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## College and community come together for a cause



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College students Jason Preglow, Chicago sophomore, and Joseph Verbeke, Lapeer sophomore, and community member Dion Newton, help out on City Service Day by sawing some branches before they are hauled off in the trucks. For more information and photos on City Service Day, see page 4.

## Residential Life temporarily short-staffed

Jen Campbell  
Staff Editor

Resident directors have doubled up on responsibilities this semester to make up for two open positions which are expected to be filled by next semester.

According to Lisa Batterbee, director of residential life, Albion generally carries five RDs.

This semester, there are three RD's and an associate director.

The position of RD of fraternities and Erie street annex has temporarily been filled by Michael Zabriskie, associate director of residential life, who said he got the job partly because he had Greek experience and also because he was interested in doing it.

"I was very willing to take on those additional responsibilities," Zabriskie said.

How did Albion get in this position in the first place?

According to Batterbee, when

school finished for the year in May, it was known that there were three people leaving. A fourth position opened during the summer

Batterbee noted that this is not an unusual problem for colleges and



photo by Charlotte Florent

Lawrence Tucker, assistant director of Residential Life

universities.

"All over, there are not enough housing director candidates to fill housing director vacancies," Batterbee said.

According to Batterbee, Albion's qualifications for RD include a Master's degree in "student person-

nel or related field," as well as live-in residential life experience.

Depending on the position, Batterbee added, additional qualifications apply. For example, the RD for Twin is generally the judicial co-



photo by Charlotte Florent

Latrina Denson, assistant director of residential life

ordinator, and thus would require a candidate with experience or knowledge in judicial affairs.

The positions will be posted during the fall, in hopes that they will be filled by "Master's level December graduates," Batterbee said.

At least until second semester, the

current RD's may have some added responsibilities.

Latrina Denson, who is the RD for Whitehouse, International House and Dean Hall, has also picked up Burns street apartments and Briton house apartments for the time being. She said that she is, "pretty comfortable with the issue."

Denson plans to work very closely with her resident assistants.

"I have weekly meetings with my RA's rather than bi-weekly meetings. It's easier to keep track of everyone," Denson said.

According to Denson, she hopes to make herself more accessible to her students through her RA's.

Andrew Campbell, RD for Seaton, Fiske, the annexes and temporarily for Twin towers, is mostly concerned that he remain in touch with the students.

"I am more of an administrator than I have been in the past, and more than I want to be," Campbell said.

"It's a problem because I don't

see 'RD's' pg. 2

# Albion ranking unchanged

Patrick O'Connell  
Staff Editor

"U.S. News and World Report" has published their annual ranking of the nation's colleges and universities. Albion came out ranked in the third tier among national liberal arts colleges.

Albion joined Alma in tier three, while Kalamazoo and Hope, members of the Great Lakes Colleges Association with Albion, were ranked in tier two.

The rankings are based on overall academic reputation, class size, graduation rates, retention rates, number of full-time faculty, acceptance rate and alumni giving. The scores in each category combine to give a school an overall ranking.

The top 40 schools are considered tier one schools, the schools ranked 41-89 are placed in tier two, and the colleges ranked 90-122 are in tier three. After number 40 the magazine does not assign a school a particular ranking, only a tier position.

The rankings are divided into four overall categories: national universities, regional universities, national liberal arts colleges, and re-

gional liberal arts colleges.

Albion's placement in the national liberal arts colleges category reflects the fact that all schools in that classification focus exclusively on undergraduate education and award at least 40 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines, according to the report.

Regional liberal arts colleges, where Hillsdale College was ranked second in the Midwest, differ in that they are less selective than the national colleges.

A look at the actual numbers that separate Albion from schools ranked in the higher tiers finds the differences to be extremely slight. Albion had an identical academic reputation rating and a better class size under 20 percentage than Hope, a higher graduation rate than Kalamazoo, and the percentage of full time faculty at Albion was higher than either of the two schools placed in the higher division.

Kevin Kropf, associate director of admissions, said that while the magazine's rankings are important, being placed in tier three isn't necessarily going to lower admissions or the overall reputation of Albion as an academic institution.

"The higher ranked college isn't always the better school for the student," Kropf said. "Any ratings they're going to put out are purely their opinion."

While Kropf said that he would like to see Albion rated higher, preferably in the top tier, Albion isn't going to panic because of the ranking.

"Are we going to start tinkering with things so that we can show better in the rankings? I don't think so. Does the ranking adequately reflect what Albion College really is? No," Kropf said.

Two years ago, the Albion College Student Senate moved to officially denounce the magazine's rating, claiming that the methods and techniques used to compile the data gave Albion an unfair rating. This year there has been no such move.

Anne Kretzmann, River Forest, Ill. junior, said she was familiar with the "U.S. News and World Report" rankings, but was unaware of Albion's most recent placement.

"It does a little bit concern me." But she continued by saying, "I think that the regional reputation of Albion is good enough that the ranking doesn't matter."

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get to spend as much time with students as I did before I had this extra building," Campbell added.

Campbell, who calls this lack of RDs a "national phenomenon" said he deliberately takes on the administrative tasks in order to free up the RAs so they can spend more time working with the students.

"Some students just don't realize what their RAs are capable of doing," Campbell said.

Although Campbell has taken on the role of RD for Twin, he has not taken over the role of judicial coordinator. According to Campbell, Batterbee is filling that position.

Lawrence Tucker, assistant director of Residential Life, is the new Residential Director for Welsey. Although he has no additional responsibilities as a result of the shortage, he continues to coordinate the first year experience.

Zabriskie has already been showing his face around campus and at the fraternity parties.

"I hung out at the different parties, making sure I was there and accessible if they needed me," Zabriskie said.

He also has responsibilities as associate director of residential life, so there might be times when he is more difficult to get in touch with, although he adds, "In some respects, I may be more accessible because I am in the office all day."

According to Zabriskie, because the fraternities are a more independent living environment, what is important is, "assessing the needs of each building and making sure I can meet those needs in ways that are appropriate for me to do so."

According to Batterbee, Residential life will also be helping out wherever they can.

