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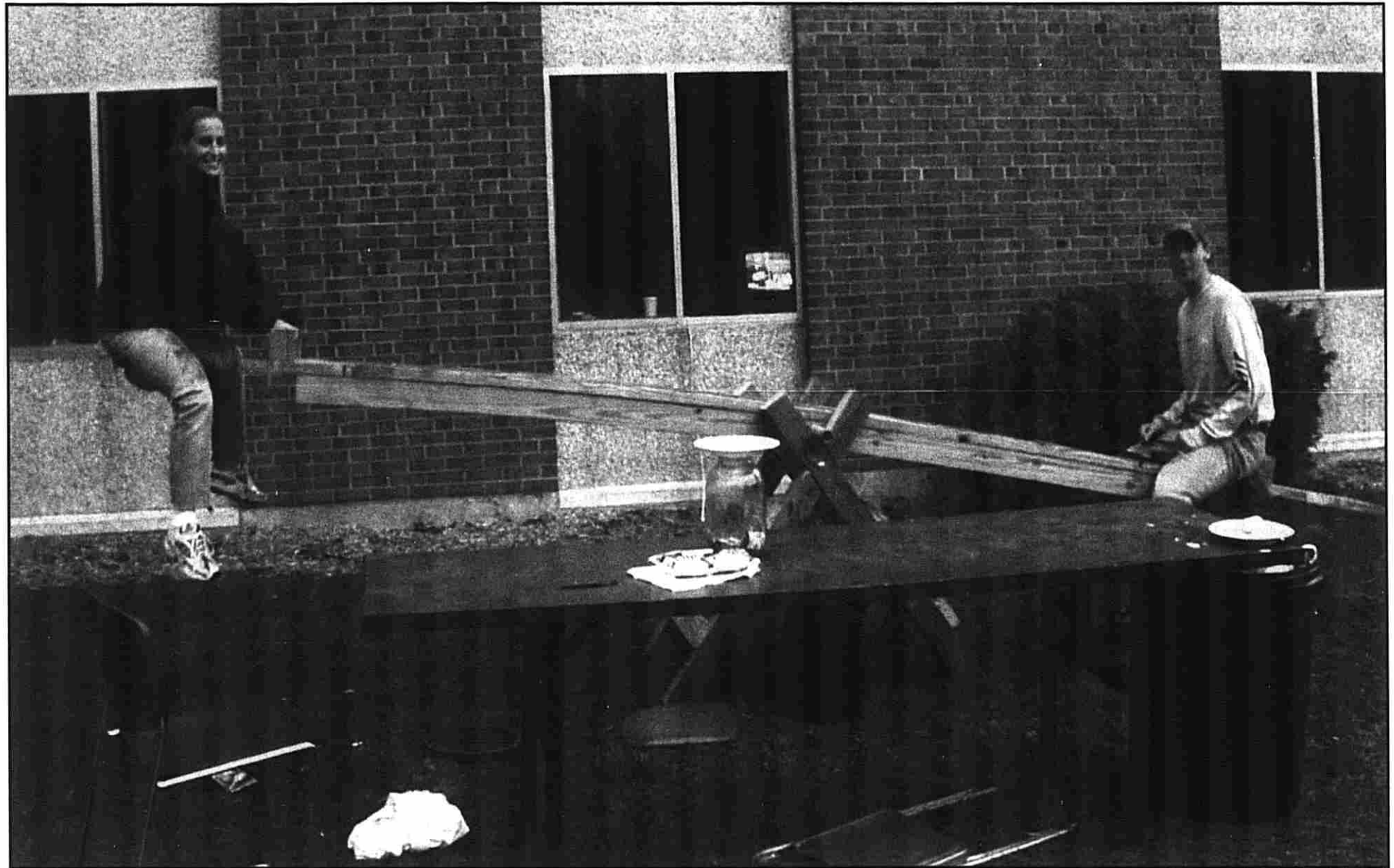


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Volunteers Margaret Kuhn, Bloomfield Hills junior, and Jon Zellmer, Marquette sophomore, participate in Sigma Chi's 24 hour, seven day teeter-totter fund raising event for S.A.D.D. The event is part of Sigma Chi's Derby Days which concludes tomorrow.

## Committee proposes expansion of core

Steve Sexton  
Staff Writer

Next year's freshman class will have 11 course requirements, including a freshman seminar and a senior capstone experience, if the proposal to radically restructure the current core is passed.

The proposed core will require that all students, beginning with next year's freshman class, take one first-year seminar, four category requirements, five "modes of inquiry" courses and a capstone experience.

Although the proposed core changes will only directly affect future students, Robert Bruner, South Lyon senior and member of the Educational Policy Committee, stressed that the core changes will also have an indirect impact on all current and former students.

"It is in all of our best interests to see that the college succeeds in the future because the prestige of our degrees will be only as good as the reputation of the institution at the present day," he said.

The intent of the new core, according to the minutes from the Sept. 29 Vision Committee meeting, is to "change the general education requirements, but in ways that provide a more coherent curricular experience for every Albion College student."

"The old core requirements have served the college very well for 20 years," said Leonard Berkey, associate professor of anthropology and sociology and chair of the EPC. "But, this new paradigm better emphasizes

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-Robert Bruner, South Lyon senior and member of the Educational Policy Committee

the notion of a liberal arts structure."

A liberal arts education, according to Berkey, should emphasize interdisciplinary study and the integration of ideas.

"Under the current core, students are told to go out and find the liberal arts education," Bruner said. "The new system will bring it to them."

"The current core requirements are viewed by students as something to get out of the way," Bruner said. "It has become a collection of courses which have little purpose other than to spread students out across the divisions and disciplines."

"The really good thing about the new core is that it recognizes that different departments can be exercising the same skills," said Abby Slagor, Grand Blanc junior and vice-chair representative from the Committee on Faculty and Academic Affairs to the EPC. "The proposed core plan is divided into ways of thinking and solving problems rather than categories like math or English."

The five "modes of inquiry"—

textual analysis, quantitative modeling and analysis, artistic creation and analysis, scientific analysis, and historical and cultural studies—have been designed to give a more integrated and interdisciplinary approach to learning.

They represent "ways of thinking that are prevalent in the college," Berkey said. People work and think across divisions and the core needs to reflect how people think, he said.

In order to familiarize students with modes of inquiry, all incoming students will be required to take a first-year seminar which will be held in the first semester of the new students' first year, according to the minutes from the Sept. 29 Vision Committee meeting.

