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# Kellogg Center threatened by neglect

Emily Betz  
Staff Writer

It's the only place on campus where we can meet for Nachos Bell Grande at 12 a.m. It's where we see our friends, where we study, where we get packages and read our mail.

Since its debut in the fall of 1996, the \$8 million Kellogg Center has become a central location on campus.

According to Jeffrey Dunbar, Kellogg Center operations manager, average daily traffic through the building has increased from 900 people during the fall semester last year to 1560 this fall.

"People are getting used to hanging out here," Dunbar said.

This increased traffic has caused some concern about the upkeep and appearance of the building.

"During the wintertime salt takes a toll on the building," Dunbar said.

According to Jeff Miller, custodial supervisor in facilities operations, the Kellogg Center is cleaned thoroughly once a day by two workers during the midnight shift.

"Our crews are doing the majority of the cleaning at night," said Kenneth Kolmodin, director of facilities operations. "By mid-afternoon things are beginning to look rough."

Miller agreed. "In the evening when students come to lounge or go to Taco Bell it looks like it's been used all day."

He suggested spot cleanings during the day, but both Miller and Kolmodin said there is not enough money in their budget to

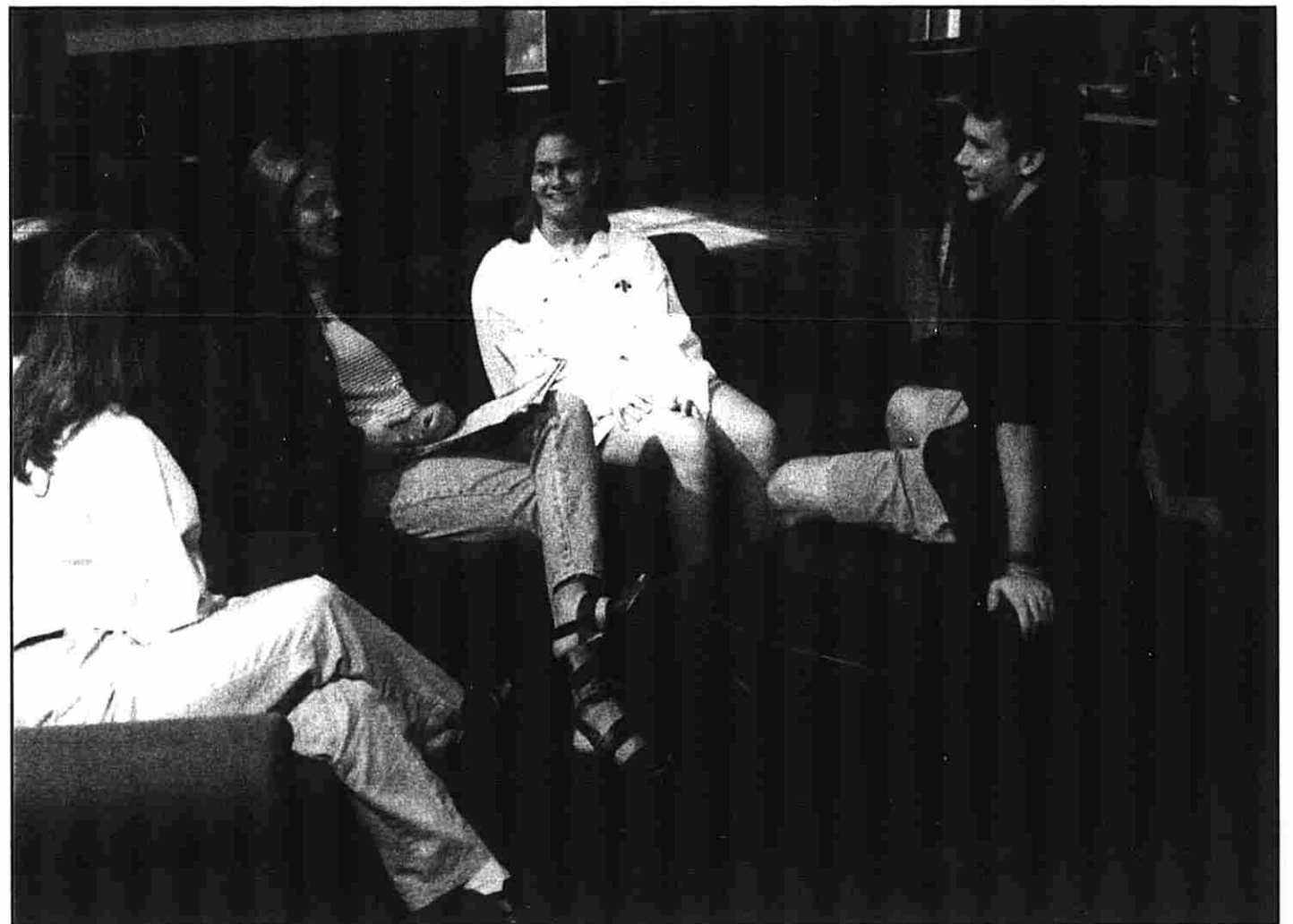


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Several students enjoy the luxury of the Kellogg Center, which is available for students to use 24 hours a day.

hire more cleaning staff.

"Right now we are doing everything we can with the money currently in our budget," Kolmodin said.

Kolmodin said there was talk of a student staff under Dunbar's direction that could take care of cleaning during the day, but so far it hasn't materialized.

Student opinion about the cleanliness of the Kellogg Center is varied.

Jeffrey Staley, St. Johns sophomore, described it as "adequate."

"It's pretty clean," said Ruth Vargo, Swartz Creek freshman, "but some people bring food to the fourth floor and the tables get sticky."

"I don't really have any com-

plaints," said Christina Bumphus, Detroit freshman. "A few days ago there was chocolate milk in the elevator, and by the time I got back from the office I went to, it was cleaned up."