There is more of a feeling of "I need to put myself where the students are rather than having the students find me," Batterbee said.

## Campus News...

### Student Senate— Admissions—

The Campus and Community Relations Committee is holding its first open discussion of the year. The event will take place on Tuesday, September 22 at 8 p.m. in the Kellogg Center Living Room. The topic will be *Safety at Albion: What are the Issues?* This event will allow any student or member of the college community to participate in voicing their concerns on this issue.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has awarded Albion College a Silver Medal for Worldwide Web site development.

Albion is one of the ten colleges and universities chosen out of 130 web sites chosen.

According to the panel of CASE judges, Albion's page stood out because of its innovation and its introduction of America's First Virtual

Open House, which was held last February.

The Open House featured over 70 chat rooms and reached students across the country and over seas. Judges were impressed and noted that the site also "facilitates applications through an online application and includes a virtual tour. Finally, Albion has an admissions counselor dedicated to answering e-mail and providing counseling electronically."

### APALS—

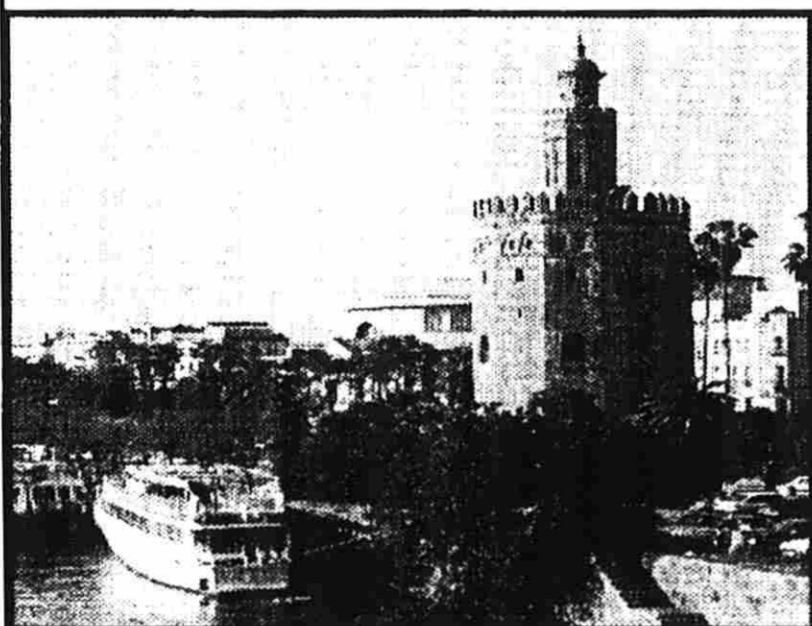
APALS sponsors Quartetto Gelatto, a Canadian quartet, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Goodrich Chapel. The quartet mixes classical melodies, operatic arias, dance music and gypsy fiddling with a dozen different instruments.

Tickets to APALS events are free to APALS subscribers and current faculty, staff, students and retired administrators and faculty emeriti of Albion College.

### Community—

At 1:45 p.m. on Friday, the Albion Department of Public Safety, responded to a train and pedestrian accident at the intersection of Huron and East Porter Streets. An Amtrak passenger train struck Percy Williams, a 94 year old man in a motorized wheelchair. He was pronounced dead at the scene due to massive injuries. The incident is still under investigation at this time. No passengers were injured.

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Sat.—2:30, 5:20, 7:20  
Sun.—2:30, 5:20, 7:20  
M, T, Th.—5:20, 7:20

### Knockoff:

F, Sat., W—9:20

Ticket prices: \$2.75 for children 12 and under, senior citizens and before 6 pm and \$3.75 after 6 pm  
Wednesday is College Night—Buy one ticket, get another free (with College I.D.)

## As We See It

# Accessibility issues raised on campus

President Peter Mitchell has been setting an abundance of goals for the Albion College community. These goals include increasing enrollment and formulating an overall vision for the college. However, in order to achieve these goals, we need to be sure that we can meet the needs of everyone here at Albion.

One issue that has been raised before and still hasn't gone away is handicap accessibility on campus. While all of the academic buildings on campus are accessible for wheelchair use, there are still buildings on this campus that are not.

Baldwin Dining Hall, one of the buildings that receives the most use by a majority of the students as well as guests, is the building with the worst accessibility. With the recent remodeling of the loading dock, there is some improvement, yet one needs to go to the rear entrance of Baldwin and through the kitchen to access the elevator.

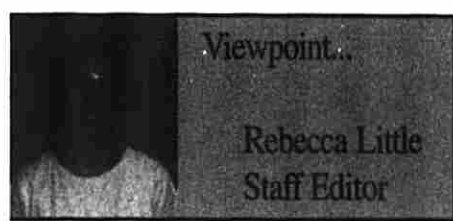
We at the *Pleiad* feel that this issue is of the utmost importance, and if we are setting a vision to move this institution into the next century, we need to address a problem such as this, which inhibits the accessibility of our college to others. We hope that this matter is taken care of in an efficient manner.

We would like to congratulate the administration for noting the problem, and for taking the first steps in renovating the college's facilities. With a ramp included in the Goodrich Chapel renovation and the upcoming remodeling which will make the front entrance of Baldwin barrier free, we acknowledge that they continue to move in the right direction.

While we realize that this process could take time and money, it is an important task that must be taken care of quickly. Fortunately our administration realizes that there is a problem and is working to correct it.

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

# Albion finally in spotlight



Viewpoint..

Rebecca Little  
Staff Editor

"Albion? Where the hell is that?"  
A common reaction when I name my college.

Not well known outside of Michigan, most people are not familiar with our small liberal arts school stuck in the Midwest.

Well, those days are over. Albion College has risen from the ranks of obscurity to national fame.

Last semester, we had some successful coverage after the Virtual Open House. Yet hardly enough to make "Albion College" a household name.

But in the past six months or so, Albion has been mentioned in two major publications and on the *Tonight Show*.

It all started with an infamous brochure. It showed President Clinton standing next to an Albion intern, with the caption "Get hands-on experience at Albion College."

Obviously, the brochure was published pre-Monica, pre-dress stain, and "pre-apology."

