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## An Albion twist to a Shakespearean favorite



photo courtesy of the theatre department

Alexander Platt, Marquette senior, and Joshua Parker, Ann Arbor senior, take the stage in *Loves Labour's Lost*, which is showing tonight and tomorrow night at the Herrick Center Black Box Theatre. They are performing the Pageant of Learning as faculty members in the play.

## Remodeled apartments will cost extra

Dave Evensen  
Staff Writer

When Albion College informed next year's residents of the Burns Street and Briton Manor apartments that they would be charged an extra 150 to 200 dollars per semester for their "premium" accommodations, more than a few eyebrows were raised.

Sally Walker, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, and Dale Dopp, vice president of finance and management, issued a memo that informed future residents of Briton House and Burns Street apartments that they would be charged an extra 150 dollars per semester for living in "efficiency" quarters (one single room with a kitchenette and a bathroom). In addition, there will be an extra 200 dollars charged for living in the larger multi-room apartments.

The memo resulted in some backlash as several of next year's residents of the apartments called administrators to complain.

"There were a few issues that discouraged [future residents of Burns Street and Briton Manor apartments]," said Angela Doty, Troy jun-

ior and future resident of the Briton Manor apartments.

"One was the increase itself, but what made us maddest was the way it was dealt with. We were informed of it less than 24 hours before [the lottery for rooms in the Briton Manor and Burns Street apartments], and they told us of the fee with just a memo dropped off at the

Doty said that residents of the apartment complexes will still have to pay utility fees if they go off board, along with the extra housing fee.

"A key issue is that we renovated the apartments last summer," said Walker.

"It's more expensive to run the apartments — it's a nicer living option. To be fair, there needs to be

gize for what happened. This is typically not the way we work," Walker said. "It was clearly not the intent [to issue the memo late], and I am sorry about that."

Walker said that students who decided not to live in the apartments next year because of the extra fee were not put at a disadvantage for the general housing lottery.

"We just had to do the best we could," said Walker, of the situation. "At least we were able to get [the memo] out the day before."

Doty indicated that another factor that angered her was the lack of communication between her and administrators when the situation first arose.

"Neither Dale Dopp nor Sally Walker were available to talk to until the paper was signed [after the lottery]," said Doty.

Doty saw this as an "unwillingness to answer our questions."

"We kind of feel that it was a way for the college to earn a few hundred more bucks off us," Doty added.

For now, the only consolation that can be offered is promises that a similar situation will not occur again.

"The process will definitely change next year," Walker said.

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"They kind of got us in a stuck situation," said Doty. "I'd certainly think in the last eight months that they'd be able to tell us before the night before [the lottery]."

According to Doty, future residents of Briton Manor and Burns Street apartments had to agree to pay the fee or they would not be permitted to live in the apartments next year.

some difference [from the rates charged to the students living in other campus housing]," Walker added.

Regarding the short notice, Walker was apologetic.

"This is my first year," Walker explained. "I completely forgot that the apartment lottery is earlier [than the lottery for the dormitories]."

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# As We See It Students apathetic? Who cares?

## We need time to celebrate Easter

Many students were rushing back to campus Sunday afternoon. How was this different from any other weekend? Sunday was a holiday.

One would think that an institution with a Christian affiliation, as loose as it may be, would permit its students to celebrate the most important Christian holiday with their families. Instead, those of us who are fortunate to live close enough found ourselves rushing back to campus Sunday afternoon after a very brief celebration with our families. Even if students do not celebrate Easter in a religious means, it is a day in which many families have established traditions.

Those of us who live more than approximately a four hour drive away, or who do not have cars, did not even have this luxury. We would like to suggest the Monday following Easter be a college holiday, even at the expense of having another day of classes tacked on elsewhere. Besides, if we get four days off for Thanksgiving, why not one for Easter?

If a day off would create a problem, how about have classes resume at noon on Monday? This would prevent students from spending the most important day as a Christian on the highway rather than with family.

Granted, not every Albion College student is Christian, but the majority of us are. And in the interest of diversity and the liberal arts, we suggest that the college seek a greater understanding and support of all religions. But when the overwhelming majority of us are Christian, should not our needs be addressed?

Obviously canceling classes every time any world religion celebrates a holy day would be excessive, but the college could take a few simple steps to make it easier for students outside of the Christian faith to practice their religions, such as encouraging the faculty to grant some flexibility with assignments around the time of holidays.

*The Pleiad* staff would like to remind the administrators that religious experiences are very important for many students and encourage them to be sensitive to those needs.

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

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**Viewpoint...**  
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Why don't I care?

Students are fired up over the parking lot issue, but I find that I don't have any strong opinion on it. It makes me wonder if I am one of the "I don't care" generation after all.

Here we have an issue causing debate and action right under our noses. Students are writing, signing and presenting petitions, and I am wishy-washy on my position.

If it helps, I know that there are a number of students just like me on this campus.

More parking? Sounds good. Tear up the Nature Center? Well, I guess they shouldn't do that. Tell me when you have decided.

I care about a lot of things. I find

that since this is not an issue which directly affects me, I don't really care.

Every year, students approach me with petitions for their causes. Even if it doesn't really matter to me, I am willing to help them out and sign. Lately, I have wondered if this is a good idea.

These petitions give students a voice. If I sign without thinking, I am making their voice stronger, causing an imbalance in the argument. Maybe I am making too much out of it and one signature doesn't mean that much, but how many others are just like me?

I tried to think of other campus issues, and what I found was that I had strong opinions only on those which directly impacted my life. Does that make me selfish?

I would like to see ice machines in every dorm. Why? I play sports and often need to ice after practice.

Sometimes, I need ice when the training room isn't open.

Wouldn't an ice machine be convenient for me? It would make my life easier.

I think a lot of people would sign my petition. They would benefit from the ice machine as well. How many students have bought pop that was warm and thought, "Man, I am thirsty. If I only had some ice."