Sarah Rosin, Milford sophomore, is not completely satisfied with the upkeep.

"Under the table where the phone is on the first floor is a big wad of gum," she said. "It's been there for a week."

"The other night there was a janitor snoring in one of the chairs on the fourth floor," she added.

Both Dunbar and Andrew Dunham, director of campus programs

and organizations, want to catch things before they get to be a problem.

"Because of the increased traffic, we are trying to enhance what we already have," Dunham said. "We're in the process of working with facilities to put together a good program to meet the high expectations [students have] for the building."

"The vast majority of the students have taken ownership of the building," Dunbar said.

"Students really care about the building," Dunham added. "We want to make sure [the Kellogg Center] is the great, nice, inviting place it is meant to be."

# New recruitment strategies stress technology

Electronic admissions to help Albion gain national attention, attract students

William O'Bryan  
Staff Writer

As technology expands and grows, it is one of the best tools for recruiting future students.

But, said Daniel Meyer, vice president of enrollment, there is also a possibility that enrollment could go down as the result of a new president.

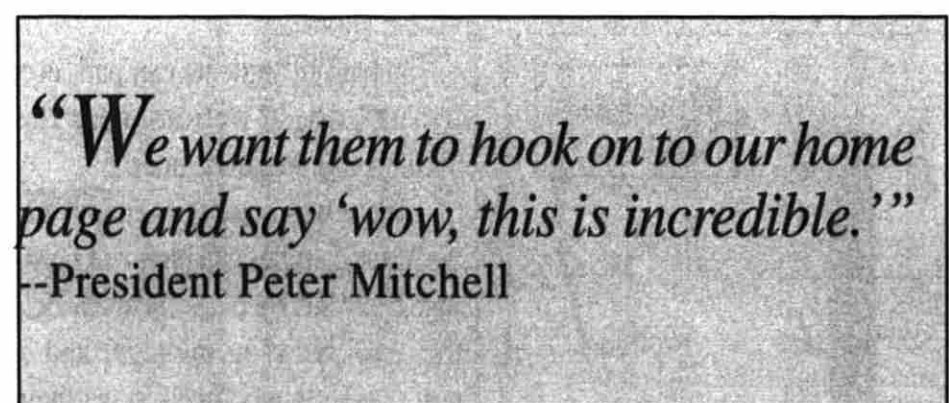
President Peter Mitchell said he does not believe this will be the case at Albion. Through the use of innovative recruitment styles and a focus on retention, Mitchell said he believes that Albion can increase both in state and out of state enrollment totals.

Before Mitchell came to Albion, he and Meyer met to develop strategies to increase enrollment. This technique allowed Mitchell to step into the new presidency without any loss of momentum.

Mitchell's resume includes twenty-five years in the field of enrollment, making him a president with much knowledge about admissions and how it works.

Mitchell's goal is to make Albion the most innovative college in the United States in terms of using information technology.

Jason Allgire, '97, was hired as



How is Mitchell going to attract more students to Albion? Recruitment and retention are the areas that Mitchell and Meyer are stressing.

The most important way a college can attract more students is through better recruitment strategies.

the first electronic admissions representative. Allgire's job is to keep the Albion web page updated.

"Kids are surfing the internet to find out which colleges are cool," Mitchell said. "We want them to hook on to our home page and say,

'wow, this is incredible.'"

The newly innovative home page is the cheapest way to increase out of state enrollment. The cost to advertise in the *New York Times* or other prominent newspapers would be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"If Albion can get hot on the internet early, so that someone in the *USA Today* writes an article stating that the Albion home page is the home page of choice, the little bit of national publicity from that will draw kids from all over," Mitchell said.

The web will be Albion's way of gaining national publicity.

In terms of admissions, Mitchell and Meyer are analyzing every program and are finding ways to better implement them.

— see 'Enrollment,' p.2

## NEWSBRIEFS

### General deposit refund

To qualify for a full refund of the \$150 General Deposit, students withdrawing from Albion at the end of the Spring semester must submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" card by March 15 to the student affairs office on the second floor of the administration building. Second semester seniors need not submit cards since general deposit refunds (minus deductions for unpaid college charges) are made automatically upon graduation from the college.

### Goodrich Club sponsors a faculty open house

The residents of the Goodrich Club cordially invite members of the faculty to attend an open house at 6 p.m. Thursday. Coffee, tea, wine, juice, water and assorted snacks will be served. Children are more than welcome.

Faculty should R.S.V.P. by Wednesday at 629-9848, or let a Goodrich resident know that they can make it.

### Scholarship opportunities are available for students

Project 250 applications are available for first-year students, sophomores and juniors in campus programs and organizations. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of students' contributions in the areas of leadership and service to the campus and the Greater Albion community. All application materials are due in CPO by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

Applications for the H. Morley Fraser Scholarship are now available. If interested, you can pick one up from CPO. Call Lance Coleman with any questions at x0473.

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An example of the new recruitment involves athletic recruitment. The number of athletes interested in Albion rose from 78 in 1997 to 165 in 1998. This came about as a result of improved planning and more influential speakers.

Mitchell said he also feels that the Greek system plays a role in enrollment. He said that Albion's Greek system can be an example of the Greek system at its best.