But the unfortunate wording let Albion have a small piece of notori-

ety in a national scandal.

Jay Leno brought our local joke to a national audience in his "Headlines" on the *Tonight Show*. He featured the brochure, but unfortunately muddled the pronunciation of Albion so it rhymed with Zion. But nonetheless, there we were, on national TV.

Most of the faculty and students that I talked to thought the brochure was funny, and were amused by Leno's inclusion in his routine.

*"Albion College has risen from the ranks of obscurity to national fame."*

Maybe that could have been our angle for wider recognition. "Albion—the college with a sense of humor."

But the girl in the photo didn't think it was so funny.

According to the August 31 issue of "Time Magazine," "Carrie Photosios, a former intern at the Justice Department, is suing Jay Leno over a joke he made using a photo of her standing next to President Clinton."

And there we were, in a major publication—Albion College.

According to "Time," Photosios is

suing Leno and three others for \$75,000 worth of "embarrassment, humiliation and indignity."

But still, I think we can work with this. Maybe now our angle can be, "Albion graduates—identifying and seizing economic opportunities."

Concurrently to the "Time" article, Albion was mentioned in another major publication, "U.S. News and World Report."

The college rankings came out, and once again, Albion was disappointed by the third tier status.

The August 31 issue ranked Kalamazoo and Hope both in the second tier, while we sit lower on the page.

But all is not lost. Albion is the first school mentioned in the third tier.

True, after the first tier the individual rankings stop and the colleges are listed alphabetically.

But who really reads the fine print anyway?

"Albion College—the very best of the lower third."

Most people remember the scandals much better and much longer than anything positive, so maybe we can turn all this to our advantage.

"Albion? Oh, I think I've heard of it."

That's a reaction I can live with.



# Career development offers opportunity

Laura Bogardus  
director of career development

Q: I keep hearing about a career e-mail list. What is it? Is it just for seniors?  
-Wondering in Wesley

A: Dear Wondering in Wesley,

The Career E-mail Distribution List is one tool you can use to stay connected to career opportunities and information. The Office of Career Development uses the list to disseminate timely information to students. Internship opportunities, job openings, workshop notices, or a change in the on campus recruiting schedule might be sent via this list. It does not represent all of the information in the office, but it does inform you of some great opportunities.

The list is actually four distribution lists, broken down by career fields using academic majors as guidelines. It is best to sign up for the list that most closely matches your

career interests. For example, if you are a philosophy major and are interested in marketing, sign up for the business list. If you are undecided, join the group that sounds the most interesting. Feel free to sign up for more than one group.

All students, from first year through senior year, are encouraged to join. Internship opportunities can be relevant at each level, and it is important for underclass students to become familiar with and utilize the Office early in their college careers. This service can be beneficial for those who plan to attend graduate school as well as those seeking employment after graduation.

Sign up is easy! Contact Career Development's home page, visit the Office, call x0332, or e-mail lblaney@pci.albion.edu for simple instructions!

Do you have a question you would like answered in the *Pleiad* by Career Development? Mail it to the Office of Career Development, 4900 KC, or you can send e-mail to lbogardus@pci.albion.edu

This week's career programs:

**Monday:**  
First Resume Deadline Date for Fall Recruiting.  
Mock Interview Program Registration.

**Tuesday:**  
Developing Interview Skills Workshop.

**Wednesday:**  
Rehmann Robson Information Session.

Contact Career Development for details.

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# Albion gets back to work



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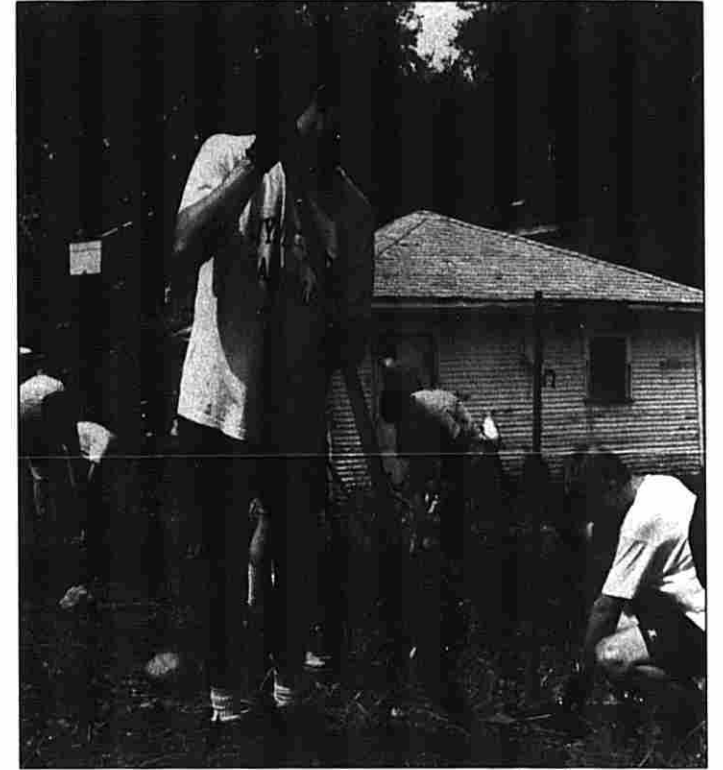


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Above: Jovan Giaino, Wyandotte junior, works at his site on City Service Day. Left: Albion College students and community members band together to better our Albion community. Below left: Mackenzie Wheeler, Golden Valley, Minn. junior and Jennifer Wolf, Sterling Hts. freshman, team up at the Whitehouse Nature Center.



photo by Jamie Justus

## City Service Day brings students and community together

Once again the campus community and the community of Albion worked together to better our environment. This year over two hundred people participated at sixteen different sites. This year was the first that upperclassmen as well as first year students were invited to participate in the day's activities. "I think that it was a neat way of getting freshmen immersed in Albion College and the community. It was a good way [for them] to meet upperclassmen and do something positive in the community," said Mackenzie Wheeler, Golden Valley, Minn. junior.