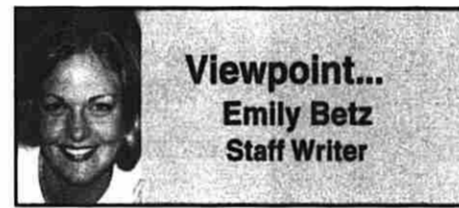
On the surface, calling this a campus "issue" seems a little silly. It is, however, something I feel strongly about.

Perhaps I am getting paranoid over the parking lot problem. After all, I care about issues that affect Albion's campus.

I just don't have any opinion on some of them.

Maybe I'll just go start my ice machine petition. Let me know how the whole parking lot deal turns out.

## Wild Things is fresh, fiesty fun



**Viewpoint...**  
Emily Betz  
Staff Writer

"It's soft porn, Emily."

I was headed out the door to the Bohm when a friend of mine jokingly warned me about the gratuitous nudity in *Wild Things*, starring Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon and Neve Campbell.

But I figured with big names like those, it had to be more than a cheap B-grade.

And it was.

Sure, the audience let out a collective gasp during the sex scene between Matt Dillon's character, Sam Lombardo, a twenty-something school counselor and sailing teacher, and two of his female students. But the shock value in less-than-tasteful scenes like this is made up for in the unconventional plot and the refreshing humor provided by Bill Murray,

who plays Kenneth Bowden, Lombardo's sly and sneaky attorney.

The backdrop of the action is Blue Bay, an up-scale neighborhood in southern Florida where fresh-faced cheerleader Kelly VanRyan has enough freedom and leverage to bring fake rape charges against her crush-worthy school counselor when she fails to seduce him after hours.

In order to frame Lombardo, VanRyan solicits the help of Suzie Toller (Neve Campbell), her rough-around-the-edges schoolmate from the outskirts of Blue Bay. Together, the girls accuse Lombardo of bogus sex crimes, and become swamped in a mess of power, money and lies that keeps the audience forever guessing who truly is running the ship.

Producer Kevin Bacon also stars as Ray Duquette, the detective who follows the Lombardo case and tries to expose Lombardo as a sex- and money-hungry sleaze even after the rape charges are dismissed. Bacon's

performance is strong and convincing, as he is deft in disguising Detective Duquette's own ill motives throughout the film.

The dialogue is sometimes predictable, as in the response of VanRyan's rich and vacant mother to her daughter's pain in being supposedly raped: "Do you want a Valium?" But writer Steven Peters wraps it in a neat package with no loose ends.

Bill Murray is hilarious as the shady lawyer with a neck brace and a strip mall office next to a pawn shop. Neve Campbell abandons her wholesome persona from Fox's *Party of Five* as a tattooed, pot-smoking fighter who will better her situation at any price.

Those who stay through the closing credits will see just how steep a price. The ending is like a playful smack on the face, reminding the viewer that, at least in Blue Bay, money means nothing. And at the same time, it means everything.

## Wesley experience criticized

To the editor:

In "Seaton Hall: a new freshmen experience is evolving" (Pleiad, March 20), Tiffany Gates highlights some concerns of students who worry that in future years, more incoming freshmen will have to live in Seaton Hall, thus missing out on the "Wesley experience." The students interviewed felt that living in Wesley helped them be closer with the rest of the freshmen class.

My problem with this article is that it did not address any of the problems which exist with the 'Wesley experience' as it is. We must ask ourselves: "Is the 'Wesley experience' truly beneficial, or could we give more to our incoming freshmen?" I feel that living in Wesley, instead of helping incoming students to get used to college

life, insulates them from the rest of the campus. Because they live away from upperclassmen, they have less opportunities to get to know more experienced students outside of classes and sports. Thus most freshmen either only get to know other freshmen, or they meet upperclassmen through sports or Greek organizations. But there is plenty of exciting life at Albion outside of sports and the Greek system to which freshmen have less exposure.

Residential life is an important part of the Albion experience. Freshmen need not be isolated to become accustomed to life at Albion. It can be helpful to have upperclassmen around anyway. Separation from the rest of campus makes the label 'freshman' more apparent. In effect, one's identity as a freshman comes before one's identity as a member of the Albion College community in the

current system. To truly build a college community, I think this barrier should be broken down. Wesley should be open to upperclassmen, and the other dorms should be open to freshmen.

It is not the end of the world that not all freshmen can live in Wesley. The "Wesley experience" cannot be a reality to all freshmen any longer. Think of it as an "end of an era." We should start to think about our future vision for the Albion College community, instead of being caught up in unproductive nostalgia. Let us open up a discussion amongst the student body on how, as a whole, we can improve the Albion College residential experience.

Dan Haar  
Rochester Hills junior



# Albion research to be presented across country

Jaime Maciag  
Staff Writer

The academic experience is greatly improved when personal exploration is encouraged. This exploration allows students to indulge personal interests, while drawing on classroom experience.

Many students at Albion conduct individual research projects and papers. They have presented this research at conferences throughout the semester.

This spring, Albion will be represented in front of Congress, at the Michigan Education Counsel, the American Chemical Society and other institutes. On-campus symposiums have also showcased student research.

Jennifer Jacobs, Waterford senior, will present her research to the United States Congress Monday and Tuesday. Jacobs is one of ten students chosen nationwide to participate in the National Conference for Undergraduate research on Capitol Hill.

One purpose of the conference is to reinforce the importance of student funded research. The annual conference offers students the opportunity to participate in a "poster symposium," composed of posters of their research and results. Congress members explore the posters and ask questions during a three hour time period.

Jacobs' poster will detail the work she performed last fall at the Oakridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. During this internship, her work focused on ways to remediate environmentally harmful materials in order to make them less harmful. At the lab, she focused on industries, mainly paper mills, which produce diluted gaseous waste streams.

"This waste is too dilute to burn and too concentrated to exist in our environment," she said.

Specifically her work is called "Microbial

remediation of chloroorganics from dilute gaseous waste streams."

This work applies to everyone because "Chloroorganics are one of the most harmful to the environment," Jacobs said.

She is very excited about the positive effect this research may have in her field and in the support of student funded research, Jacobs said.