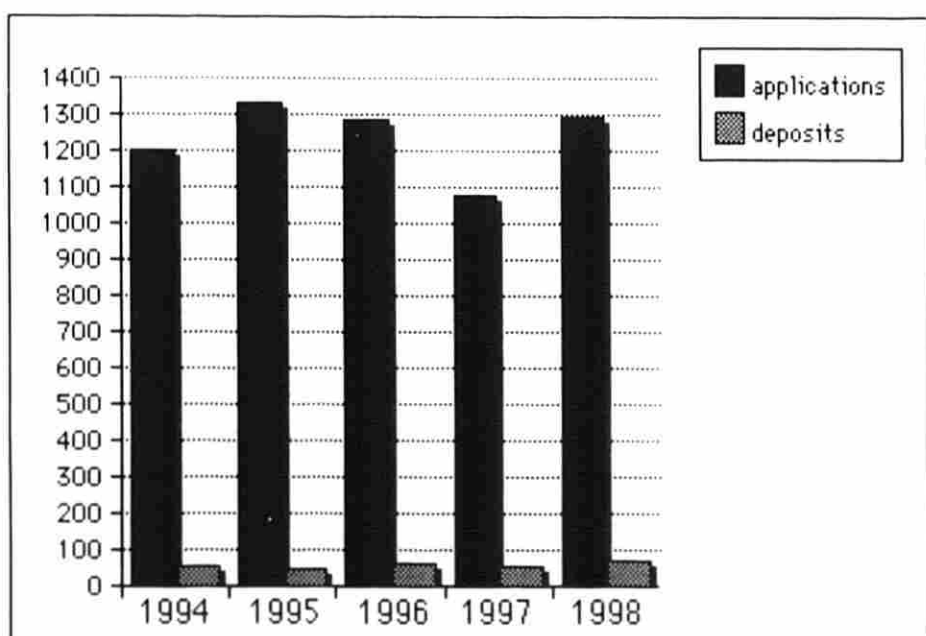
He feels that it could help if fra-

ternities and sororities are a model of leadership, and do not carry the *Animal House* stigma.

If Albion College attracts many more students in the future, where will they all live?

According to Mitchell, no more residence halls will be built, but there will be the possibility of juniors and seniors living off-campus in apartments.

"When we grow, we will grow with apartments instead of building another dormitory," he said.



This graph illustrates the number of applications and enrollment deposits as of Feb. 9 for this year and the past four years. The deposits are an indication of the number of students who have stated their intent to enroll as of Feb. 9.

## Do numbers matter more than individual attention?

Quiana Lawery  
Staff Writer

Is there any truth to the saying, "the more the merrier?"

This semester Albion College students and faculty will learn the answer.

Class sizes seem to be increasing according to student and faculty observations, which brings a question to mind: If class sizes are indeed rising, are students getting less effective teaching as a result?

Are class sizes really getting larger, however is the first question that needs to be looked at.

According to Karen Neal, registrar, a class size comparison of the last three academic years (fall 1995-fall 1997) shows that most class sizes have increased only slightly.

The number of classes with 10-19 students rose from 87 to 96, classes with 20-23 students rose from 80 to 83, those with 30-39 students rose from 36 to 38 and classes with 40-49 students increased from 6 to 13.

Classes that enrolled between 50-99 students and 100 or more students, decreased during fall 1997.

"I think it is a mistake to make a simple equation between quality and quantity," said Geoffrey Cocks, professor of history.

If the situation is more complex than looking solely at the size of a class as an indicator of the quality of that class, what other factors should be taken into account?

"Size is partly about effective teaching, but it's also about the time of day the class is offered, whether the course is required, and for some students if the teacher has a reputation as a hard grader," said Judith

particularly in courses which require lots of individual attention and lots of paper grading—like writing classes," Lockyer states. "It is very hard to manage more than 18 in a writing class, but we rarely have fewer than 20."

How can this problem be solved? Students and faculty members have varying solutions and suggestions to this dilemma.

Tiffany McCall, Chicago freshman, reasons, "There should just be more classes offered, or if there are classes that fill up quickly, offer them at different times dur-

*"I think it is a mistake to make a simple equation between quality and quantity."*

--Geoffrey Cocks, professor of history

Lockyer, chair and associate professor of English.

According to Cocks, "There are even some cases—and more disturbingly, perhaps a general trend—for very demanding (read: usually "good") professors to have lower enrollments... It is in fact the case that the great majority of tenured and tenure-track professors at Albion are all the same general high range of quality. This is borne out by the statistics from student evaluations."

With students rating faculty highly in spite of class size, is there a significant connection between class size and the ability for classes to be taught effectively?

"Yes, class size does have a great deal to do with effective teaching,

ing the day."

Cocks suggests that a formal class enrollment cap be introduced.

As an example, "Thirty for 100 level, 25 for 200 level, 15 for seminars...There obviously could be some flexibility, but general adherence through a formal system we now don't have would help distribute students more equally among the courses we offer."

Lockyer sees the situation as being a "Catch 22".

"The only real way to decrease class size is to hire more faculty or decrease the student population. For next semester we have few options...maybe hire adjuncts...but that's counter to our stated mission of offering individual attention."

## New, safe parking lot set for next fall

*A new lot by the Nature Center will provide 200 spots*

Martha Huckle  
Staff Writer

Has your car been keyed? Tires slashed? Radio stolen?

Next time you should park your car in the lot with surveillance cameras, private gates and campus safety access phones.

In the fall students can park in a lot with these options near the Whitehouse Nature Center.

There will be seven to eight surveillance cameras and plenty of lighting. There has been a proposal to lock the gates between midnight and 7 a.m. Students who need to get their cars out or put them in will have to call campus safety.

The Parking committee proposed the new parking lot to be constructed along the side of the soccer and baseball fields leading toward the Nature Center. Student Senate endorsed the proposal of the committee with the students in mind.

Michael Sequite, director of

Campus Safety, said the new lot will make 200 more spots available for student parking. For security issues there will be one way in and one way out.

"We want one entrance and one exit so it's easy to block off if we have any problems," Sequite said.

One of the phones will be placed on Farley Drive near the entrance to the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center. The other will be placed next to the entrance gate at the new lot. These phones will make it easy for students to call Campus Safety if an escort is needed.

This new lot should eliminate the parking problem if students will park there.

"The key is to get the students to buy into it. It's a little more of a longer walk," Sequite said.