At many of the sites, weeding and picking up trash were important activities. Some participants straightened shelves and washed walls at the Albion Public Library, while others folded clothes and compiled food baskets at the Missionary Outreach Church. Matthew Okraszewski, Gladstone senior, summed it up nicely when he said, "It introduced a lot of people to different ways in which they can better the community. Hopefully they will continue to become more active in Albion's community, as well as their home community."

## Speaker says students are taught fantasy history

Laurel Weinman  
Staff Writer

Imagine a historical landmark glorifying a city official who was largely responsible for making an American city racist and segregated. No such landmark would be allowed to remain standing, right? The residents of Dearborn, Michigan know differently.

This suburban town was home to Orville L. Hubbard, mayor from 1942 to 1978. During this time, he helped make Dearborn a segregated community. A statue in his honor stands in front of the city hall.

For the 87% of Americans who haven't had a college-level history course, the information obtained from these historic markers are usually taken as fact. This mass false education of our citizens, especially our youth, is what inspired author James Loewen to write "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong." Loewen spoke here Sept. 8 in the first event of the Albion Performing Artist and Lecture Series.

"We have been lied to in high school and in other aspects of our culture—and throughout the educational system, not just in high school," said Loewen, professor of sociology at the University of Vermont.

Loewen said he was shocked at what his college students knew, or more importantly what they did not know, about American history. He said his students had readily accepted falsehoods and myths that were presented to them in history textbooks for decades.

"Textbooks aren't based on what they should be based

on," Loewen said. "Generally, they are based on each other. So the mistakes made in 1890 are still mistakes made today."

Loewen, who spent two years at the Smithsonian Institution researching twelve widely used American history textbooks, argues that many key events and concepts in history are misunderstood and misinterpreted in these books.

As a result, he said, high school teachers have been inadvertently feeding their students falsehoods about American history.

It also became obvious to Loewen that most high school history classes do not do justice to recent history when he discovered that 22% of his college freshman class thought the Vietnam War was fought between North and South Korea. Loewen speculated that most history teachers shy away from the more recent past to avoid the controversy that surrounds the issues.

"The perversions that have been done to American history in high school textbooks are terrible," Loewen said.

Even one of the most famous events in American history, the discovery of the "New World" by Columbus, is now told almost as a myth, Loewen said. A myth that succeeds in making Columbus more of a hero than he was. Through misinterpretation of events, Columbus is described as the great white man of history rather than one who decimated native cultures—including the entire indigenous population of Haiti.

Loewen urged teachers and students to think critically about all their readings, especially those in textbooks. Loewen also noted that most textbooks turn students against the study of history—one of the reasons why only 13% of Americans

take a history course while in college, Loewen said.

College history courses are much better because they more often use the "great" secondary sources that have been published in the last twenty years, Loewen said. Professors also require their students to think critically about what they read.

"Lies My Teacher Told Me" won the 1996 American Book Award and the Oliver Cromwell Cox Award for distinguished anti-racist scholarship.

More information about Loewen and his work is available at his web site: [www.uvm.edu/~jloewen](http://www.uvm.edu/~jloewen).

Loewen concluded with the thought that all of the Americans who keep accepting their history from such misleading sources are those who will go on putting up statues for the likes of Orville Hubbard.



James Loewen

# Festival food booths celebrate ethnicity

Emily Betz  
Staff Editor

The baklava is flaky, the corn bread sweet. The tamales? Piping hot.

Over 65 food booths will line Superior Street and Stoffer Plaza tomorrow, vending cuisine that represents almost every nationality and culture. The chefs are all Albion locals, sharing native and family recipes for the 32nd annual Festival of the Forks.

The small-town celebration is the brainchild of three Albion community members who, during the 60s, worked to create a coming-together of Albion's rich ethnic backgrounds.

According to Leslie Dick, historian for the Albion Public Library, part of Albion's diversity stems from the factories that once boomed in the community.

"The foundries here needed workers, and they went abroad to bring in Russian and German immigrants," Dick said.

"Irish families also came to build the railroads."

She said that during World War I, the foundries recruited Southern African-Americans to work in Albion. Later in the century, Albion's neighboring onion farms attracted a strong Hispanic community.

"We had this diversity here and were doing nothing to try to be united," said Anna Merritt, Festival of the Forks steering committee chair. "This festival is like a release, everyone seems to look for it."

The festival is named for the confluence of the Kalamazoo River, or the "forks" where Albion's early settlers built the first lean-to shelter in 1833.

River forks give the festival its name, but it's another kind of fork that makes Albion's population double to 16,000 for the three-day affair.

"Thirty-two years ago the big event was the food booths, and that's still true today," Merritt added.



photo courtesy of Albion Public Library

One of the ethnic food booths at the 1967 Festival of the Forks.

The lines will start forming around 10 a.m. Saturday, as community members lay out their fare. Mona Saldana, 417 N. Huron, has spent the last two months preparing over 1500 corn tortillas for her now-famous tacos.

"I've been doing this for 28 years," Saldana said. "Each year I make more, but I always run out."

Other local flavor? There's

sweet potato pie, pastries, ribs and dozens of homemade cookies.

And according to Merritt, visitors can enjoy a complete meal for under \$5.

The festival begins tonight, with an African masquerade dance performance at 7:30 p.m. in Goodrich Chapel. At dusk, luminaries will light the forks of the Kalamazoo river in Rieger Park.

## Festival of the Forks Schedule of Events



### Friday

- Art Show and Book Sale—Albion Public Library
- Bicycle Decorating Contest—Stoffer Plaza
- Pet Show—Stoffer Plaza
- Spaghetti Dinner—Salem United Church
- Luminaries at the River—Victory Park
- Children's Carnival Rides—Rieger Park
- African Masquerade Dancers—Goodrich Chapel
- Gardner House Museum—Superior St.

### Saturday

- Information Booth—Superior/Cass
- 4 Mile Run—Victory Park
- Children's Parade—Michigan and Superior
- Ambulance Service—Cass and Superior
- Albion Public Safety—Cass and Superior
- Antique Thrashers—Rieger Park
- Arts and Crafts Booths—Superior St.
- Art Show and Book Sale—Public Library
- Bingo Tent—E. Superior St. Public Parking Lot
- Boy Scout Canoe Race—Victory Park
- Chicken BBQ—Stoffer Plaza
- Children's Activities—All Around Town
- Children's Carnival Rides—Rieger Park
- Costume Characters—Superior St.