Earlier this month, Kate Roessler, Dimondale senior, didn't face Congress, but rather a room full of Michigan teachers. She was one of three Albion students chosen to present at the Michigan Counsel for Social Studies. Her unit taught a lesson plan she created on Colonial America while student teaching last semester.

"The teachers were really supportive," Roessler said.

She was very pleased with the conference.

"It was excellent in terms of experience," she said. "It provided a sense of confidence that was reaffirmed by the teachers present at the conference."

Women's Studies students were able to attend a conference last weekend. Only in this conference, students obtained information to bring back to campus. Patricia Franzen, director of the Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs brought seven students to the GLCA Women's Studies conference held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.

"This was a nontraditional conference," Franzen said, "where students participated in workshops discussing action plans they would like to implement."

The goal of the plans presented is to bridge the campus and community, Franzen said.

Lisa Leitz, Mason junior, attended the conference. During a "Take Back the Night" workshop, she described what Albion

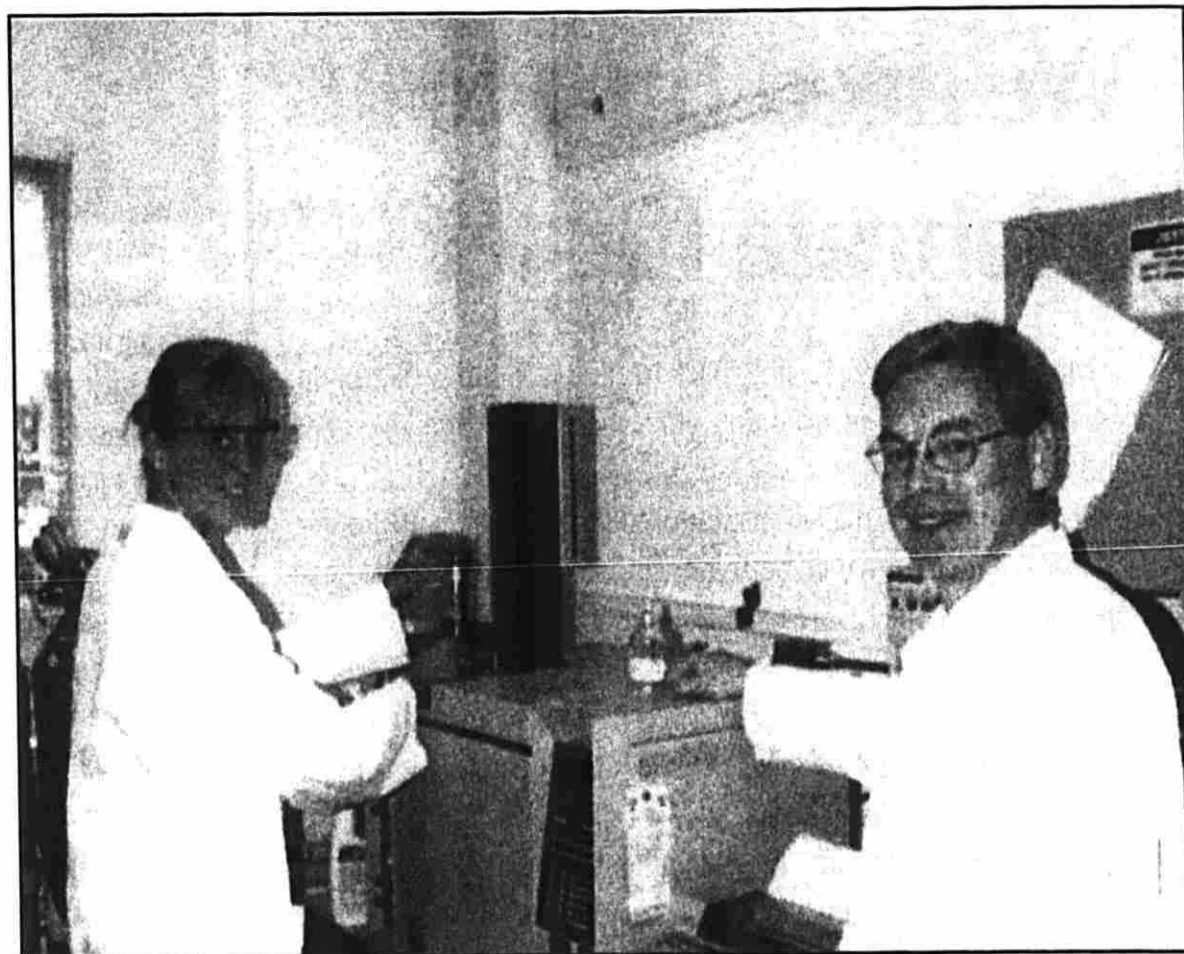


photo courtesy of Jennifer Jacobs

Jennifer Jacobs, Waterford senior, will present her research to the U.S. Congress next week. Jacobs spent last semester at the Oakridge National Laboratory researching "Microbial remediation of chloroorganics from dilute gaseous waste streams." Here she is taking samples using a gas chromatograph with K. Thomas Klasson.

students did to organize for the event.

"It was surprising," Leitz said.

"We are actually more active in the event than other schools."

She offered these other schools ideas to enhance involvement in the rally.

"The conference brought issues forward that no one likes to talk about," said Charlotte Florent, Napa, Calif. freshman, who attended the conference. "Then it is possible for us to recognize the problem and to stop it."

The chemistry department is also active in promoting student research. Four students went to the American Chemical Society meeting March 28 - April 1 in Dallas, Texas.

"They had a great time presenting their work, meeting other prominent scientists who study similar projects, and discussing their work with other undergraduates," said Lisa

Lewis, associate professor of chemistry.

The faculty is an integral part to student research.

"Every summer, the chemistry department has several students spend ten weeks working with faculty on research projects," Lewis said. This is important to the department because "research is the application of what students have learned or are learning," Lewis said.

College faculty sponsor student research throughout the year in many disciplines. This research was presented this week at the Elkin Isaac Research symposium.