Kathleen Surowiec, Bloomfield Hills sophomore, said she would park there.

"I think it's really important to have enough parking for students," Surowiec said. "That was one of the

biggest complaints students had last year."

As of Nov. 6, 1997, a total of 576 parking spaces were issued to students. That left 24 temporary spaces available.

"We issued a lot more parking permits this year than ever before. President Peter Mitchell wanted the students to get taken care of so we gave all freshmen and sophomores permits who requested[them]," Sequite said.

Juniors and seniors automatically receive parking permits if requested.

"We know we need some more parking closer to campus. We've run into some zoning problems with the city. We just need to get the zoning approved," Sequite said.

One area the Parking Committee is looking at expanding parking options is by Wesley Hall.

Due to Mitchell's proposal to raise enrollment, new parking lots are needed. Sequite said the college's goal is to have half of the students equipped with parking spaces.

# New residence hall director is young at heart

Emily Betz  
Staff Writer

He's the one in the Simple™ hat cheering in a Scottish accent at the basketball games. When the cheering ends, you can find him in his room in Seaton on the first floor — the one with Brazilian music wafting out the open door.

"Open" is how members of the Seaton resident assistant staff describe Andrew Campbell, new residence hall director for Seaton Hall, Fiske House, and the annexes.

"When we met at his interview he was wearing a sport coat and tie and huge silver hoops in his ears," said Corinne Bean, Big Rapids sophomore and resident assistant in Seaton. "He made me see right away that he is relaxed and open-minded. I knew we were going to

have a fun semester."

Campbell comes to Albion from the University of Michigan, where he worked for university housing and is finishing a Ph.D. in art history.

"I came to make a career move," Campbell said. He said he realized that although teaching is not for him, he still wants to be involved with and accessible to students in residential life.

Campbell said he has enjoyed the transition from U of M to Albion.

"At a smaller school people tend to feel more responsible for their environment," he said. "You know a lot more people."

He said it is also encouraging to see student support for Albion's athletic teams. Many of his residents are on the basketball or swim teams and Bean said Campbell often invites his staff to watch the events.

"Andrew is very athletic," said

Katie Drake, Fort Gratiot senior and senior resident assistant on Campbell's staff. Campbell is a cyclist, snowboarder, and rock climber. He bloodies his knuckles at The Loft, Starr Commonwealth's indoor climbing gym in Albion.

"We're planning resident trips to The Loft in February," he said.

Campbell is also organizing a staff team for IM soccer. "He doesn't make spending time together as a staff feel like an obligation," Bean said.

Campbell moved to Ann Arbor from Scotland eight years ago. His family still lives there.

"I'm excited that my grandmother is coming to Albion this spring," he said.

"We tease him because his accent really comes through," Drake said. "He can't say hall, and that word

comes up a lot." She said Campbell's sounds more like "haul."

Campbell said he likes the Bohm and Cascarelli's in downtown Albion. He eats in Baldwin, which he finds to be no problem even though he is a vegetarian.

Campbell replaced Jennifer Snyder, who left her position at the semester break. Drake said the transition has been very smooth for the rest of the staff, which includes Bean; Jessica Dull, Battle Creek senior; Matthew Okraszewski, Gladstone junior; Nicole Nash, Midland senior; Jason Churchfield, Midland senior; Matthew Fetzner, Alma junior; and Mackenzie Wheeler, Golden Valley, Minn. sophomore.

Campbell describes his staff as "a mellow bunch."

So far he said he has not faced any huge problems as residence hall



photo by Jessie Jones

Andrew Campbell is the new residence hall director for Seaton, Fiske House, and the annexes.

director. "I missed the exploding toilets [in Whitehouse]," he joked.

"Andrew shows a true interest in what people are doing," Bean said. "He's also very young at heart."

# Delta Sigma Phi recolonization gives rush a boost

Dave Evensen  
Staff Writer

This spring's fraternity rush saw a dramatic increase over last year in the number of men rushing.

"We have 100 men rushing this spring, as compared to 66 last year," said Jennifer Miles, associate director of campus programs and organizations and director of Greek affairs.

Why the huge jump in numbers? "I think the recolonization of Delta Sigma Phi could be the cause of it," Miles said.

Last semester, Albion College administration and the Interfraternity Council approved the recolonization of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, paving the way for the return of the sixth fraternity in the fall of 1998.

The new chapter of the fraternity

conducted its first rush this spring.

"Delt Sig has sparked a lot of guys' interest about starting up a brand new fraternity,"

Casey Dennehy, Traverse City sophomore and Delta Sigma Phi pledge, said. "Guys who were never interested in the others thought that they would give Delt Sig a chance."

Dennehy was one of six students who contacted the Delt Sig headquarters in the fall of 1996 to notify them that there were students interested in recolonizing Delta Sigma Phi on campus.

Scott Rich, Delta Sigma Phi regional director of expansion, offered another viewpoint for why Delta

Sigma Phi is attracting more men to rush.

"Delt Sig is also offering what

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*—Casey Dennehy, Traverse City sophomore and Delta Sigma Phi pledge*

others can't," Rich added. "The chance for leadership and the chance to be a founding father is a big draw."

Delta Sigma Phi had extended 35

bids by the time of the interview and "will continue to hand out bids until all the quality candidates have one,"

Rich said.

Dennehy noted that although Delt Sig is responsible for drawing interest to rush, Delt Sig is not the only fraternity that is capitalizing.

"A lot of guys came to find out about us, found out that we weren't what they wanted and just went to the others. I think the popularity of a new fraternity attracted interest to the Greek system as a whole."

Sigma Chi is one fraternity that is making the best of the situ-

ation. According to Nick Weitenberner, Washington junior and consul for Sigma Chi, they had extended over 40 bids by the time of the interview.