- Face Painting—Superior St.
- Flea Market—Rieger Park/Ionia St.
- Forks Awards—Center St. Stage
- Gardner House Museum—S. Superior St.
- Food Booths—Superior and Stoffer Plaza
- Live Entertainment—Center St. Stage
- Llamas—Rieger Park
- Mr. Lee Music—Stoffer Plaza
- National Guard Unit—Victory Park
- Petting Zoo—Rieger Park
- Pie Eating Contest—Superior and Erie St.
- Pony Rides—Rieger Park
- Public Awareness Information—Eric and Superior
- Quilt Drawing—Gardner House Museum
- Softball Tournament—Harris Field
- 3 on 3 Basketball—Parking Lot behind Public Safety
- Water Ball Contest—Cass Street Bridge
- Derick Edwards Bike Safety Jamboree—Victory Park Pavillion
- Evening Parade—Superior St.
- Teen Dance—Parking Lot behind Public Safety

### Sunday

- Children's Carnival Rides—Rieger Park
- Gardner House Museum—Superior St.
- Softball Tournament—Harris Field

This week at  
Albion College..



Rebecca Little  
Staff Writer

It was twenty years ago this week, Bernard T. Lomas was president of the college and Jimmy Carter was President of the United States.

The W. Dean Aquatic Center began its first year of operation, along with a new computer center. This computer center housed just one computer.

The freshman class was the largest to that point, with 594 students enrolled. The increase in enrollment was offset by converting 6 college owned buildings into annexes.

Of those 594 freshman, one student began his first month of school by starting a small fire in his Seaton Hall room. To avoid awakening his roommate, he draped a towel over the closet light. The towel ignited, and luckily smoke alarms detected the fire before anyone was injured.

Edward Maney, the college food service director, was battling problems in Baldwin. Students were complaining about poor menu selections and flies in the dining room. Extra chemical treatments were used to fight off the bugs, but Maney reminded students, "the food won't be like Mom's. When dealing with a large volume, the quality will decrease."

And, the Britons were to play Mt. Union for their opening football game of the season. (Albion won, 13-10).

Twenty years ago at Albion there was an increase in technology, first year students living in Seaton Hall, rampant complaints about Baldwin food, and a game against Mt. Union. So much has changed...

(All information obtained from the Sept. 15, 1978 Pleiad.)

## Attention All ResNet Users (Current or Future)

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A group of Albion College students gather around the members of the band Blessid Union of Souls after they performed at last spring's concert at the Dow Center.

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## A summer of blessid memories

Zack Loeprich  
Senior Editor

"These are our friends from Michigan."

This may seem like a normal introduction and it is until the story behind it is heard.

Three Albion College students, Emily Line, Marshall junior, Jennifer Barnes, Wyandotte junior, and Casey Monroe, Portage senior, took time this summer to visit a group of friends. This would be quite typical for anyone, only that their group of friends is just that, a group, Blessid Union of Souls.

Following last spring's concert when Blessid performed at the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center, Line and Barnes introduced themselves to the members of the band. After hanging out with them for a while, they overheard guitarist Jeff Pence say he was hungry.

"He said he was hungry and since none of the other band members wanted to go out, we told him we'd take him to Cascarelli's," Line said.

Pence accepted and the girls invitation took him back to Whitehouse to get Line's car keys.

After Cascarelli's, the friends went back to the Best Western motel to visit the rest of the band. Before leaving, they exchanged e-mail addresses with Blessid and were invited to their next concert in Cleveland.

Cleveland was the first of six concerts attend by Line, Barnes and Monroe. The other concerts were in Bloomington, Ill., Toledo, South Bend, and two in Indianapolis.

Over the course of those concerts, the girls formed a close friendship with the five-member band. Following each concert, the girls socialized with the band and members of other bands. The girls and some members of Blessid went out to eat on several occasions and would also go shopping together.

"When you're with them, you'd never know they're famous," Line said. "They're so down to earth. It's like we've known them for years."

The friends not only had the pleasure of

meeting and hanging out with Blessid before and after their concerts, they also got to meet and see several other artists perform. These include, Lisa Loeb, Edwin McCain, who sings current hit, "I'll Be," Meredith Brooks, who sings "Bitch," and Billie Meyers, who has the current hit "Kiss the Rain."

When the girls were in the lobby of the Embassy Sweet Hotel in Indianapolis with Blessid's lead singer Eliot Sloan, he introduced them to Lisa Loeb.

"These are our friends from Michigan."

For an avid fan of any band, following one group around to several different concerts is normal. Perhaps that fan has a few T-shirts, a few posters hanging in his or her room, or perhaps an autographed picture.

For Line, Barnes and Monroe, their relationship with Blessid goes beyond that. They regularly e-mail each other and occasionally talk on the phone. Whenever Blessid performs, Sloan will e-mail the girls the information and will have their tickets and backstage passes ready for them. Also, at each concert they attend, Blessid always stops and acknowledges that Line, Barnes and Monroe are in the crowd.

"When we're watching them perform and we know there are 10,000 people all there to watch them too and they point to us..." Barnes said, "it's such a moving experience," finished Line.

"We don't consider it special treatment, we just consider it a genuine friendship," Monroe said. "It's a great feeling when all their screaming fans are asking for an autograph after a concert and they're paying attention to us."

"We don't consider it out of the ordinary because we consider them friends for life," Line added.

"I'll never look at another concert the same way," Monroe said. "It's a different feeling when you're watching them because when the concerts ends, our time with them is not over."

At the Circle Fest concert in Indianapolis, the band even dedicated the song "I Wanna Be There," to "our good friends."

Standing front row at the Bloomington concert, the girls got another surprise.



Photo courtesy of Casey Monroe

Above: (L-R) Emily Line, Marshall junior, Eliot Sloan, Blessid Union of Souls lead singer, Jennifer Barnes, Wyandotte junior, and Casey Monroe, Portage Senior, stop for a picture before the girls departed after a Blessid concert. Barnes is wearing the hat Sloan gave to her.

