobs and his brother were survivors, but their father perished after a beating at the camp.

Jacobs also describes a little known horror that occurred shortly before the end of the war. In May 1945, over 15,000 Jews, including Jacobs and his brother, were herded onto large ocean liners.

The ships were bombed by the British Royal Air Force just four days before the surrender of Nazi Germany. Only 1,600 Jews survived the tragedy. Jacobs was pulled into a life raft that was already full beyond capacity because someone from Auschwitz

recognized him as "the dentist."

Jacobs appears to be living proof that even in a time of suspicion and hatred, humanity was still evident, especially when tragedy struck, and that strength breeds survivors.

Susan Arena, a student at the University of New Hampshire, wrote an editorial about Jacobs for her college paper after listening to him speak.

"Mr. Jacobs gave a thought-provoking and truly disturbing account of his horrifying experiences,"
—Susan Arena, University of New Hampshire student



photo courtesy of communications
Benjamin Jacobs will speak of his experiences at the Auschwitz concentration camp at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Norris 101.

"Mr. Jacobs gave a thought-provoking and truly disturbing account of his horrifying experiences," she wrote. "... although greatly disturbed and saddened by Mr. Jacobs' account, I must say those feelings were accompanied by an uplifting feeling as well; a sense of hope."

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Albion legends included in sports Hall of Fame

Penny Barnes
Staff Writer

Along the wall leading into the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center, Albion has plaques honoring the athletic achievements of some extraordinary people. New to the wall this year will be 16 plaques, introducing today's athletes to the legends of the past.

Among those honored this year are four women.

"You've got to be kidding," said B. June Luke Dempsey, '54, on learning of her nomination. "Women's athletics weren't nearly as intense as they are now."

Dempsey is among 13 individuals and three teams that have been selected as the newest inductees into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dempsey remembers Albion as a place that allowed women a lot of freedom and a lot of support for women's sports from the entire population of the campus.

"I played volleyball, basketball, field hockey, tennis and softball," Dempsey said. "It was the thing to do."

The Athletic Hall of Fame was created to recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions to Briton athletics, according to Marcia Hepler Starkey, '73, director of parent and alumni relations and chair of the Hall of Fame Committee.

This year's inductees will be honored at a dinner held in Baldwin Hall at 5:30 p.m. today.

"This is our single most attended alumni event," Starkey



Above is the 1976 field hockey team, coached by Charlotte Duff. The team started a run of five MIAA championships when it posted a 6-0 record in league play.

said. "We usually have 300-400 people in attendance."

To be considered as an inductee, one must first be nominated. According to Starkey, candidates are nominated by alumni, staff and coaches.

Athletic administrators or others who did not attend Albion must have served at the college for 10 years; however, an athletic administrator can be selected immediately after leaving the institution or immediately after retirement.

Being selected to the Hall of Fame means different things to different people.

Some are honored for their service to Albion after graduation as well.

"[Paul W. "Skip"] Ungrodt, Jr., '52 and [William C.] Ferguson, '52 were nominated for both athletics and their service to Albion College throughout their lives," said Tom Raven, '97 associate director of alumni and parent relations.

"To be nominated is a great achievement and honor not



The 1981 men's track team. The team, coached by Dave Egnatuk, '71 ran off a 5-0 league record while outscoring its opponents by an average score of 109-33. Albion's Tracy Garner was elected as the MIAA MVP.

only for the individual, but also for the team the individual played on," said Virgil Petty, Haslett junior and a running back for the current Albion football team.

The 1997 Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees are as followed: David M. Barrett, '64, football; John E. Bromley, '29 (deceased), basketball; Frank R. Carr, '78, baseball, football; B. June Luke Dempsey, '54, basketball, field hockey, volleyball; William C. Ferguson, '52, baseball; Tracy A. Garnwe, '83, track, basketball; Barbara A. Lindblom, '53, volleyball, basketball, badminton, field hockey, softball, swimming, tennis; James E. Misner, '66, football, baseball; Cameron B. Owens, '81, track, cross country; Wilma Hurley Spencer, '38, basketball, field hockey, archery, swimming; Paul W. "Skip" Ungrodt, Jr., '52, tennis; Donald E. Vadivort, '56, track, cross-country; the 1947-48 basketball team; the 1976 field hockey team; and the 1981 track team.