Weitenberner, though, did not concede that the recolonization of Delta Sigma Phi was the sole reason for the greater numbers in rush this spring.

"We have to remember that the freshman class is bigger than it has been for a long time," Weitenberner said. "It's kind of luck of the draw that way."

He added, "[President] Mitchell is also very supportive of the Greek system."

For whatever reason, the fact remains that a surprisingly large number of men participated in rush this spring. "That," according to Miles, "is a good thing."

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## As We See It Senate reaches out to the students

What comes to your mind when you think of Student Senate? Well, for most people, probably not much. It is a sad fact on this campus that most students do not seem to care about what Senate is working on. And for this reason, Senate's Campus Relations committee should be commended for the steps it has taken this year to attempt to keep the student body informed of its actions and agenda.

More than ever before in recent history students have had the opportunity to keep up with Senate news. The Campus Relations committee began publishing a newsletter last semester. Meeting agendas are now posted on the sandwich board in the Kellogg Center and Senate is maintaining bulletin boards in the Kellogg Center and the residence halls. Further, Senate now holds its 9 p.m. Monday meetings in Gerstacker Commons and held an open forum Tuesday so that it might become more accessible to students.

It is a shame that Senate's attempts are met with a sense of disinterest, at best. Not more than a handful of non-senators turned out for the forum, and it is rare that a guest is seen at a meeting. And the newsletters that are mailed to the entire student body tend to end up in the recycle bin quicker than the slam of a mailbox door.

Senate may not be the most effective body, but is a lackadaisical constituency entitled to anything better? What if we did not hold our representatives in Congress accountable for their actions? It is high time that Albion College students – oft-praised for their inquisitiveness – take an interest in what their elected officials are doing. If we don't, we'll lose our voice and be left to the will of the administration.

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

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## Amistad: a struggle for freedom in history and on the big screen

### Viewpoint...

**Kenneth Dixon  
Staff Writer**

*Amistad*, the latest Steven Spielberg directed movie, is currently playing at the Bohm theater. It has been showing there since Jan. 30.

Spielberg, director of several other successful movies including *Jurassic Park* and *E.T.*, has outdone himself once again. Not only is the movie clear and precise on the facts and details, but also the graphics and special effects work right from the opening scene.

The movie is based on a drama about a Cuban slave ship, "La Amistad," that was subjected to a slave rebellion against its captors.

In their quest to get back to Africa, the slaves were captured by U.S. officials and placed in U.S. custody to eventually await their fate.

The opening scene presents the painful struggle of the determined slave Cinque, played by Djimon Hounsou, trying to break free from his chains.

The drama works well with the action in the first 20 minutes of the film as the slave rebellion on the ship takes place.

The graphic scenes of the slaves killing most of the crew on the ship grabbed my attention immediately. Swords, axes and knives being brandished by the slaves, slaughtering and decapitating the crew, make for an interesting beginning.

Hounsou's way of displaying the

anger and frustration captures his role. Throughout the movie he spoke Mende, a Sierra Leonean language.

Other actors also starring in this movie are Matthew McConaughey as Roger Baldwin, a lawyer enlisted by abolitionists to help free the slaves; Anthony Hopkins as John Quincy Adams; and Morgan Freeman as Theodore Joadson, an abolitionist ex-slave who works with McConaughey.

The movie moves right along from the capture of the slaves to the courtroom, where the destiny of the slaves will be decided.

Meanwhile, the conflict between

raise swords against its enemies.

Another scene shows Freeman's character, Joadson, on "La Amistad" searching for evidence to prove where the slaves were from. As he roams around in the darkness, he comes across all the chains used to hold the slaves captive.

The scene has the effect that he is looking into his own past, realizing what his own people and ancestors had gone through and were still going through.

He is so caught up in this realization that he stumbles and the chains manage to trip him up, giving the impression that he himself was trapped.

"Light, light the lamp!" is his desperate response to be able to see in the darkness, as if the light could possibly ease the pain of witnessing what his own people had gone through.

The length of the movie may eventually have you wondering what is going to happen to these

slaves, after you have sat for a good two hours. For the most part, though, the movie sets a good pace and keeps with it.

One interesting point I thought was worthy of taking note of, because it still applies in today's country, was one question the slave Cinque raised. What kind of country is this "where laws almost work?"

Overall, this was a good movie with great music by John Williams, and wonderful special effects. I recommend it not only because of the great job done by Spielberg and the rest of the cast, but also because of its historical teachings.

**"An interesting theme in this movie is the decision between true democracy and keeping the country together."**

—Kenneth Dixon.

the soon-to-be Confederate states and the rest of the United States, develops as a secondary topic.

An interesting theme in this movie is the decision between true democracy and keeping the country together. This is a decision the president of the United States has to make as the drama and tension continues to mount regarding the fate of the Amistad slaves.

In one scene, the South's major spokesman John C. Calhoun, who is pro-slavery, suggested to the president that the issue was not whether the slaves raised swords against their enemies, but rather if the South must

## Social Security taxes questioned

To the Editor:

Congressman Nick Smith (or whoever paid for his recent "gloss-over" insert) wants fairer, flatter taxes? Okay - let's start with Social Security taxes.

FICA takes the same 6.2% of every employee's paycheck, matched by employers (the self-employed payed both halves)...or does it? Pay over \$68,000 is exempt from Social Security tax. That means people making \$133,000 (like Smith) pay only about

half the tax rate everyone else does. The higher their salaries, the lower their tax rates...and the more income they get in the form of stock options, dividends, etc. - on which they pay nothing at all (like Smith).

If that \$68,000 cap were lifted, we'd collect tens of billions more from those who aren't paying their fair share now. That could save the Social Security system...if we have the 75-year recession necessary to provoke a crisis at all. If our economy isn't in for a three-generation slump,

treating all income equally could bring in enough new revenue to let us cut everyone's tax rate...