These seminars will be writing intensive, composed of 16 or fewer students and focused on critical thinking skills, the minutes stated.

Students will also be required to participate in a capstone experience as a senior which will draw together their liberal arts education, Berkey

said. According to the minutes of the Sept. 29 meeting, the capstone "will be a collaborative experience, not solely independent research."

The proposed core would also add an international category to the already existing gender, ethnicity and environmental categories, Berkey said.

The EPC is also proposing to deepen majors to ten units and add five unit minors, Berkey said.

Slagor and Bruner are not without minor concerns about the future of the proposals, however.

"The new core would require a beefing up of our humanities division," Slagor said.

Bruner also expressed concerns about faculty shortages and allocation. Both said that they thought the college would be able to handle these concerns.

The EPC will present the core proposal to the faculty during December or January.

If a majority of the faculty approve of the core changes, the proposal will be submitted for approval to the Albion College Board of Trustees.

"In general, the faculty is really excited about what is going on," Berkey said. "It is looking forward to the changes ahead."

Any concerns or suggestions about the new core can be brought to Slagor, a Student Senate member or an FAA member.

Concerns can also be expressed during Student Senate and FAA open discussions at 9 p.m. Mondays in the Stack.

# A haunted Dean Hall-oween

Jen Campbell  
Staff Editor

Dean Hall is opening its doors this weekend to show the community and the college a good time.

The basement of Dean has been transformed into a haunted house. According to the organizer of the event, Christina Anderson, Fort Gratiot senior and Dean Hall resident assistant, it "would scare practically anybody."

For a minimal entrance fee, the haunted house will be open to the Albion community and college.

According to Anderson, tickets were sold in the Kellogg Center earlier in the week and will also be available at the door for two dollars per person.

The haunted house will be modified according to the people who are coming through.

"It's in rounds. They will be going down [to the basement] in groups of four or five people," Anderson



Above: "Demon Hall" will be open this weekend. Right: A Dean Hall resident hangs around the basement.

said, adding that when children go through, it will be less scary.

The basement is set up with a maze and two different rooms. One of the rooms will be set up "like a torture room," Anderson said "with body parts and that sort of thing."

The basement itself is scary, according to Anderson, which simply

adds to the atmosphere of the haunted house.

According to Anderson, if any money is raised above the expenses, it will be used to replace some of the kitchen supplies.

The house will be open from 8-11 tonight and from 8-10 p.m. tomorrow.



## Correction Box

The Pleiad made the following errors in its October 23, 1998 issue

--Lisa Leitz is not the President of SEARCH as was written in the Coming Out Week article. SEARCH has no hierarchical positions.

--The Student Affairs Committee unanimously passed the new cable line-up, not the entire Student Senate. In addition, for clarification, CNN International was removed for the cable line-up due to the fact that channel nine, CNN, simulcasts all international news reports.

--Laura Turner, Garden City sophomore, is also a manager of Albion College's Coffeehouse. She was mistakenly left-out of the article.

--Larry Taylor was not in Antarctica with Thomas Wilch.

The Pleiad regrets all the errors in the October 23 issue.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Historian of Chicano experience to speak at Albion

Deborah Kanter, assistant professor of history, has announced that this year's Coy James Lecturer is the historian of the Chicano experience in the Midwest, Dennis Valdes. He will be appearing at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5, in the Bobbitt Auditorium.

Valdes is a professor of Chicano studies and history at the University of Minnesota. He will speak on his work, "Beyond the Fields: Mexicans in the Urban Midwest."

Coy James was a professor of history at Albion College for many years. His lectureship was established by former students and colleagues. Contributing to the event is the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs.

### Goblins and ghosts gather in Kellogg Center

The Kellogg Center of Albion College has opened its doors to Albion's ghosts and goblins. Tomorrow,

The Kellogg Center will be holding Kid's Day from 1-3 p.m. in the living room on the first floor. The event, sponsored by the Albion College Kellogg Center Programming Council, is free and open to all local children and their families.

Halloween games and other fun will be included in the day's activities. Costumes are not required. For further information, contact the Campus Programs at Organizations office at 629-0433.

### Get your shots at the Health Center

The hepatitis B virus is 100 times more contagious than the AIDS virus. Fortunately, a vaccine is available at the Health Services Center. The shot costs \$15.00 for people under 20 years of age and \$30.00 for people older than 20. Also available is a Flu vaccination for \$8.00. So far this year, 41 students, faculty and staff have received their Hep B vaccine. Flu shots have been given to 165 people on campus. If there are any questions, contact Health Services at x0220.

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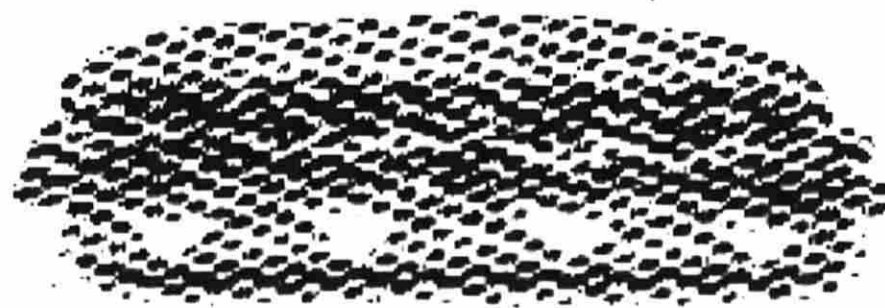
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Recently, a *Pleiad* editor attended a Wesley Experience forum and it was indicated that her presence as a reporter was not wanted. Sally Walker, vice president and dean of student affairs, did not feel comfortable having the media covering a small group discussion forum. We at *The Pleiad* find this infuriating, considering that it was a forum open to all upperclass students interested in participating. Why can we not cover something we deem to be newsworthy? What authority does an administrative official have to deem or dictate what news we can or cannot be allowed to cover? We feel that we should be able to cover whatever we want to cover, within the realm of reason.

We understand the need for privacy and respect the rights of students and administrators to make remarks that are only to be heard by those in attendance. For those cases, the solution rests simply with the idea of "off the record" in which those private statements would not be contained in the reporter's article. The solution should not be to restrict the attendance of an editor whose sole purpose is to report on the forum's discussion.

We at *The Pleiad* continuously make conscious, concerted efforts to cover the news, events and activities of this campus. Sometimes we miss covering events, other times we do not give certain news the coverage that it may deserve.

Yet when we tried to do our job, which is to cover newsworthy events, we were treated as intruders. The words controlled, banned, censored may be a bit too strong, but they come to mind.