This annual on-campus symposium "allows members of the college community to see what other students are doing outside of the classroom," said Craig Bieler, associate professor of chemistry.

## Eco Club makes plans for Earth Week

Jaime Maciag  
Staff Writer

Students are offered a chance to become "green" next week. The annual Earth Week celebration, sponsored at Albion by the Ecological Awareness Club, invites students to become environmentally conscious. The activities have been planned, and the environment is waiting—but not for long.

"The environment relates to everyone," said Jennifer Bujdos, Marshall junior and president of Eco Club, "and we need to act now to preserve it."

There are many events planned throughout the week. The week's events kick off tomorrow with a cleanup of the Whitehouse Nature Center. This event is cosponsored by Eco Club and Alpha Phi Omega.

"Many community members dump excess trash along the road of the Nature Center," said Patrick Boone, Marquette freshman and Nature Center employee. Students will have a chance to help with this cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon, meeting at 9 a.m. in the Kellogg Center Living Room.

The Coffee House collaborates with Eco Club to bring entertainment tomorrow night. "American Mars," a four-member band from Detroit, will play at 10 p.m. They will play hits from their new CD "Late," according to the Coffee House calendar. This will be their first coffee house performance.

The Eco Club's annual speaker will be Brian Tokar, speaking on environmental justice at 8 p.m. Monday in Norris 101. His speech is titled "Earth for sale: The Age of Ecology in the Time of Corporate Greenwash," according to Bujdos.

Lawrence Taylor, professor of geological sciences, will take interested students on a "toxic tour" from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday. His annual tour takes students through Albion

examining the sites that are environmentally threatening, Taylor said. This week's tour will concentrate on Brooks Foundry, one of the three Superfund sites in Albion, which will soon be torn down, Taylor said.

The tour will also visit the Albion Sheraton Township Municipal landfill that was closed more than a decade ago, according to Taylor. It is currently being remediated. Taylor plans to give an overview with a history of these contaminated sites.

"This is a very informative trip," Bujdos said, "because we learn the reality of environmental contamination at the actual site." For reservations, contact Bujdos.

Thursday will feature a commemorative tree planting in honor of President Peter Mitchell.

"This is in honor of his first year at Albion," Bujdos said, "and will grow as he grows with the school."

The ceremony will take place outside Goodrich Chapel, directly after the Honors Convocation.

The week's events will end with the annual EarthFest picnic on Saturday. Students will be served lunch on the quad while listening to familiar tunes. "Jaba da Funk," a student band, will play.

"They are a good-natured, good-spirited band," said Maggie Kuhn, Bloomfield Hills junior.

They will be accompanied by "Giant," a band from Detroit.

"They play a 70s type of music mixed with a Dave Matthews sound," Bujdos said.

Activities will also be available at the picnic. Eco Club will provide hemp to make necklaces in addition to the traditional EarthFest beads. Also, booths will be set up as a means of environmental education. The picnic will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the steps of Kresge Gymnasium.

### Earth Week events



#### Saturday, April 18

-Nature Center cleanup, 9 a.m. to noon  
(meet in K.C. living room)  
-"American Mars" 10 p.m. at Coffee House



#### Monday, April 20

Brian Tokar, speaker, 8p.m.  
Norris 101



#### Tuesday, April 21

"Toxic Tour" 3-5 p.m.  
touring superfund sites of Albion,  
contact Dr. Taylor, geological sciences