Or pay the bloated corporate-welfare commissions Smith's scheme would grant his securities-industry contributors. But let's not. Clinton budget director Franklin Raines has it right: Social Security doesn't need to be privatized...it need to be guaranteed.

John A. La Pietra  
Marshall

## Alumnus enjoys Pleiad website

To the Editor:

Many thanks to the staff in general and Mark Jazayeri for the *Pleiad* highlights. As a 1959 graduate of Albion College, I thoroughly enjoy keeping up-to-date with campus news. Your website is really appre-

ciated by our family. My wife, Barbara, graduated from Albion College as did our oldest son, John.

Rebecca Little's story titled "Franzen Brings Famous Alumna Back to the Forefront" makes it clear that today's Albion College is alive and well rather than insulated and out-of-touch. Thank you Rebecca

and Professor Franzen for your good work in giving voice to differences in our changing society.

Dale Brubaker, '59  
Professor University of North Carolina, Greensboro

# Breaking Down Barriers: Sabrina Sojourner

**Qiana Lawery**  
Staff Writer

"She's the opposite of your standard lecturer who just comes, does their speech, and leaves," said Helen Shafran, associate director of campus programs and organizations and director of the Albion Performing Artist and Lecture Series.

Lecturers are typically thought of as a pretty dull and predictable bunch, so what makes this speaker so different than the rest?

For starters, most lecturers tend to be "middle aged white males," Shafran said.

Sabrina Sojourner is definitely not of that mold. In fact, she's probably about as unorthodox as they come.

Who is Sabrina Sojourner? Well, she's the first openly lesbian woman to be elected to the United States House of Representatives for the District of Columbia. While this is an incredible achievement, as Sojourner represents three groups who have been traditionally on the outside of the political arena - African Americans, women and lesbians - her position is one that has no real power.

Representatives from the District of Columbia have no voting power and are treated as little more than lobbyists. Unlike other members of Congress, they have no staff or budget and are not paid. They are referred to as "shadows," figures who are similar to the real thing, but lacking the chance to stand on their own.

So why take a position that has no official power in Congress and offers no pay, staff or budget?

Sojourner readily admits that being a

shadow representative "has definitely been both a joy and a frustration." One positive aspect of her position is that it allows her the opportunity to bring issues relative to African Americans, women and homosexuals out of the shadows and into the legislative spotlight.

However, Sojourner doesn't stop at the legislative arena when discussing issues that are usually kept in the dark recesses of society. Her latest book, *Psychic Scars and Other Mad Thoughts*, is a collection of poems that, as she states, "examine my recovery as an incest survivor."

With incest being such a taboo topic, what made Sojourner decide to reveal such an obviously painful side of her past?

"Well, I wrote it because there are so many survivors of it out there, and people are much more capable of dealing with it now than when I first dealt with it twenty years ago," she said.

Sojourner is definitely not apprehensive about bringing up issues that the general public would prefer to leave on the back burner. According to Craig R. Dean, of the Outright Speakers and Talent Bureau, Sojourner has the "ability to speak on a variety of topics and issues."

In her next lecture, sponsored by APALS, she will tackle the always volatile subject of diversity.

Sojourner describes her lecture style as a definite contrast to the conventional lecturer.

"I like to exchange ideas with the audience, especially the ones that don't agree with me," she said.

Her lecture, "The ABCs of Diversity," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Norris 101.



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Sabrina Sojourner will present "The ABCs of Diversity" at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Norris 101. Sojourner is the first openly lesbian woman to be elected to Congress from the District of Columbia.



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# Students explore career interests with alumni

Jen Campbell  
Staff Writer

Imagine spending a week of your summer having fun and preparing for your future at the same time.

That's what the Externship program can do for you.

For one week, usually in May, Albion College students are given the opportunity to shadow a professional in the career of their choice.

It is a hands-on learning experience from which both the students and the professionals, or mentors, benefit, said Megan Murray '94, associate director of alumni and parent relations.

The mentors, who are mostly alumni, enjoy the program because it gives them a chance to "give back to the college," Murray said.

The students enjoy the opportunity to learn about a career that interests them.

This program is a good idea for

those who may be doubting what they want to do, said Eryn Eff, Blissfield sophomore, who added that her externship confirmed her career choice.

"It made things a little more real," Eff said.

Eff completed her Externship last summer with an Oncologist, a doctor who treats tumors, near her home. Because her real area of interest was pediatrics, according to Eff, her mentor arranged for her to shadow a few other doctors during the week.

"They let me look and touch and do everything they did—within limits," Eff said.

Just how much a student is allowed to do is going to depend on the mentor, Murray said.

Not only are they gaining experience, but "a lot of times, the students are making connections as far as future jobs," Murray said.

The medical field is just one example of the areas in which externships are available.

Students should apply regardless of their field of interest.

According to Tom Raven, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, who is in charge of the mentor side of the program, the alumni office will do its best to find a mentor for every student.

If a student has a special need for a mentor, for example in another state, the alumni office will call alumni in that area to see if they would be willing to sponsor the student, Raven said.

"As long as we have an alum interested in what [the student is] interested in doing in that area, then we will make the match," Raven said.

There are even opportunities for externships outside of Michigan, Raven said, adding that, although the alumni office does not arrange it for students, "sometimes mentors offer to house students for a week."

There were approximately 90 matches last year, and the goal this year is to match at least 100, Murray



photo courtesy of alumni office  
Frank Broccolo, Huntington Beach, Calif. junior assisted Dr. Jose Valle. Broccolo participated in the Externship program last May in Marshall at Internal Medicine, PC.

said, adding that they would like to match more.

There are currently about 120 mentors available, Raven said.

Only a handful of students are not matched, and this may be for geographic reasons, or possibly a summer job conflict, Murray said.