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Celebrating 100 years of MIAA gridiron action

Albion begins the 100th season of MIAA football against the Olivet Comets tomorrow

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A long, long time ago, in towns not so far away...

The storied history of the nation's oldest conference begins its 100th season of football tomorrow. From Kalamazoo to Albion to Adrian, the MIAA will celebrate this milestone and recall the memories that have shaped this conference into what it is today.

Although the MIAA never knew such famed collegiate names as "the Galloping Ghost" Red Grange, Jim Thorpe, Paul "Bear" Bryant, and Woody Hayes, it has known games as great as any of those four have ever coached or played in.

In 1916, Kalamazoo did cross paths with Knute Rockne and his Fighting Irish. Kalamazoo won the game against Notre Dame's freshmen team, 34-7.

The Irish's lone touchdown came from perhaps college football's most legendary figure, George Gipp, "the Gipper."

The story of George Gipp is synonymous with college football. Gipp died of pneumonia shortly after his senior season in 1920. On his death bed, Gipp had these historic words for his former coach:

"I've got to go, Rock. It's all right. I'm not afraid. Some time, Rock, when the team is up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys - tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper. I don't know

where I'll be then, Rock. But I'll know about it, and I'll be happy."

Eight years later, during halftime when Notre Dame was trailing Army, Rockne repeated these words for the first time to his team. The Irish then went out and won one for the Gipper.

Notable games include Albion's match against the River Rouge Sailors. Albion, desperate for opponents

The season of 1894 marked the first ever where teams competed for the MIAA crown. With two victories over Hillsdale and a victory over Olivet, Albion was able to claim the first ever league title.

In years following, Eastern Michigan, Olivet and Kalamazoo were all able to lay claim to the title.

However, in the 100 year history, Albion College's football squads have won more titles, 28, than any other conference team.

Alma is the next closest with 21 MIAA titles.

In honor of the MIAA's long standing heritage, the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend has erected a display honoring its 100 years of football.

The display includes historic photos and memorabilia, pennants from each MIAA football team, and the new conference logo.

The introduction of the MIAA's new conference logo also coincides with the expansion of the league. Last year, Saint Mary's and Defiance College were added.

Currently, Albion has strung together a string of eight straight conference titles.

The Britons hope to extend that string to nine. Standing in its way is Olivet, the first of five conference opponents.

Tomorrow, when Albion takes on Olivet at Sprinkle-Sprandle stadium at 1:30, it continues the oldest active football rivalry west of the Alleghenies.