#### Thursday, April 23

Tree planting ceremony  
after Honors Convocation, outside  
Goodrich Chapel

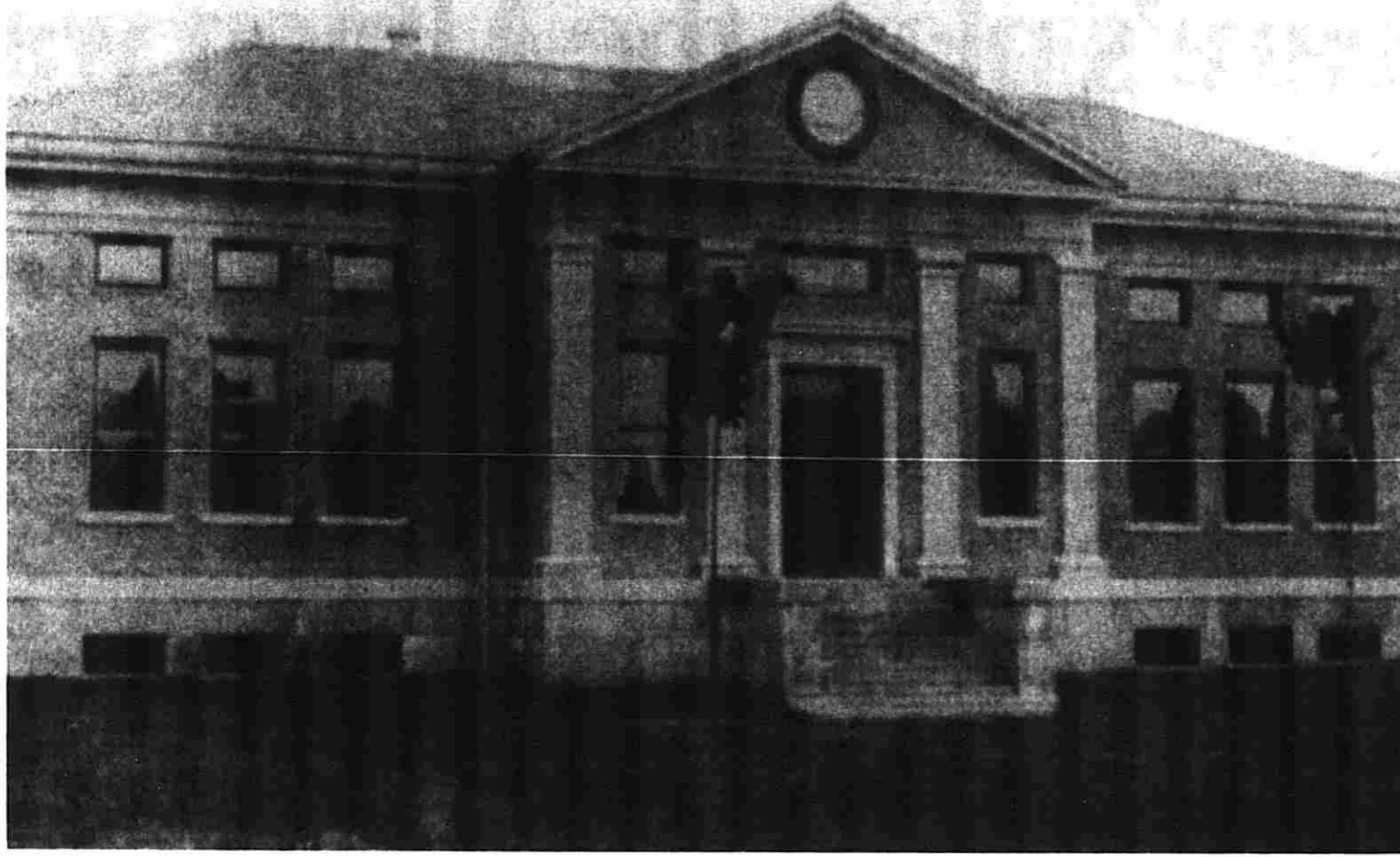


#### Saturday, April 25

EarthFest picnic 11 to 1:30,  
Quad



# A building with history...



*It served as the Lottie L. Gassette Memorial Library for 37 years, and as the administration building ever since. This 97-year-old building will soon be replaced by a new student services building.*

**Rebecca Little**  
Staff Writer

Ever gone to the Lottie L. Gassette Memorial Library to do research?

Nope, but probably to pay the phone bill.

The structure known to current students as the administration building served as the Lottie L. Gassette Memorial Library from 1901-1938.

Before it was constructed the only library was a small reading room in South Hall (now Dickie), the chapel at the time, but this limited space soon became inadequate.

Grand plans were soon made for the construction of the monstrous and gorgeous Bliss Library and War Museum, but these plans went unrealized because of a lack of funds, according to the *Albion College Bulletin: 1939-1944*.

And college officials were starting to get concerned.

"One of the most persistent criticisms against the college was its inadequate library, both in facilities and holdings," states *The Albion College Sesquicentennial History: 1835-1985*.

Then, Mrs. Charlotte T. Gassette of Albion announced her \$10,000 gift. She wanted a memorial to her deceased daughter, a former student, but also something that would serve a useful purpose as a library.

Students were particularly enthusiastic about the new building.

The Dec. 7, 1901 *Pleiad* reads, "As one brick was laid upon another and the walls

steadily mounted upwards, our hearts have swelled with pride. It will be not only an added grace to the campus, but the increased facility for reference and research work will be no small addition to the opportunities Albion offers to her students."

According to the *Albion Recorder*, it was considered an up-to-date, state of the art structure because of its "large number of electric lights...brought into use by the simple pressing of a button."

According to *The Sesquicentennial History*, the campus outgrew the Gassette Library in the 1930s. It was replaced by the larger Stockwell Memorial Library in 1938.

It then became the administration building, called the Lottie L. Gassette Memorial Hall. The former library had been "rebuilt to house all of the administrative offices of the college," *The Sesquicentennial History* states.

But once again the college has outgrown the structure. Plans are currently being made to construct a new student services building on the site of the Gassette building.

"The plans are to move the administration to Epworth this summer, after the music department goes back to Goodrich," said Ken Kolmodin, director of facilities operations.

According to Kolmodin, the schematic design for the new building will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at the end of this month.

And in a couple of years there will be a new building where the Lottie L. Gassette Memorial Library once stood.