This summer the program runs

from May 11-15 and May 18-22. These are only the suggested times though.

If necessary a different time can be worked out between the student and his or her mentor, Raven said.

Interested students should pick up an application from the alumni office and return it by Feb. 16.

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## Reaching for the Stars

Tiffany Gates  
Staff Writer

Some students say that it feels like they can reach out and touch the stars.

Using the telescope in Albion's Astronomical Observatory allows students to forget about civilization and become mesmerized by the heavenly bodies.

According to *The Albion College Sesquicentennial History: 1835-1985*, Samuel Dickie, founder of the Astronomical Observatory and later college president, knew that building an observatory where students could view the solar system would add value to Albion College. Therefore, he wrote a letter to the Albion College Board of Trustees urging them to build this structure in 1882.

On Dec. 21, 1882 the Board of Trustees requested that Dickie raise \$10,000 for the project. A year had not passed before Dickie raised the money, and the project was dedicated in 1883.

Dickie's perseverance and patience has helped students have closer encounters with specific constellations. As a result, more students have become inquisitive about the structure of the universe.

"I always looked at the stars through a telescope when I was little, but this was amazing," said Catrina Williams, Waukegan, Ill. sophomore. "It looked like I could touch the moon, and you could see its glow and details."

According to John Williams, professor and chair of physics, viewing the moon for the first time is a phenomenal experience.

"Seeing the moon for the first time with all its valleys, mountains, craters and Saturn with its rings is an awesome sight," John Williams said.

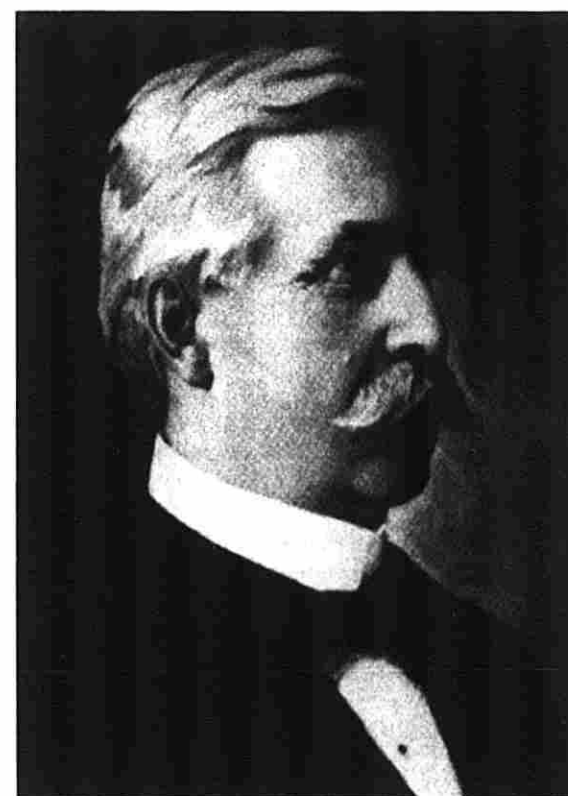
Williams uses the telescope to teach his astronomy classes. The eight-inch refractory telescope helps students closely observe the craters and shadows on the planets.

"It is an inspiration and inspires students to learn more about these objects and the universe," John Williams said.

In addition to the telescope, members of the honors program also have access to the observatory's second floor, with a lounge, thesis library and several computers.

"Honor Students have 24-hour access to the observatory," said Christina Bumphus, Detroit freshman.

More than 110 years later, Dickie's vision enables students to explore the mysteries of the galaxy and have a peaceful area to study in.



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Samuel Dickie, Albion College President, 1901-1921, and founder of the Astronomical Observatory.

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# Briton basketball teams improved from '97

Both men's and women's teams work hard and work together

**Kenneth Dixon**  
Staff Writer

Going into Saturday's game against Kalamazoo, the Briton men's basketball team managed to compile a record of 14-6. The team is 6-3 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, claiming second place behind Hope College.

According to basketball coach Mike Turner it has been a good year so far, but the team is still striving to make it better.

"We're much more competitive than we were at this time last year," Turner said, suggesting one reason for the team's improved record from last year's 12-8 mark at this time.

Even with the graduation of the team's top two scorers from last season, the team has managed to have a successful season.

"We're a whole lot closer this year," said guard Eddie Lampton, Kentwood junior.

Center Steven Conger, Harrison Township junior, acknowledges that there are really no stars on the team this year. According to Turner it has not been a one man team this year but rather the team is really stepping up.

The scoring for the Brits has been a complete team effort with three players, Benjamin Geerling, Grand Rapids senior, Jason Klein, Howell

junior, and Tim Czamecki, Rochester Hills sophomore, all averaging double figures in scoring.

According to Conger, the whole team has contributed to the rebounding this season, and Klein, Erick Shaffer, Coldwater sophomore, and Brock Peters, Olivet junior, have been consistent all season long beyond the

*"We're striving to play 40 minutes of focused basketball."*

—Coach Cathy Henkenberns

three-point arc.

When asked if the team is going to make the play-offs, Lampton replied, "Long as we keep winning."

On the other side of things, the Albion Britons women's basketball team goes into its game Saturday against Kalamazoo sporting a mark of 6-15. They are 4-5 in the MIAA.

Coach Cathy Henkenberns, in her third year as head coach, said she is pleased with the team's results this far into the season.

In her first two years as head coach Henkenberns was a combined 10-40, with nine new players last year and a team that struggled with defense and turnovers.

She acknowledges that the team's

biggest obstacle was the players learning to play with each other. Henkenberns said that the difference between this and last year's team, which finished 4-21, is maturity.

"We're much better than last year," she said.

This year, out of 15 losses the Britons lost five of those games by less than six points, which shows that the team is headed in a positive direction.

According to forward Carrie Hall, Saginaw sophomore, the team has come a long way.