Left: Lisa Loeb and her guitarist Dweezel Zappa opened for Blessid at the Fourth of July "Uncle Sam Jam" in Indianapolis.

Below: Line and Blessid Union guitarist Jeff Pence trade shoes. Line is wearing the shoes Pence wears for every performance.



Photo courtesy of Emily Line

"During their concert in Bloomington, we were taken off guard when the microphone was put in our faces to sing to the song of "Oh Virginia," Line said.

"My favorite thing about them was that they were always so excited to see us," Monroe said. "And now, when I hear them on the radio, it's like hearing a friend on the phone. I just get instantly excited."

Each girl has something to remind them of the band too. Barnes has a favorite hat of Sloan's.

On top of a pile of pictures of the band, Monroe also has a place mat autographed by the band from a time they went out to eat together. Charlie Roth, Blessid's keyboard and guitar player, gave Line his harmonica.

"It's completely different hearing their music now because it brings back so many memories of them," Line said. "My heart drops and I'm instantly reminded of our wonderful memories this summer."



Photo courtesy of Emily Line

# Volleyball season opens with record kills, 5 wins

*Returning players make for strong talent and early success for the team*

Patrick O'Connell  
Staff Editor

One point at a time, one match at a time.

That is the philosophy of the 1998 Albion College women's volleyball team.

This style of thinking has helped the team to begin the season with a record of 5-4, and after two seasons with a combined record of 17-45 (5-19 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association), the team is looking to turn the past two year's hardships into success.

"We're learning to compete at a higher level this year," said Darrell Sedersten, head coach and assistant professor of physical education.

The team split its opening season tournament with two wins and two losses, then came home to defeat Kalamazoo Sept. 9 in a stunning comeback victory for the team's first MIAA win, only one away from their total for all of last year in the conference.

While this year's team does not have any seniors on it, Sedersten doesn't think the team lacks leadership.

"Even though we're not mature school-wise we're becoming mature as volleyball players," he said.

Outside hitter Jennifer Barnes, Wyandotte junior, set a team record

with 20 kills in last week's victory over Kalamazoo. She was also named the MIAA player of the week.

Setting Barnes up for most of the kills is setter Carla Trzeciak, Allen Park junior. Trzeciak had 40 assists in the match versus Kalamazoo, and rarely spends time off the floor.

In addition to Barnes and Trzeciak, a number of other key players return to the squad, including middle hitter Allison Bennett, Battle Creek junior, and six-foot outside hitter Lisa Reiter, Dearborn junior. The additions of sophomore and freshman players give this year's team balance and good depth.

"Our depth is what really helps us. I feel very confident for girls to come off the bench. Depth will take us a long way," Sedersten said.

The team's victory over Kalamazoo last week in front of a very loud crowd at Kresge Gymnasium served as notice that this is a different type of team than the squad that finished next to last in the MIAA last year.

"We've played together for three years," said Kellie Conlin, Royal Oak junior, referring to the other juniors. "It's just falling into place this year. We have fun together. We all want it this year..bad."

Conlin said that the Kalamazoo match, a contest that saw Albion come back from a 2 games to 1 deficit to win the next two games 15-1,

15-7, was a match that helped the Brits realize their potential.

"We knew we could play that well. This got our confidence up," she said.

"We haven't beat Kalamazoo in ten or fifteen years," Trzeciak added. "It was a huge stepping stone for us on the league."

The team split four games Sept. 11 and 12 at the Hanover Tournament in Indiana, beating Olivet and Franklin and losing to Hanover and DePauw.

Rillie Spink, Hanover sophomore, had 25 kills against Franklin College, overtaking the record set only days ago by Barnes.

The Brits have hustle and determination, but Conlin adds that the team has spiced up their offensive scheme this year.

She said that quicker plays and less hitting from the outside have helped to take opposing teams off-guard.

Aware that it is still early, Sedersten says the team isn't efficient offensively yet, and that the team should not become overconfident because of early season wins.

"We're only as good as the last point that we play," he said.

As for the team's season-long goals, Barnes said, "Our ideal season would be to finish the best we can in the league, to finish number one or number two."