On a campus that prides itself for its "liberal arts at work," we find our exclusion from the Wesley forum contradictory to the very principles this institution claims it stands for.

We at *The Pleiad* strive to cover the news in a way that informs, educates and perhaps motivates the campus community into action. We cannot do this when our fundamental access to the news is denied.

We at *The Pleiad* hope that by voicing our opinion here and now, situations such as this will not occur in the future, allowing *The Pleiad* to provide the best possible news coverage.

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## Career Development Corner

Find out about graduate school fairs



Laura Bogardus  
director of career development

**Q:** I think I'd like to go to graduate school. I plan to attend the graduate school fair at Adrian this week. What should I ask?

**A:** Before you find an appropriate graduate school program you should have a focus on your career goals. Graduate school is not the place to find a career direction. First consider your skills and interests as you explore possible career options.

Do some research via reading, informational interviewing, job shadowing and related work experience to support your decisions. Then look for graduate school programs that will support and enhance your career goals. A lot of time and money can be wasted by attending graduate school as a way to delay the career planning process. Once you have a focus on your goals you will be in a better position to ask relevant questions.

With that in mind, graduate school fairs are designed to introduce you to a number of schools. The school representatives at the fairs may or may not have detailed knowledge of the specific program that interests you.

If not, you are encouraged to ask broad questions. Learn about the reputation and atmosphere of the school. Find out about the location, financial aid and the admissions process. Discuss details of the specific program in question if possible and/or find out how to receive additional information. Ask for the name of a contact person that is closely associated with the program and be sure to follow up.

Present yourself as a professional student. Serious candidates should dress in a business casual style. Convey confidence by introducing yourself, giving a firm handshake, and clearly stating your interests and questions. Focus on maintaining a conversation. Bring a bag or case to hold the school materials you will receive. Have a pen and paper handy, and be ready to share your contact information if needed.

Stop by Career Development to pick up a list of potential graduate school fair questions to help you get started!

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

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**Tues. Nov 3**  
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Interviews

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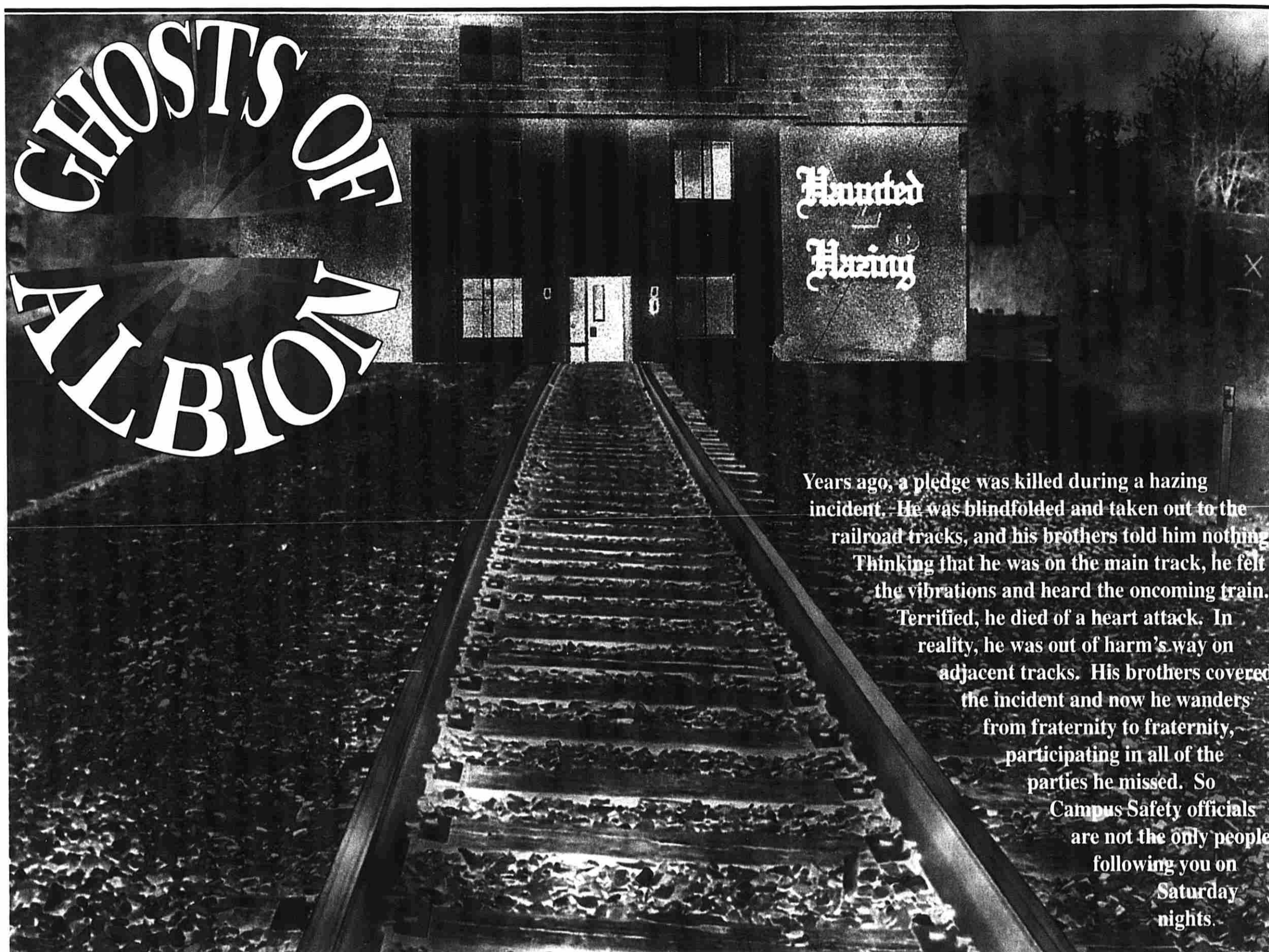
**Thurs. Nov 5**  
Northwestern Mutual Interviews