Earlier in the season the Britons struggled to a 1-10 record but since January 7, when conference play began, the Britons are 4-5 and seem to be "playing to win instead of playing not to lose," according to guard Kacy Davidson, Jackson sophomore.

Center Sarah Walbridge, Potterville senior, seems to think that the individual players are much better this year. All 11 women contribute to the team, she said.

With two games left until the MIAA tournament, Henkenberns' goal for the team is to finish in the top four in the conference.

When asked if the team is where she would like it to be now she replied the attitude of the team is, but the consistency is not.

"We're striving to play 40 minutes of focused basketball."

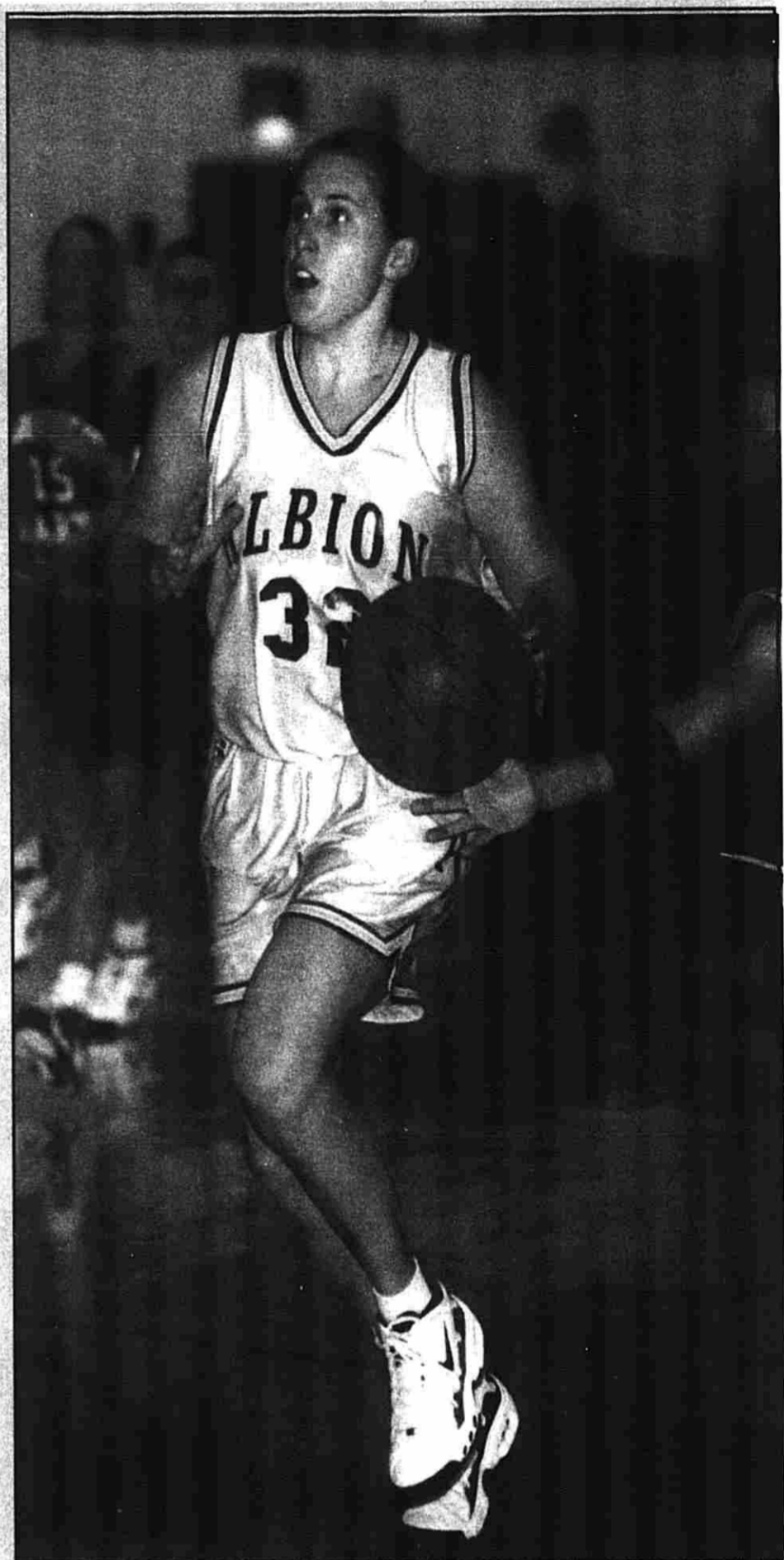


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Piper Metz, Brighton junior, focuses on the net in the Dec. 9 game against St. Mary's. The Britons play Kalamazoo at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Kresge Gymnasium.

## Men's b-ball loses player over "misunderstanding"

**Clifton Foster**  
Staff writer

Early in the season TyQuan Lenyard, Detroit senior and point guard for the Brits, left the team after a loss in a basketball tournament against Franklin.

Lenyard said he thought he was being benched at a critical point in the game. He said the Britons were losing and he was the only starter not playing. I felt like I was being singled out because we were los-

ing," Lenyard said. "I didn't like that feeling."

Coach Mike Turner said there are many things that happen in a basketball game. He said he doesn't have time to put blame on or single out any of his players.

Ty needs to handle his personal affairs first, then think about basketball," Turner said. "My doors are always open to him."

"After thinking, I believe I should have sucked it up and put it behind me," Lenyard said. "It was just a big

misunderstanding."

Lenyard was a starter for the Brits and without his presence the team made some changes.

"Ty is definitely a good player, but we had to adapt," said Ben Geerling, Grand Rapids senior and member of the team. "Although we were unsure of the situation, we knew we had to keep playing."

"Regardless of what happened, I still wish the coach and the team the best of luck," Lenyard concluded.

## This week in sports

### Today through Saturday

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