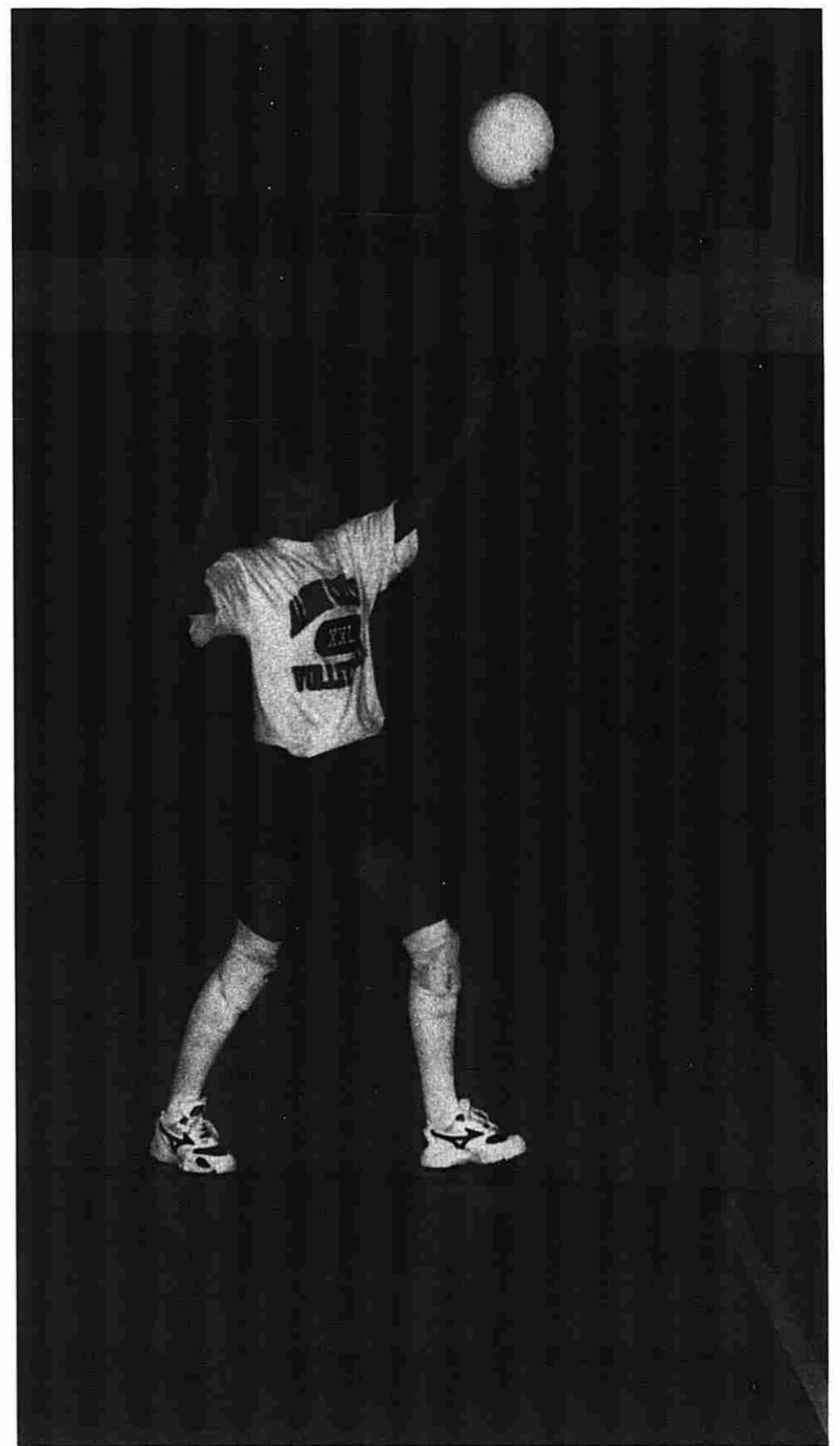


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Jennifer Barnes, Wyandotte junior, set a team record last week in the match against Kalamazoo. She was also named the MIAA player of the week.

## Tennis building sidelined due to state-wide steel shortage

Zack Loeprich  
Senior Editor

A steel shortage caused by the building of a new Detroit Tiger Stadium in downtown Detroit delayed construction of the new indoor tennis facility.

The previous completion date for the facility was slated for the end of November. Administrators hoped to have the center up and running by the beginning of the second semester.

The indoor tennis facility, which originally was to be located between the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center and the soccer fields, has been moved and is now currently under construction on the northern lawn of the Lomas Fieldhouse.

The new center will house four courts, two coach's offices, and an upper level viewing area. The lighting for the tennis center will be modeled after the lighting used in the University of

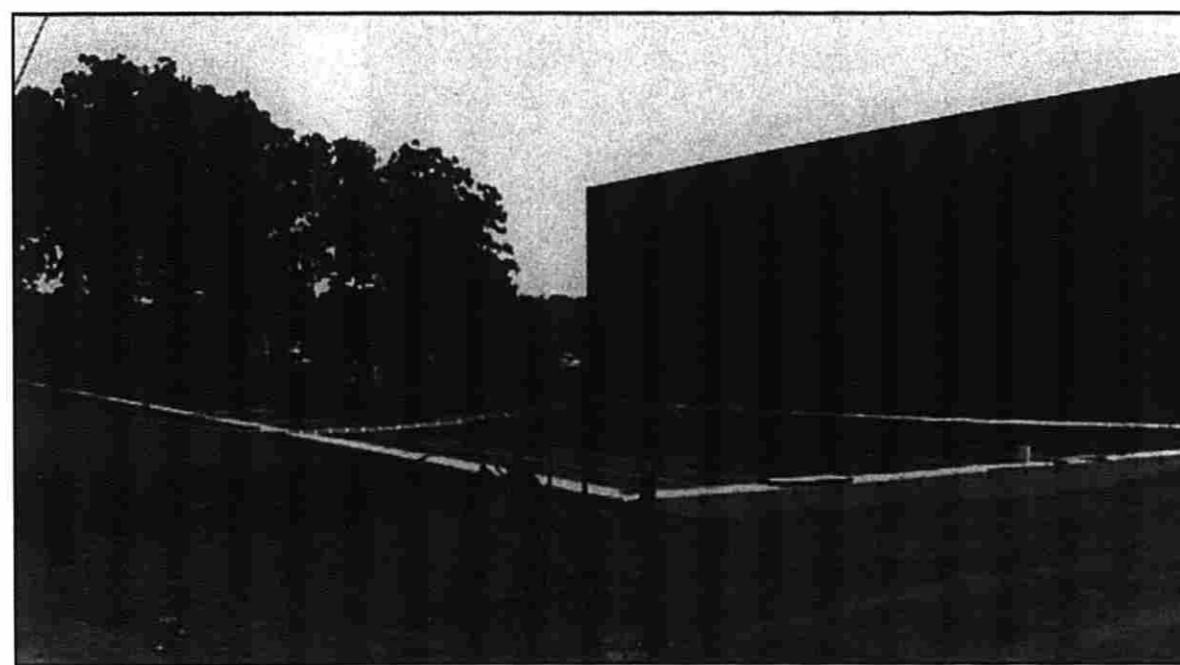


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The new indoor tennis facility is under construction on the lawn of the Lomas Fieldhouse.

Michigan's indoor tennis facility.

Funding for the new tennis facility has been aided by Paul (Skip) Ungrodt Jr., '52 and trustee. This addition and its funding are in large part due to last year's Briton

Athletic Drive.

Previously, the men's and women's tennis teams were forced to practice in the Dow Center during the colder winter and spring months to prepare for the upcoming season.

Students struggled to find time to spend at the Dow due to practice schedules for the tennis teams, as well as the men's and women's track, baseball and softball teams.

Along with the time constraint, the Dow courts are not specifically designed for tennis. The lighting causes players problems and only the center court has a back drop that aids the players in seeing the ball.

According to Stacy Portenga, Traverse City senior and tennis team member, the Dow courts also changed the speed of the ball.

