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Get a view of the common man...



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Kathleen Schmalz, Homewood, Ill. sophomore and Adam Southard, Wyoming freshman take the stage in Arthur Miller's, "A View from the Bridge," the next show in by the Albion College theatre department.

Britons recapture MIAA championship

Patrick O'Connell
Staff Editor

The Albion football team captured its league best 30th MIAA title, the team's seventh this decade, and earned a chance for an NCAA playoff bid by grounding Flying Dutchmen of Hope 44-0 last Saturday. Albion has won the MIAA crown every year in the 1990s except for last season.

The thrashing of Hope in front of a Family Day crowd capped off an 8-1 regular season and the Britons finished league play undefeated at 6-0. The victory gave head coach Craig Rundle his first MIAA title and put the Albion record against Hope at 9-1-1 over the last eleven seasons.

"It's the best feeling ever," said Eddie Ward II, Detroit senior, about the league crown. "It made me realize how much I missed it. I can't describe the feeling, it was just great to have it back, knowing it was ours and that we didn't have to share it with anybody."

"It feels great to get back on top. Now we just hope we get a shot at the national title," said Nicholas Gates, Ithaca junior. The Britons moved one step closer to earning that shot at the national playoffs with the impressive win by moving up one slot

in the regional polls to number five. The top four teams from each region make the NCAA playoffs.

Albion's berth now rests in the hands of the NCAA pollsters who will watch all of the other teams ranked in the region play this weekend. The Mt. Union(1)-Baldwin-Wallace(4) and Wabash(3)-DePauw games will most likely decide whether the Britons will enter the playoffs for the third time in five years. The playoff pairings will be announced at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Gates, who had an interception against Hope to raise his season total to three, said that the playoff uncertainty didn't take away from the championship.

"We just focused on the moment. We did our job and hopefully the voters will give us a chance. We think we deserve it, we hope they do too," he said.

Albion made a strong statement by soundly defeating Hope and finished the regular season on a seven game winning streak in which the defense never gave up more than 14 points. Against Hope, Albion had five interceptions, six sacks, and held the Dutchmen to minus seven yards rushing.

The offense was equally impressive, scoring over 40 points for the fifth time this season. Patrick (Jason) Whalen, Commerce junior, threw

three touchdown passes, two to John Stadelman, Jackson senior, and Virgil Petty, West Bloomfield senior, rushed for 105 yards and a score.

Stadelman had a 85 yard catch and run for the first Albion score, caught a 32 yard pass to set up a Whalen TD run, and later made another catch in the back of the end zone for his sixth touchdown of the season. He amounted for 169 yards of receiving offense and was named the MIAA player of the week.

The MIAA defensive player of the week also went to Albion in the person of Adam Rojeski, Utica junior. Rojeski made two interceptions, returning the second one 35 yards for the final Albion score.

Gates, the Briton's second leading tackler, said the key to the Britons' defensive success has been the cohesiveness.

"Basically the whole season we've been playing as a unit. Saturday everybody played their hearts out. It was an unbelievable effort by everyone, you could tell we were hungry for the championship," he said.

"The defense played great, they played out of their minds," Ward exclaimed.

The team has practiced this week with the mindset that they are going to make the playoffs. Ward said that the schedule has been a bit modified,

but for the most part the Britons did little differently despite the fact that another game is in question.

"We plan to be prepared for the best or the worst. We accomplished our number one goal which was to win the MIAA. If you don't get in, you're not happy about it, but you realize we did what we wanted to do," said Ward.

Ward and the rest of the senior class would love to get a chance at an extended season.

Gates said that the seniors have been a driving force on this year's squad.

"We've had great senior leadership. The seniors have done a great job of keeping the team focused on the task at hand," he said.

Albion will find out in two days whether or not they will be able to suit up again. The Britons are a red-hot team and would savor the opportunity to wreak havoc come playoff time.