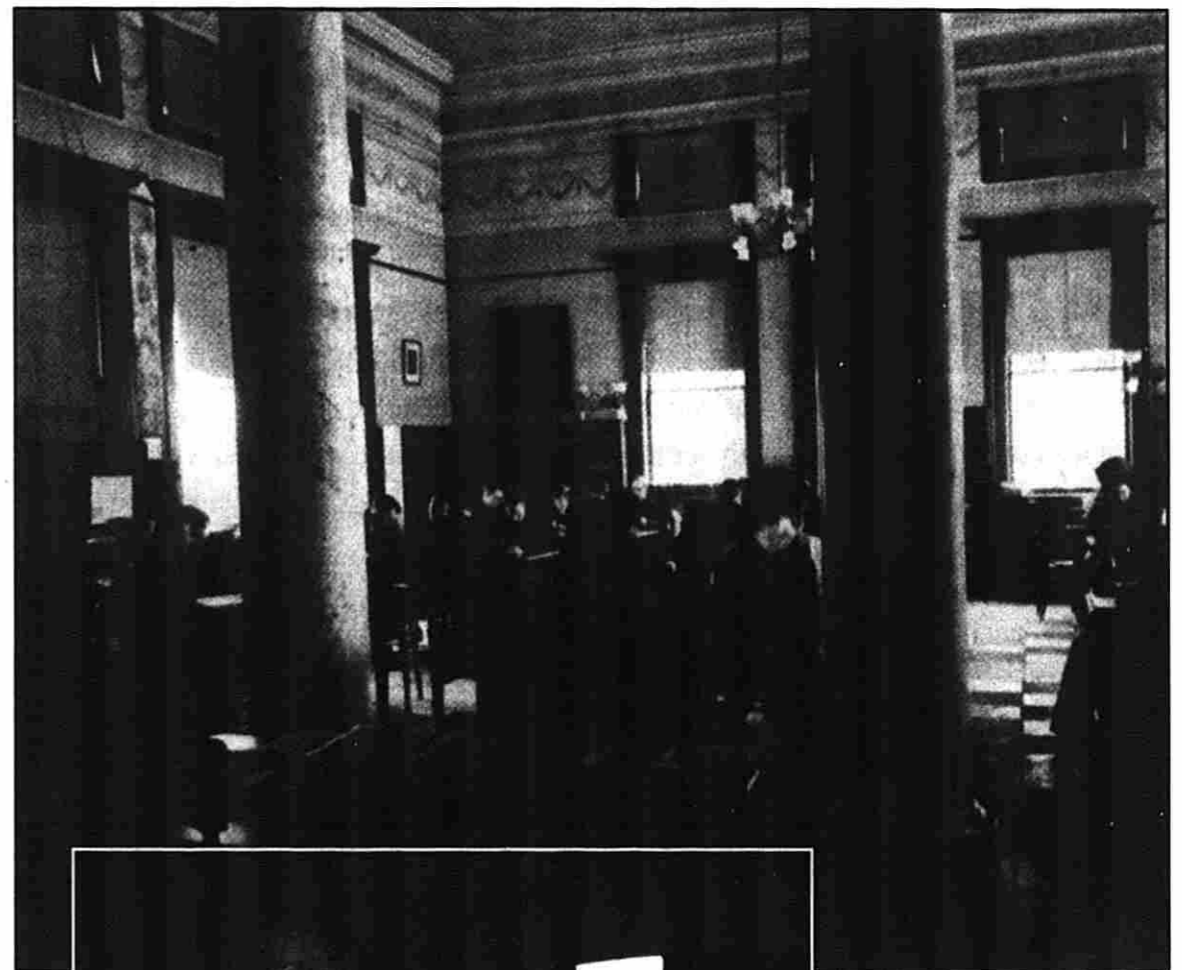


photo from Albion College Sesquicentennial History



photo by Jessie Jones

Top: A view of the Lottie L. Gassette Memorial Library shortly after its construction.

Above: This interior view of the library shows what the building looked like shortly after its construction. The interior has since been carved up to create administrative offices. The building will soon be torn down to make room for the new student services building.

Inset: Henry Cartwright, West Bloomfield junior, cashes a check at the cashier's office in the administration building.

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# Love's Labour's Lost

## Shakespeare's play...the Albion way.

William O'Bryan  
Staff Writer

An Albion College professor has found similarities between a Shakespeare play and Albion College.

The play is Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* and will be shown at the Black Box in the Herrick Center tonight and tomorrow night. The play is directed by Royal Ward, professor of speech communication and theatre.

While on sabbatical, Ward decided to use Shakespeare's play for the spring show. With the help of J. Thomas Oosting, professor of speech communication and theatre, and Charles Crupi, professor of English, Ward made some changes in the play.

Ward's production is not exactly the play Shakespeare wrote.

When asked about the changes Ward said, "We have not added so many lines to accommodate the change, we have re-assigned lines to new characters."

The original play involves four young men who swear that they will study for three years, give up women, fast for one day a week and sleep for just three hours a night. After the men make this vow, four college-



photo courtesy of the theatre department

Rael Will, Berkley sophomore; Erica Johnson, Naperville, Ill. sophomore; Joanne Franze, Harrison Township senior; and Amanda Geerts, Grand Haven senior, rehearse a scene from *Love's Labour's Lost*.

aged ladies show up. Each man falls in love and tries to hide it from his friends.

Ward said he decided to make changes in the play because he saw many parallels between Shakespeare's original piece and Albion College.

"The play seemed very collegiate to me,"

Ward said. "The characters and the situation and the ideas of the play have always seemed very collegiate to me. It deals with rather immature young men who discover the love of women and find out that they have some growing up to do."

In Ward's play the four men are not

Spanish nobles, as in the original. Instead, they are Albion College sophomores who have just made it through their first year and vow to focus on their studies. Ward changed the setting to Albion College in the 1890s.

No characters have been eliminated, but some have been added.

A Peter Mitchell look-alike is one of the additions. The look-alike is the "new" president of the college in Ward's play.

Ward feels that people will relate to it more given the changes.

"The collegiate atmosphere and the exuberance and gaiety of the play make it a perfect production to help celebrate the inauguration of our new president, Peter Mitchell."

"The world of the play is true to Shakespeare," said Ward. "It is not like we are trying to say something different. My ambition is to be true to the play. It is a fun way to do it given our situation at Albion. The similarities I saw just seemed too good to pass up."

The capacity is smaller in the Black Box than it is in the main theatre, so tickets are limited. If the production is sold out, interested parties can be put on a waiting list when the box office opens.



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| Jennifer Margeson | Megan Thomas     |
| Shannon Pavlich   | Esther Urick     |



# Doggie games come to the Quad

Joselyne Hoffmann  
Staff Writer

The ancient Greek athletic festival will have its first canine version at Albion College. It won't be every four years, but every year, and instead of medals, the canines will win flea spray or oral hygiene kits.

From 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday on the Quad, the first 25 "best man and woman's friends" registered will participate with their barks and amazing tricks in the first annual Albion College "Doggie Games."