Graduate School Fair at Adrian College: 3-6pm

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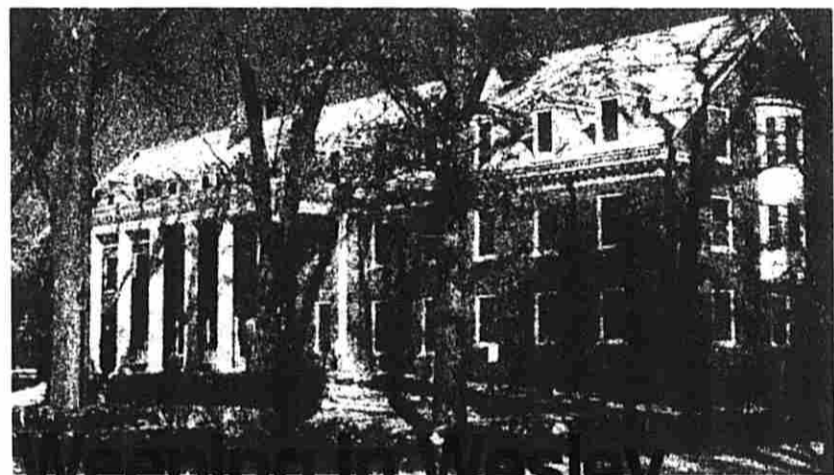
Contact Career Development for details

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Years ago, a pledge was killed during a hazing incident. He was blindfolded and taken out to the railroad tracks, and his brothers told him nothing. Thinking that he was on the main track, he felt the vibrations and heard the oncoming train. Terrified, he died of a heart attack. In reality, he was out of harm's way on adjacent tracks. His brothers covered the incident and now he wanders from fraternity to fraternity, participating in all of the parties he missed. So Campus Safety officials are not the only people following you on Saturday nights.

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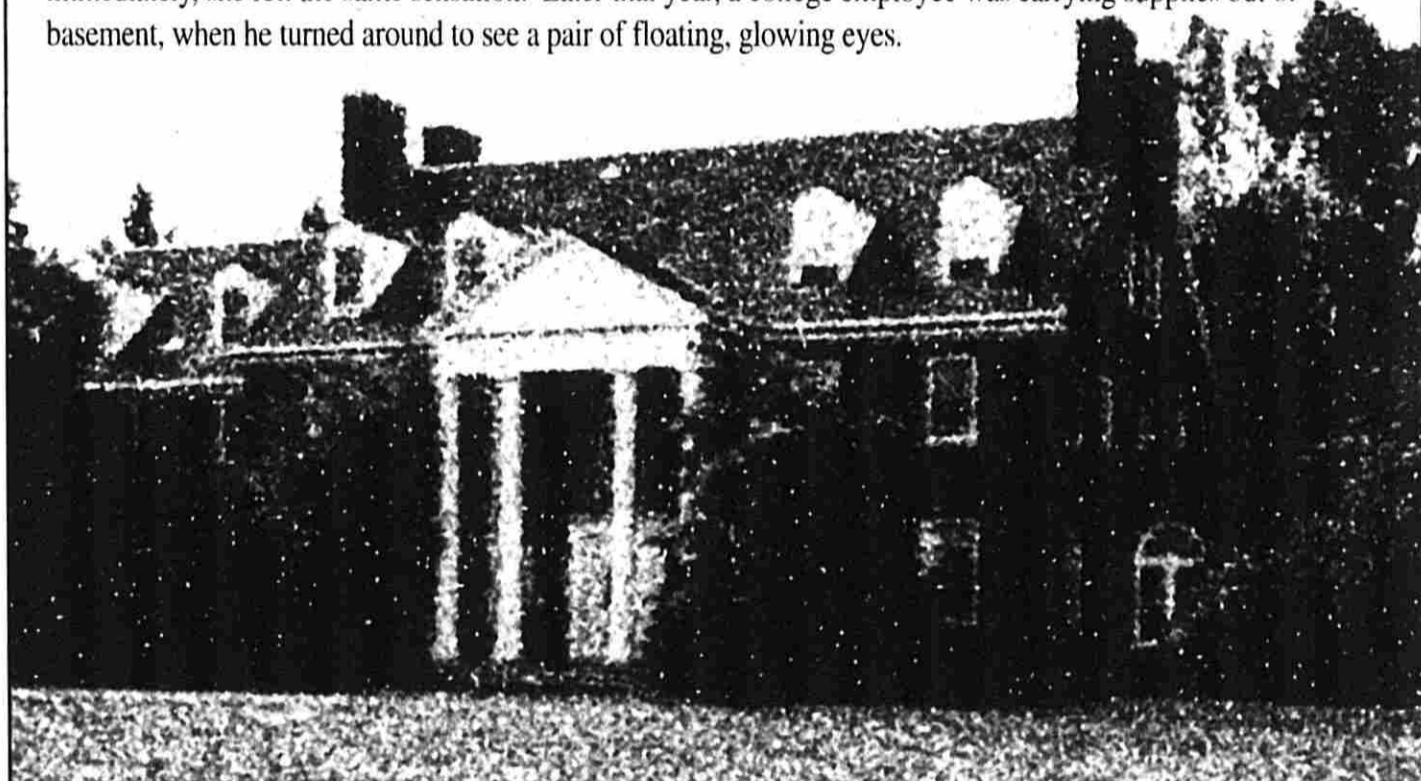


### Weeping in Wesley

A pair of star crossed lovers roam the halls of Wesley. In the middle of freshman year, the woman was killed in a tragic car accident coming back from a Halloween party. He could not bear to live without her, so he killed himself a month after her death. Now, the two wander around Wesley searching for one another. He visits her old room and on the anniversary of her death, he scatters rose petals in front of her door. Campus safety officers claim that during college breaks when the lights are dim, the pair can be seen walking hand in hand around the building. Occasionally, she sits in the lobby while he plays the piano. It appears they are trying to enjoy the freshman year together that they lost.