"Because of the rubber surface, the ball skids across and comes at you so much faster.

Both Kalamazoo College and Hope College have indoor tennis facilities. Since 1939, the women's tennis teams for Kalamazoo and Hope have won or tied for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference crown in all but six years. Kalamazoo's men's tennis team has won the MIAA every year since 1936.

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# Britons raided by defending champs

## Loss to Mt. Union puts record at 1-1 following first week win over Butler

Patrick O'Connell  
Staff Editor

Usually the sight of purple in the end zone is a good sign for Briton football fans. Not last Saturday.

The two-time defending champion Mt. Union Purple Raiders invaded the Sprinkle-Sprandel Stadium end zone five times, three of those scores coming unanswered in the first quarter, as they extended their collegiate best winning streak to 29 games with a 38-24 win over Albion.

The loss dropped the Briton's record to 1-1. Albion defeated Division I-AA foe Butler 44-21 in the team's first game in Indianapolis.

But during the home opener the Raiders showed why they are still the team to beat in Div. III, using a varied offensive attack and a swarming defense to stun the Britons and quiet an opening day crowd of 3,419.

In the first quarter, David Massey scored on a run of two yards, followed by a 45 yard touchdown catch from Gray Smeck on Mt. Union's next possession. Ryan Gorius later scored when he waltzed in virtually untouched from 6 yards out to put the Raiders, the winningest college football team of the 90s, up 21-0.

"We came out maybe a little too fired up, and we didn't really focus on what we needed to do," said linebacker Nicholas Gates, Ithaca junior, who was the game's leading tackler. As a result he said, "We gave up a couple of big plays. We dug ourselves in the hole."

Tailback Virgil Petty, West Bloomfield senior, rushed for a game-high 139 yards and one touchdown on 22 carries against Mt. Union.

"We played hard. I wouldn't say they were the better team. We just didn't get it done. Just didn't get it done," he said.

Petty's touchdown came in the fourth quarter and was the second of

and put points on the board. Obviously we didn't put enough up there," Petty said.

The 25 point halftime deficit proved to be too much, and it didn't help that Albion surrendered one more Mt. Union touchdown in the second half.

It was not until Skelton's catch, on a perfectly thrown ball from quar-

game put them in a less vengeful mood. Albion got off to a red-hot start in week one, their eighth straight season opening win, soundly defeating Butler by 24 points.

The defense had a much stronger game against the Bulldogs, allowing only 95 rushing yards, while recovering four fumbles, making two interceptions and blocking a punt.

me," said Ward. "That was the most confident game I've ever played. Everything went right."

"He's putting the ball in the right spots. All I'm doing is catching the ball," said Ward, giving credit to Whalen.

Petty also scored a touchdown for Albion, but said the defense and team stamina were the keys to the game.

"Our defense was tough. It showed we were in better condition than the other team."

"That game was top quality. We couldn't have asked for a better game," he said.

The Britons have this weekend off before finishing up their non-conference schedule against Manchester on September 26 in North Manchester, Ind.

Ward said that while it would have been nice to win the game against a team the caliber of Mt. Union, the season is far from lost.

"The consensus on the team was that this was just another game. We've got another game on the 26th. This by no means ruins the season at all," he said.

Petty concluded, "I have great confidence in this team. Being that everybody stays healthy, we're going to have a real good team."

The squad is getting geared up for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference opener against Defiance on October 3 in Ohio and is looking to dethrone last years co-champions, Hope and Adrian.



photo by Charlotte Florent  
Action from last Saturday's Albion loss to two-time defending Div. III champion Mt. Union. Despite three late touchdowns, the Britons were not able to overcome a 21-point first quarter deficit. Albion has this weekend off before taking on Manchester in their final non-conference game on September 26 in North Manchester, Indiana.

three late scores by Albion. Bryndon Skelton, Chelsea senior, made a driving catch in the front corner of the end zone for the Brit's first touchdown of the game near the end of the third quarter. Petty then rambled in from 25 yards out, followed by a Christopher Hohlbein, Shepard senior, touchdown run of the identical distance.

"We came out in the second half

terback Jason Whalen, Plymouth junior, that the Brits were able to break down the door to the promised land. Whalen quietly had a solid game, completing 19 of 32 passes for 201 yards.

Petty is determined to get some revenge.

"All I've got to say is that we'll see them in the playoffs."

The outcome of the Brits first

On the other side of the ball, Hohlbein rushed for 102 yards and two touchdowns, one on a nifty cut-back haul of 65 yards. Eddie Ward II, Detroit senior, was the Brits leading receiver with 5 catches for 106 yards and a touchdown. He made a catch reminiscent of Skelton's when he laid out for a pass in the end zone on a 10 yard toss from Whalen.

"That was a pretty good game for

## Sports Recap

### Football (1-1)

defeated Butler, 44-21, Sept. 5  
lost to Mt. Union, 38-24, Sept. 12

### Cross Country

Men: placed 6th out of 9 @  
IPFW Classic, Sept. 12

Women: placed 4th out of 10 @  
IPFW Classic, Sept. 12

### Golf

Men: finished 10th out  
of 12 @ Olivet Classic,  
Sept. 11-12

### Volleyball (5-4)

split 4 matches @ Hanover,  
Sept. 11-12. Defeated Olivet,  
lost to DePauw, lost to  
Hanover, defeated Franklin.

### Soccer

Men (2-0) defeated  
Manchester 2-1  
Sept. 8

### Women (1-2)

lost to Ohio No.  
4-3 in OT Sept. 12,  
lost to Heidelberg  
1-0 Sept. 13

## This week in sports

### Friday

Volleyball: home vs. Olivet  
with Concordia-Ann Arbor,  
5pm

### Saturday

Men's and Women's Cross  
Country: GLCA Championship  
Golf: Women @ Alma, 1pm  
Soccer: Women vs. Tiffin, 2pm  
Volleyball: vs. Alma, 1pm

### Tuesday

Soccer: Men vs. Adrian,  
4pm, Women @  
Manchester, 5pm

### Wednesday

Volleyball: @ Adrian,  
6:30pm

### Thursday

Golf: Men @ Defiance,  
1pm

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