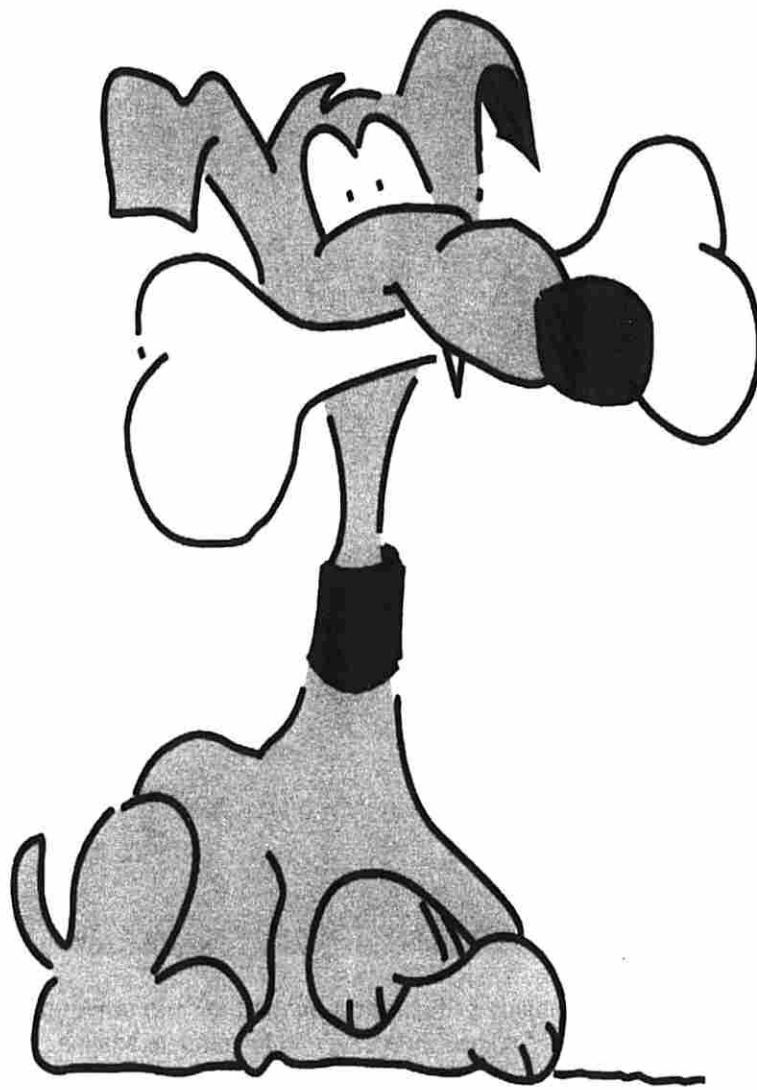
The "Doggie Games" were initiated by Karen Hiatt, assistant operations manager/scheduler at the Kellogg Center, Jeffrey Dunbar, operations manager at the Kellogg Center, and Bille Wickre, assistant professor of visual arts.

Registration for the "Doggie Games" will finish Sunday. All participants need to fill out a registration form available at the Kellogg Center information desk, a copy of your dog's Rabies certificate, and a check or money order for \$2.

According to Dunbar, Alpha Phi Omega volunteers will help out with the Paw Reading Booth (a place to find out about your canine's future) that will be installed in front of the administration building. Visitors will also see some puppies and dogs that the Calhoun area Humane Society, the Greyhound Rescue Society and the Airedale Rescue Society will bring for the Games.

At the Kellogg Center entrance that faces the Quad, Black Student Alliance will register and inform participants about the events, while the Coffee House will serve water and treats for canines, and coffee and snacks for the people, at the Canine Café.

Dunbar also said that the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit will have a drug sniffing demonstration, and a first aid station will be installed by pre-veterinarian



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students and Frank Broccolo, Huntington Beach, Calif. junior.

Three rings will also be installed in the Quad to provide both participants and the audience enjoyment and safety.

The first ring will include the beauty contest, which has two categories: under 30 lbs. and over 30 lbs. In addition, this ring will house the barking contest, the cutest wag contest, and the cutest stubby contest. The Kellogg Center Programming Council will lend a hand with the last two contests.

The frisbee catching contest, conducted by the Albion College Cheer Team and the Class of 1999 Council, will be in the second ring along with the talent show, the obedience and the owner/dog look-alike contest.

In the third ring, attendants to the Games will find the K-9 Kadettes demonstration, the obstacle course (Alpha Phi Omega volunteered for this event), and the practice for Canine Good Citizen Certificate demonstration. The last demonstration and the obedience contest will be monitored by trainers of the K-9 Kadettes.

President Peter Mitchell, Jeffrey Carrier, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, and Michael Zabriskie, associate director of residential life, will be three of the judges.

Other student organizations sponsoring the Games are International House Council, Kellogg Center, Union Board, and the Biology Club. All of them will volunteer for setting up or cleaning up. Hiatt said that the Games are also sponsored by some Albion businesses, so winners in the events will receive gift certificates for Albion Elevator and Felpaush; dog food, flea spray and hygiene oral kits from Irwin Avenue Animal Hospital; biscuits from Quality Farm and Fleet; bandannas from Iams; t-shirts from Barnes and Noble Bookstore; and coupons for Taco Bell and Domino's Pizza.

Several rules for participating are written in the registration forms.

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## Multimedia performances showcased at annual recital

Tiffany Gates  
Staff Writer

All those intrigued by dances that originated in Africa and India, modern dance, jazz, ballroom and tap dancing will be in for a treat at 2 p.m. Sunday April 26 at the Herrick Center Auditorium. Albion dancers have been practicing and cultivating routines to mesmerize their audience.

"My dance solo is not done to music but to poetry, which was new to me," said Chandra Thomas, Pontiac freshman. "It is a dance that symbolizes strength, independence, freedom and overcoming struggles."

Dancers who were in the composition class wrote their dances last semester and taught the dances to the students this semester," said Melissa Wyss, adjunct instructor of physical education.

Choreographing routines and dancing is a crucial part of some of the dancer's lives.

"I am the only senior who has been in it the past four years, and I've choreographed routines every year," said

Jaime Corte, Clinton Township senior.

Some of the students will be performing various styles of dance. They took an interest in the musical rhythms, delicacy and aggressiveness of the body's motions, and the posture of the character they're in.

"I am in the African dance class and I will be performing a basket dance, a dance piece performed at wedding ceremonies, a slow jazz piece, a lyrical ballet piece about emotions, and a modern piece that uses paint and explores space," said Melissa Jellen, Solon, Ohio sophomore.

"The artist will be painting on us and the canvas."

Wyss said that Pamela Choate, Springfield senior, is the artist who will be painting the dancers. She will be accompanied by music as she paints.

Corte is another dancer who has explored a variety of cultural dances.

"I'm doing African dance, Indian folk dance, jazz, tap, traditional 1960s style and a duet," Corte said. "My duet is a combination of ballet and ballroom dancing."

According to Wyss, this had been a very enthusiastic and dedicated group.

She encourages people to attend so that they can support the dancers and hear the musical performance by her special guest.

*"My dance solo is not done to music but to poetry, which was new to me."*

-Chandra Thomas, Pontiac freshman

"We have a guest from Detroit who is choreographing the African dance with five live drummers that will be playing along with the dancers," Wyss said.