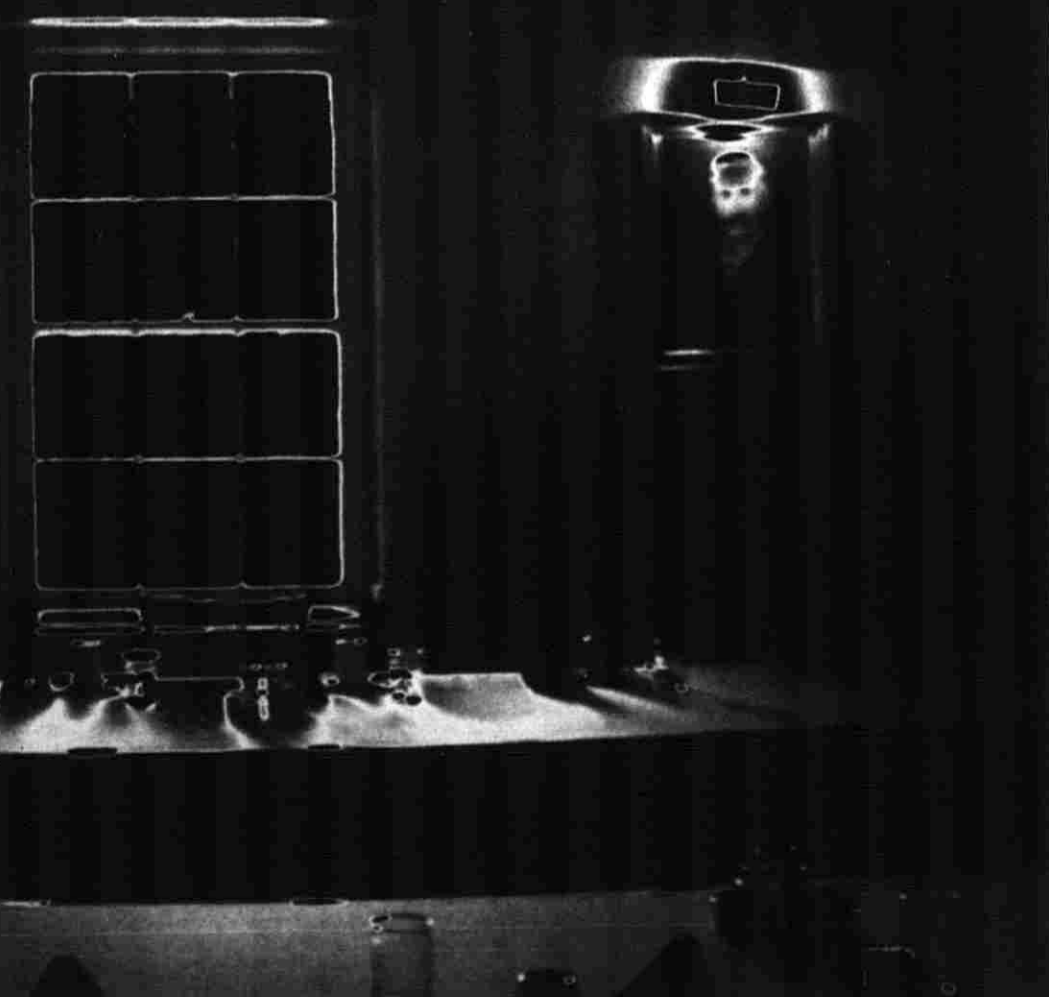
## Boo at Bellemont

Last year, a visitor was staying in Bellemont Manor during Thanksgiving. Her husband was snoring loudly, so she went and slept in the library on the first floor. Before she drifted off to sleep, she felt a very cold sensation that traveled from her feet out through her head. Alarmed, she said, "If you are a ghost, do that again." And immediately, she felt the same sensation. Later that year, a college employee was carrying supplies out of basement, when he turned around to see a pair of floating, glowing eyes.



## Spooky Sykes

Portraits of Mary Sykes and her husband Charles Baldwin prominently hang in the Mary Sykes Dining Room. Baldwin employees greet the portraits of Mary and Charles every morning and are careful to replace the lights that hang above the portraits. If they do not, strange events occur. Dishes will fly off the table and land across the room, or salt and pepper shakers will completely disappear. Other employees claim that the eyes in the portraits follow the workers around the room.



### Nature Center Nightmare

According to local lore, half of the Whitehouse Nature Center lies above an Indian Burial Ground. On this side, there is a group of pine trees that no one can ever reach. The trees lie directly above the sacred site, and when one tries to approach the grove, a fog thwarts forward progress. Sometimes, the person has ended up back on the main trail. Last spring, four members of the track team saw a hooded figure gliding down the trails. Curious, the runners followed the floating apparition down one of the side trails. When they approached, she turned around to reveal a ghastly face and evil glowing eyes. The runners are not sure if they saw a ghost or a witch, but her face has haunted them since.

These features are based on ghost stories that have been told on campus. They are for entertainment purposes only.

# Albion community makes a difference

Jamelah Earle  
Staff Writer

Bells jingle as I walk through the door. The office manager turns toward me and smiles. Then she glances at the clock. It's 2:35 p.m., I'm late again.

No matter how hard I try to get to work on time, I never seem to make it. It's a good thing that the Albion Volunteer Service Organization is a fairly relaxed place.

AVSO is the general headquarters for several nonprofit organizations in Albion. Their mailboxes are a testament to this—from Frank Passic, the town historian, to the Albion Performing Artist and Lecture Series, it seems like everybody has one.

Why is this? One of the purposes of AVSO is to provide area nonprofit organizations with help in fulfilling their own specific missions.

What does this mean? AVSO offers the following to local nonprofit organizations: office space, conference rooms, mailings, computers and Internet access, photocopying and fax machines.

AVSO recently received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation so that it could expand its services.

In a recent interview with *Crain's Nonprofit News*, Judy Tymowicz, executive director of AVSO said, "I don't see this as a grant to us. I see it as a grant through us to help nonprofits in our community." She also said, "We hope to start a stronger coalition of nonprofit organizations in the community."

One of the things that AVSO has done is ask several nonprofit organizations what services and equipment would be useful for their needs.

The survey, that representatives from the groups completed, asked what they would need in terms of technology, office supplies, and AVSO staff support to help make them more successful.

Another thing that Tymowicz said she'd like to result from the grant is a shared database with Student Volunteer Bureau. She said it would be helpful because each organization would have access to a list of volunteers from both the college and the Albion community. This could make both groups more successful in terms of volunteer placement.

Last Saturday, community members through AVSO and about 85 college students worked on projects for the national "Make a Difference Day".

With the shared database, both organizations would hope to see participating numbers increase.

Amidst all of this, it's important not to forget that as a volunteer organization, one of AVSO's largest responsibilities



photo courtesy of Albion Recorder

Students from Ceeley Cottage at Starr Commonwealth participate in "Make a Difference Day." They helped by raking and bagging leaves at the Albion Public Library.

is recruiting volunteers and placing them with organizations in need.

"We think of ourselves as a clearinghouse," Tymowicz said.

Tymowicz added that interested volunteers contact AVSO, and then she attempts to place them.

She said, "I think it's better to call us...it helps streamline the process. I know what opportunities are out there and what agencies have needs."

AVSO compiles a monthly list of volunteer opportunities in Albion. Some of these opportunities are for one time events, while others require a more permanent commitment. Tymowicz added that she tries to match a volunteer's commitment desire with an agency's need.

Recently there was a tailgate party before the Albion and Marshall High School football game to improve relations between the two cities. This was strictly a onetime placement, while others, such as driving people in need to and from doctor's appointments, is more long-term.