Since the start of the series in 1884, Albion has a 72-19-5 record est

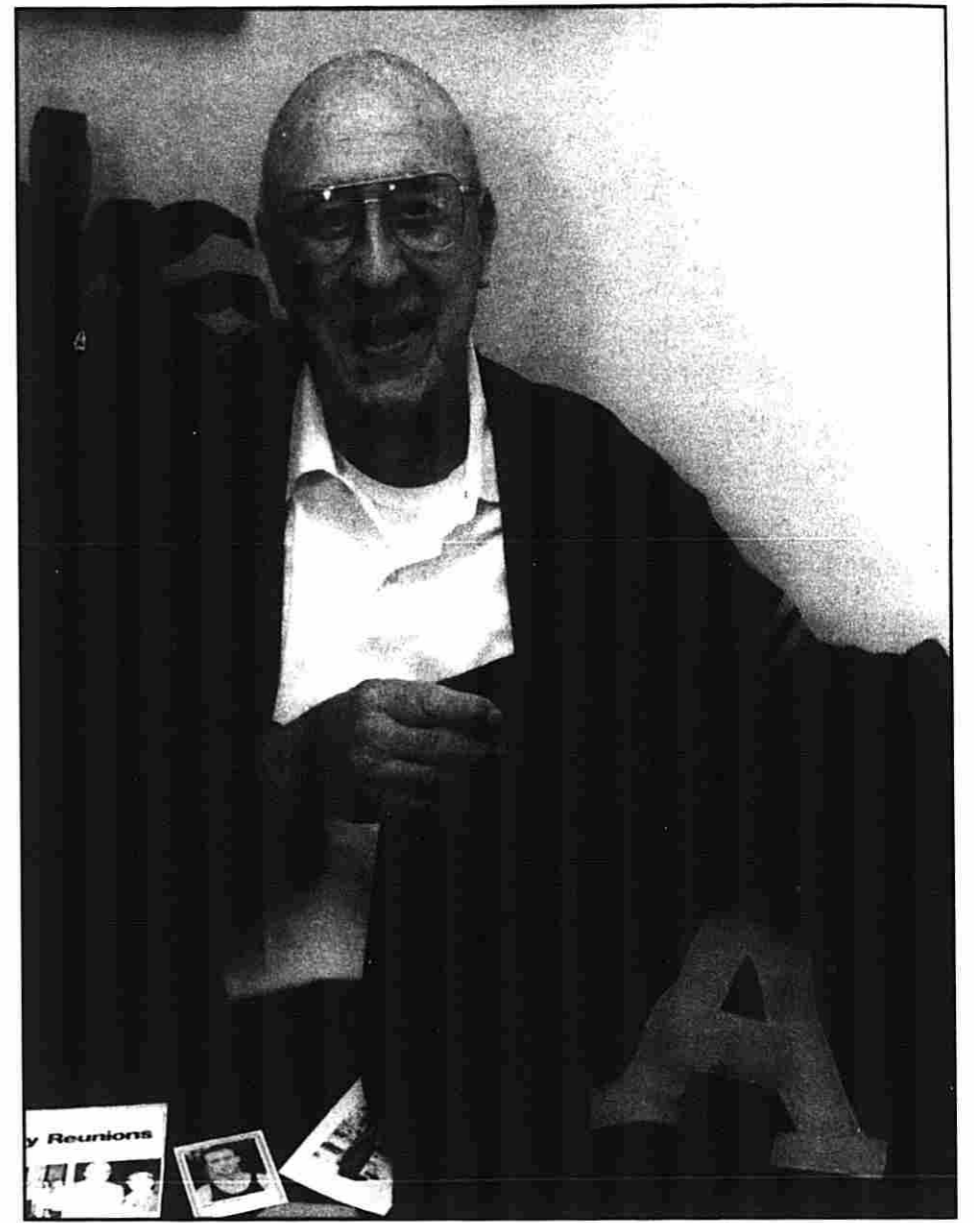


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Ernest Gray, '29, at the age of 91 is the oldest living MIAA football player. Gray was a member of Albion's undefeated 1928 football team. He, along with Cedric Dempsey, '54, will participate in the ceremonial coin toss before tomorrow's game against Olivet.

against Olivet. Last season, Albion defeated the Comets 54-0. Gray was on Albion's undefeated 1928 team.

In fact, Albion College holds a winning record against each current member of the MIAA.

Hope holds the best record against Albion, they have 28 wins to their 33 defeats since the series started in 1926

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est living MIAA football player. Gray was on Albion's undefeated 1928 team.

On October 20, 1951 Dempsey was on the end of the longest play from the line of scrimmage with a lateral (52 yards) in Albion College football history.

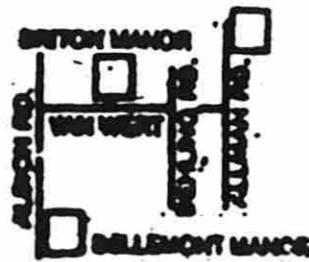
Perhaps the greatest season ('94) in MIAA history, isn't quite history. In 1994, Albion captured the NCAA Division III National Title. That game capped off a 13-0 season for the Britons.

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