According to Wyss, this will be a wonderful performance full of culture and life. The audience will leave with a new respect for the art of dance, she said.

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*Ticket prices: \$2.75 for children 12 and under, senior citizens and before 6 pm and \$3.75 after 6 pm*



# Raindrops keep falling on ... the softball field

Rebecca Little  
Staff Writer

Six weeks into the season, with a record of 5-12, this year's softball team combats not only the competition, but the weather.

"We joke that we're going to take the MIAA by storm, because the storms keep canceling our games," said Coach Karen Baird.

"Our patience is running out. We've lost about nine games in two weeks to weather," she said. "We drove all the way to Defiance, only to have our game canceled."

"Our record is a little low because since spring break we keep getting rained out," said Kacy Davidson, Jackson sophomore.

But spring break was spent in Florida, where the team gained some experience working with each other.

"We played against some good competition," Davidson said.

"They were mainly Division II schools, and NAIA schools," Davidson said, "both of which can give scholarships to their athletes. So we played some great teams."

After the trip, their record was 3-6.

"We were three and six, but we had some close games that we probably should have won," Davidson said.

But the team is under new leadership, and is in the process of "changing culture."

"We have a saying 'change our culture,'" Baird said. "It's kind of corny, but in the past Albion hasn't been great, and now we have a chance to finish in the top of the MIAA. So we want to change our culture."

"This is my first year coaching. I know that we have a lot of new people, but we have some experienced players," Baird said.

The captains are Andrea Salamy, Grosse Pointe Park senior, Piper Metz, Brighton junior, and Deirdre Lindemann, St. Joseph sophomore.

Of the 18 team members, seven are returning from last year.



This season's woman's softball team during their trip to Florida of the semester break. This year's trip went well according to the team because of the level of competition they had to compete against.

photo courtesy of Jen Campbell

Nine of the women are freshmen, while nine are upperclass.

We have four freshmen starters. I expect great things from these rookies," Baird added.

But in spite of the new membership, the team has already outdone last year's record.

"We have half the wins of what they had last year—total," Davidson said.

"I think that the season is going to go really well," Salamy said. "We're a young team, we have a lot of talent, and this year everything is really coming together with the new coach and players."

"We have a lot of team unity, and we really play well together," Metz said. "We complement each other's skills. It's a 100 percent improvement from last season."

"There's no comparison between this and last year's team," Salamy said. "We're closer, and we have more

camaraderie this year. We have our existing talent, and with the addition of the incoming class, it got that much better. Things are really coming together."

"I've been a part of the MIAA for a while because I played in it," Baird said. "The team I have is pretty fit to compete with other MIAA schools. Not only compete, but beat."

The first home game was against Alma, which Davidson called "the best team in the league." The team lost both games 4-0.

After nearly six weeks of the season, the team has only four league games under its belt.

"The next three weeks are very busy for softball," Baird said. "We have two or three games a week, and every time we play we have a double header. It's going to be tough, but I know my team can do it."

## Men's cross country team academic leaders

Jeffrey Carrier, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, announced at the faculty meeting Thursday, April 9, that the Albion men's cross country team has the highest grade point average of any Division III team in the country. The team has an overall grade point of 3.636. This figure was calculated from the grade point averages of the seven members of the team who ran at regional competition.

## Tennis season in full swing

Dave Evensen  
Staff Writer

Tennis season is in full swing for the Albion College men's and women's varsity teams, and so far each have held serve.

After wins over Defiance College on March 30 for the women and April 1 for the men, each have compiled a perfect MIAA mark of 2-0 and 1-0, respectively.

A match consists of six singles games and three doubles games, and the team to win at least five of the nine games will win the match. Against Defiance, the women's team did not lose a single game while the men lost only one.

"Last year we lost to Defiance 8-1," said Bryce Jaskowski, Livonia senior and captain of the men's team. "This year we won 8-1." With the win over Defiance, the men have already improved upon their record from last year, where they went 0-5 in the MIAA.

"All I can say now is that we're better as a team than we were last year," said Bob Adkins, men's and women's tennis coach, of the men's squad. "We have a lot of work to do."

Meanwhile, the women's team is looking to improve upon a third-place finish in the MIAA last year.

"The girls look pretty good," Adkins noted. "Kalamazoo, Hope, St. Mary's and Albion are all in there. We'll have to see how it goes."

"We're looking really good," said Tracy Gray, Sterling Heights freshman and member of the women's team. "I'm hoping top three [for the MIAA]."

Confidence is one virtue the women's team does not seem to lack, at least not after their first two MIAA victories.

"We crushed them," Gray said, of the win over Defiance. "And against Alma we only lost one."

Both teams have attributed a lot of their growth to their spring break trip to Hilton Head, where the women went 2-0 in matches held there and the men went 2-1.

"We kind of bonded," Gray said.

On the men's side, Jaskowski and Donald Dimitrioff, Lansing sophomore, showed leadership in a must-win game against Savannah Art and Design of Georgia.

"Don and I were the last doubles match," Jaskowski said. "We had to win and it turned out well."

With Jaskowski's and Dimitrioff's win, Albion won the match 5-4.

"I'm hopeful that we will do well," Jaskowski said, looking ahead to the rest of the season. "Our goal is to do the best that we can."

Support has been strong for the teams. "We've had really good fans," Gray said. "Even when we were winning at the end, people stayed and watched."

"I like it when people cheer me on," Gray added. "Come out and watch us play."

The women's team plays Hillsdale at 3p.m. today at the Dow.

## This week in sports

**Baseball:** Tuesday 17: vs Hope (1) 4 p.m.  
Friday 18: vs Hope (2) 1 p.m.

**Softball:** Saturday & Sunday:  
Wittenberg University Tournament,  
Springfield, Ohio

**Tennis: Men**

Wednesday 22: @ Aquinas

**Women**

Friday 17: vs Hillsdale 3 p.m.

Tuesday 21: @ Adrian 3 p.m.

Thursday 23: @ St. Mary's 3 p.m.

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