If you're interested in volunteering in the Albion community, AVSO is the place to call. It has connections with

several nonprofit organizations who need your help.

Why should you care about any of this? Because Albion is a great small town full of wonderfully diverse people who are pretty great once you meet them.

Robert Dininny, professor of chemistry emeritus, said that having people work together toward a common goal is a wonderful way to improve the relationship between the college and the community.

He said, "Any time you have groups of people mixing, you find the stereotypes are not valid."

Dininny, who has been doing volunteer work "forever", feels that he owes it to his community to help in any way he can.

He said that he finds his volunteer work rewarding, and through it, he's found some things he really likes.

Currently he's teaching a woman in her 60s to read by having her "attack the words." "I really enjoy that," Dininny said. "It's fun to find a way to crack the door open."

If you decide to volunteer, the number is 629-5574. The AVSO staff would be happy to take your call. They could have you making a difference in no time.

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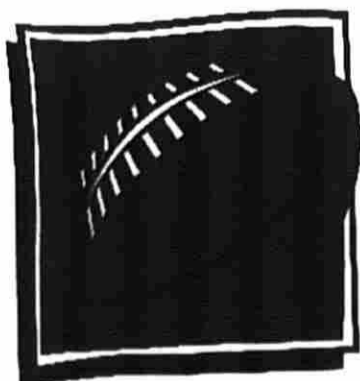
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# 'Radical feminist' researches gender/sex in rock music

Visiting assistant professor, Mimi Schippers, makes the news as her father gets involved with the impeachment

Carolyn Temporelli  
Staff Writer

The college's newest sociologist listens for the sounds of radical feminism in the music of bands like Fugazi, Babes in Toyland, L7, and Seven Year Bitch.

Mimi Schippers, visiting assistant professor of sociology, immersed herself in the alternative hard rock subculture where she researched and developed a dissertation titled "Gender Maneuvering In Alternative Hard Rock: Women's and Men's Everyday Challenges to the Gender Order."

Schippers discusses her research on her resume:

"I show how women and men, acting together within the context of the rock show, stigmatized the practices that make up conventional gender relations and sexuality and replaced those norms with alternative norms that challenged masculine and heterosexual dominance."

"Feminism in this subculture isn't standing up on the stage and saying sexual violence is bad," Schippers said. "It's about face to face interaction."

Schippers spent a considerable amount of time talking directly with some of the leading artists in the music industry. Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, Kim Thayil of Soundgarden, and Melissa Etheridge are among those Schippers interviewed.

"They all felt that feminism was a part of what they did," Schippers said. They're "doing rock music in a way that disrupt traditional ideas of gender in some way. They

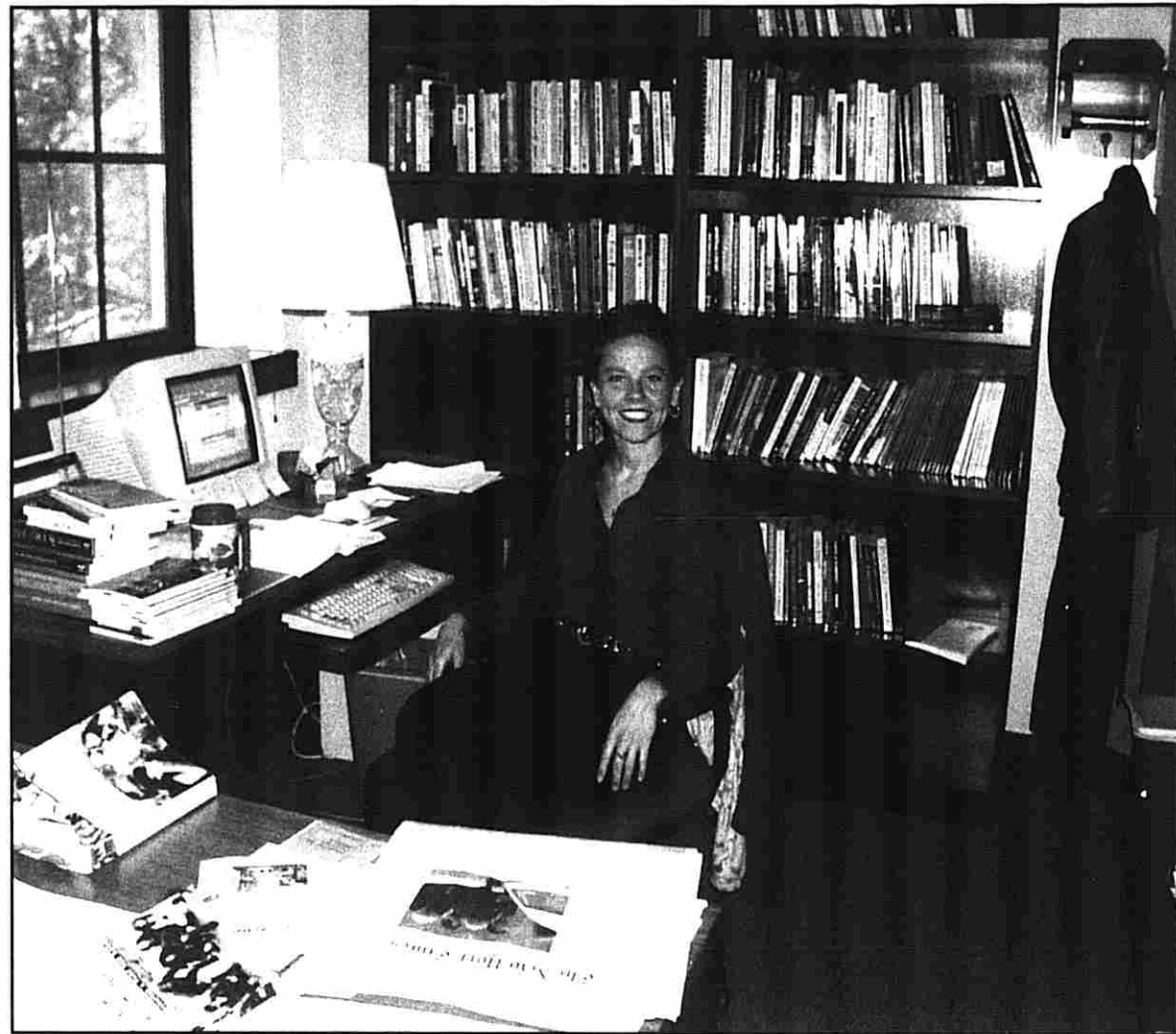


photo by Charlotte Florent

Mimi Schippers, visiting assistant professor of anthropology and sociology

loved to talk about it."

Schippers' students are enthusiastic about her research and the emphasis she brings to the anthropology and sociology department.

"She brings a new perspective because she's younger," said Amanda Schram, Dimondale senior.

Her research is something that can be directly appreciated by the students. It's something we can all relate to."

Schippers herself is among the few who can relate to being featured on the front page of "The New York Times."

Her father, David Schippers, is the chief

investigator for the House Judiciary Committee impeachment hearings, and his daughter was introduced to millions of readers in the October 1 issue:

"President Clinton could do much worse than Mr. Schippers, a salty Chicagoan whose Democratic bloodline runs hard through a clan of police captains and firefighters, and most recently, a 'radical feminist' daughter."

Schippers mentioned that the reference was "very strange...mostly it was very strange," but she also added, "I really liked it."

Schippers said that although her father

"wholeheartedly disagrees with my politics, he's proud that I have strong convictions and live by those convictions."

Schippers' strong convictions come through as a passion in the classroom. She has a personal interest in class inequalities which is reflected in the content of her sociology 101 course.

"Sometimes she's a little bit deep, but if you ask her to go into detail it's no problem," said Mary Cupp, Jackson junior. "She puts out the whole structure and then breaks it down."

While adjusting to a small town, Schippers said she looks forward to the closer interaction with students.

"I love the feeling of community. You walk through the quad and people say hello. People just don't do that at Madison [Wisc.]."

"The classes I'm teaching are really the things I'm excited about," Schippers said.

In her social psychology course, her students are reading texts such as Barrie Thorne's "Gender Play/Girls and Boys in School" and Donna Gaines "Teenage Wasteland—Suburbia's dead end kids."

In introduction to sociology, the class is reading Peter Rachleff's "Hard —Pressed in the Heartland" which illustrates a specific labor strike and discusses the future of the labor movement.

In addition to teaching introduction to sociology in the spring, Schippers will teach sex and gender: sociological perspectives, gleaned information from Sherrie A. Inness' "Tough Girls: Woman Warriors and Wonder Women in Popular Culture."

Schippers will also teach sociology of the body, illustrating the relations of the human body with society and politics.

## David Schippers investigates Clinton's possible impeachment

Damon Sewell  
Staff Writer

David Schippers, father of Mimi Schippers, visiting assistant professor of anthropology and sociology, is currently serving as the chief investigative counsel of the House Judiciary Committee.

Selected by Henry Hyde(R-Ill.), the chairman of the committee, Schippers has been described as "gregarious."

Schippers has said to have taken the position because Hyde, a close friend, asked him personally.

Hyde and Schippers' friendship was said to have been rekindled when they were named papal knights in Cleveland three years ago.

Charged with the duty of receiving the independent counsel report of Kenneth Starr, Schippers analyzed the evidence and determined whether Starr's case for impeachment versus President Clinton was legally sound.

He then presented it to the committee, along with his own personal recommendation for an impeachment inquiry.

A life long Democrat, the 68-year old defense lawyer and former prosecutor from Chicago told "The New York

Times" that he had twice voted for Clinton.

In his speech to the committee before the final vote was taken, Schippers said "if lying under oath is tolerated and when exposed, is not visited with immediate and substantial adverse consequences, the integrity of this country's entire judicial process is fatally compromised and that process will inevitably collapse."

Schippers divided the 11 charges Starr first devised against Clinton into 15 possibly impeachable offenses, which included conspiracy to obstruct justice.

"The laws of this country are the great barriers that protect the citizen from the winds of evil and tyranny," Schippers said in his closing argument to the committee, paraphrasing Sir Thomas Moore.

Schippers has a history of fighting crime, having arrested one-time mob boss Sam Giancana in Chicago in 1969. Schippers also served on an anti-crime panel in Chicago with Hyde.

A former Justice Department attorney with the organized crime division, Schippers has said he would have prosecuted perjury in a civil case had he ever encountered that situation.



It's 6:02 a.m. on October 23...

## What are these students doing at the 115?

- Stocking up on air fresheners
- Competing in a pancake eating contest
- Celebrating "mole minute"

Celebrating "mole minute." In chemistry a mole is  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  particles, so at 6:02 a.m. on 10/23, chemists declare "mole minute." These chemistry students are celebrating by having breakfast at the 115 Truck Stop.

# Purnell wants students to rethink 'science'

*New political science instructor uses varied interests to enthuse students about government*

Steve Sexton  
Staff Writer

Have you ever really thought about the term "political science?"

Political "science" is not really a science at all, rather "Politics is the art of governing, not the science of politics," said Kathy Purnell, newly hired instructor of political science. The term "government," she said, better captures its essence.

Purnell said there is a dangerous tendency for many political scientists to take themselves too seriously as "scientists." The current trend in politics is to categorize and quantify everything, she said.

"It is very easy to quantify interests, to quantify people," Purnell said, but asserted that "identities are fluid and constructed."

"There is no 'final answer' in politics," she said.

One of the courses Purnell teaches this semester, *Recognizing "Others": Identity and Difference in Democratic Public*

Purnell's grading policy. "Every student should be graded individually and independent of the work of others," she said.

Purnell said she first questioned what it means to be a "scientist" during her undergraduate study of biochemistry at Harvard University. When she began her studies in biochemistry, she said she believed that there was an "objective natural order that scientists could just 'discover.'" But, Purnell said she soon "became very disillusioned with science."

"I realized that the politics of funding for research, for the most part, indicates that not even science is always produced in an objective, neutral vacuum," she said.

Purnell's "disillusionment" with the empirical sciences prompted her to begin studying the social sciences. In 1991, Purnell graduated cum laude from Harvard with a B.A. in government, Harvard's equivalent to Albion's political science degree. She then went on to pursue her Ph.D. in government at Cornell University. She has written, but not yet defended, her dissertation and expects to receive her Ph.D. in January.



photo by Patrick O'Connell

Kathy Purnell, instructor of political science, fundamentally disagrees with her title as a scientist. She likes to view herself as more of an educator of government. Purnell comes from Cornell University and hopes to educate students on a wide variety of issues that interest her, including feminist thought.

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---Kathy Purnell, instructor of political science

*Spheres*, reflects her interest in the social construction of identity.

This interest is also reflected in her grading policy. Purnell never grades on a curve, she said, because grading on a curve presupposes that a select minority of the class is going to achieve very high or very low grades while the majority of the class will achieve somewhere in the middle.

"I'm interested in seeing how students are developing throughout the course," she said.

Kelly Garland, Prospect Heights, Ill. senior and student of Purnell, agrees with

Purnell said she does not feel uncomfortable being the only woman in Albion's political science department. Nor does she believe that the problems arising in modern politics are a result of having a predominantly male dominated political system.

"Some women in office are just plain scary," Purnell said.

Problems in politics arise, Purnell said, when men in office lack an understanding and compassion for women.

"Some men in power have a blind spot," she said. "Both men and women holding

office need to develop a stronger awareness and sensitivity to human needs."

Purnell has other academic areas of interest besides political science. Some of her interests include: political theory and philosophy, liberalism and identity, African-American philosophy and critical race theory, feminist thought, women's studies, and gay and lesbian studies.

The topic of Purnell's Ph.D. dissertation, "Conjuring up Marx, a Non-Nietzschean Recasting of the Politics of Equality and Sovereignty" reflects her varied academic interests. In her dissertation, Purnell analyzes the writings of commentators on abortion, same-sex marriage, and racial integration and separatism.

She also reviews the works of several philosophers. In the words of Purnell, "this dissertation develops a new way for individuals to mutually recognize themselves as moral equals which does not exclude or reify racial, gendered, sexual or national identities."

Purnell said her interests outside of

academics include: reading and music. She likes fiction, some poetry and philosophy. She even was a disc jockey at Harvard.

She and her fiancé, William Craft, co-produced and directed the Cable 13 Tompkins County Public Access Show, *The Poets' Cafe*. Craft also works at Albion as an electronics technician in Information Technology.

## Kathy Purnell

**Education:** Ph.D. candidate, Cornell University. B.A. in government from Harvard University.

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# INFORMATION

## Congratulations sports teams!!

*The Pleiad* wishes to extend our appreciation to all of the fall sports teams that played valiantly for Albion this autumn. While some teams finish up action and others hope for post season play, we hope the efforts of those players and team members whose seasons have concluded will be recognized. What better way to show "Liberal Arts at Work!"

## Go Brits!

**Sports Recap**

**MIAA FOOTBALL**

	W	L
Albion	4	0
Hope	3	0
Adrian	2	2
Alma	2	2
Olivet	2	2
Kalamazoo	1	3
Defiance	0	5

**Last Saturday:**  
 Albion 30, Kalamazoo 7  
 Adrian 28, Olivet 14

**WOMEN'S & MEN'S SOCCER**

**MIAA Women:**

	W	L
Kalamazoo	8	0
Calvin	6	2
Hope	6	2
Olivet	6	2
Albion	3	4
Sain't Mary's	3	4
Alma	2	6
Adrian	1	7
Defiance	0	8

**MIAA men:**

	W	L
Kalamazoo	9	1
Calvin	7	2
Alma	6	3
Albion	4	2
Olivet	5	5
Hope	3	5
Adrian	2	8
Defiance	0	10

**VOLLEYBALL**

**MIAA Standings:**

	W	L
Hope	14	1
Calvin	13	2
Sain't Mary's	11	5
Kalamazoo	10	5
Albion	8	7
Alma	6	9
Adrian	3	12
Defiance	3	12
Olivet	0	15



Joshua Yeager, Dearborn junior, and Ben Upward, Birmingham junior, practice their moves in preparation for Wednesday's game against Defiance. *photo by Charlotte Florent*

# Men's soccer all tied up, but still kicking

**Patrick O'Connell**  
 Staff Editor

There's an old analogy in sports that says ties are like kissing your sister.

That being the case, the Albion men's soccer team isn't going to want to see anyone's sister for a long time.

Ties unfortunately have been a major sub-plot of this otherwise successful season for the men's soccer team, who are 4-2-4 in the MIAA, 6-2-4 overall.

Albion has greatly improved over last year's 3-7-2 MIAA mark, playing the top teams tough.

Even so, the Britons have rarely been able to hang a "W" after the close games, settling instead for the infamous tie four times.

Albion has played competively against Kalamazoo, Calvin and Alma, the top three teams in the conference, but hasn't been able to put the final kick on a victory.

The team has ties against Alma and Calvin, and last Saturday lost a heartbreaker to Calvin in the final minutes.

While the Britons find themselves fourth in the MIAA with a mark two games above .500, the dreaded "t" word has been showing up as much as precious wins.

"We've proven we can play with the best teams, we just haven't been able to beat them," said Sean Roberts, Midland junior. "I think every game this year we've had a chance of winning."

Winning hasn't been much of a problem against the teams in the lower half of the MIAA.

Albion has two wins against Adrian and victories over Defiance and Olivet.

It is when the team faces off against the conference elite that difficulties, and ties, arise.

Daniel Kogut, Canton senior, co-captain and the team's leading scorer, said the ties have been upsetting.

"It's real frustrating because we probably outplayed the teams in a lot of those cases. We've just had trouble putting the ball in the net. That's been the downfall for us," he said.

Kogut has been one member of the team that hasn't had trouble blasting the ball past opponents' goalies. Kogut has six goals, which is sixth best in the MIAA, and he has 13 total points putting him ninth among conference players.

The team itself has scored only 20 goals all season long, which is the third lowest number in the conference.

Although the team has a strong, quick offensive attack, the Britons haven't been able to finish off plays and drives toward the goal.

The offense has struggled, but the defense has been outstanding.

Albion has allowed only seven goals all season, by far the least amount let in by any MIAA team, thanks to a strong defensive unit anchored by goalie Joshua Yeager, Dearborn junior.

"Our defense is our biggest strength," said Roberts.

Kogut agreed while adding that he thinks that the team's mental fitness has much to do with the teams relatively good season.

When asked to compare the improvements this year's team has made over last season, Kogut said, "I think part of the difference is that we have a strong freshman class and everyone is positive and has a better attitude this year."

A strong freshman class may help propel the Britons to the next level next season, but for now Albion is hoping to finish up the year with a barrage of goals and wins.

"Our goal is to win the last games and we'd like to be ranked in the top ten in the region," Roberts said.

The Britons next game is tomorrow at 1:30 pm at Alma.

Albion then rounds out the season with a game against conference leader Kalamazoo on Wednesday and a match versus Olivet at home November 7.

## This week in Sports



**Saturday**  
 Cross country: MIAA championship @ Grand Rapids  
 Football: @ Adrian, 1 p.m.  
 Men's soccer: @ Alma, 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
 Men's soccer: @ Kalamazoo 3 p.m.



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