"Assuming we make the playoffs, we've got a whole new set of goals. Everything we did before has to go out the window," Ward said.

Gates summed up the Britons' playoff aspirations.

"Once we're in, we want to win the thing," he said.

For a full look at the playoff possibilities, please see the scenario box on page 8.

Students run after their dreams in the Big Apple

Jennifer Markert
Staff Writer

Miles away from the Albion Halloween festivities, two Albion students were preparing for one of the most famous races in the world.

On Nov. 1, Kaitlyn Kelly, Escanaba junior, joined Katie Snyder, Dexter junior, and approximately 32,000 other runners from all over the world in the 29th annual New York City Marathon.

Snyder, who is currently interning in New York City through the GLCA New York Arts Program, also ran the Columbus Marathon. She asked Kelly last year if she wanted to run this marathon with her.

"Thoughtlessly, I said 'yes,'" Kelly said. "She knew I loved New York and I've watched the marathon every year on T.V. It was one of those things that I always knew that I would do, but I thought it would be later—in my thirties."

Kelly applied for a slot in the marathon in the spring before leaving to study in Seville, Spain. Although she did not know that she was accepted until her return home at the end of July, she wanted to get a pace and train her body. She ran really early for an hour every morning to avoid the 116 degree heat in a Seville summer, to begin her training.

With the acceptance information came a training schedule. Throughout the fall, Kelly ran 13 miles several times, eventually building her way up. She worked up to running 22 miles once. Although her goal was to finish without walking, she hoped to finish under four hours.

The day before the race, Kelly and Snyder attended the expo and free pasta dinner at "Tavern on The Green" in Central Park, where they picked up their numbers and learned last minute details for the race.

Buses picked runners up in Manhattan from 5:30-7:30 a.m. and



photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Kelly

Katie Snyder and Kaitlyn Kelly enjoy the pasta dinner the night before the race.

dropped them off by the "runner's village" near the start on Staten Island. Some runners drank coffee, some ate Kellogg's Smart Start cereal, some attended a church service, and others waited in huge lines for the many outhouses.

Kelly and Snyder arrived at the "village" at 7:15 a.m., although the race didn't begin until 10:52 a.m. They attended the church service which Kelly said helped to calm them.

"It was a long wait and I was really nervous," Kelly said. "But the beginning and the end of the race were the most exciting. In the beginning, we had to find paths through the crowd and try to follow each other."

Kelly said that the only thing she was not prepared for were the crowds.

"It took eight minutes to get to the starting line and 11 minutes to run the first mile."

"The water tables at every mile were dangerous. At the mile 11 water table, we lost sight of each other."

However, she admitted that the crowds did add to the excitement.

"The race went by so [quickly] until mile marker 16 when my legs started to get noticeably sore—my feet felt heavy," Kelly said. "I thought about New York and seeing parts that I had never seen before. At one point I expected to see the 20 mile marker, and it was actually only 19. I started saying Hail Mary's and Our Father's

over and over. At 20, I said, 'I know I can make it, only six left.' I had done 22, so I knew I could get that far."

"At 22 miles, I thought, 'great, this is it.' My feet were throbbing—I felt awful. I was worried, I couldn't even remember my prayers." Kelly said, "22 was definitely the hardest mile."

"But then I thought through the training and knew I had done too much to quit."

The mile 23 marker was the beginning of Central Park.

"That was a big boost," Kelly said. "They had bleachers set up and I passed a lot of people who had started walking."

"Before I knew it, I couldn't feel a thing—so I thought, 'why not take off?' I ran seven-eight minute miles to finish it up. Oh, it was great!"

All runners were congratulated with medals, foil blankets, New York bagels, a "big apple," and the women received roses.

Kelly finished the marathon in 3:53.17, which averages to about nine minutes per mile for the 26.2 mile race. Snyder finished 30 seconds later. Since both finished under four hours, they qualified for the Boston Marathon.

"Maybe someday I'll do that one. I think next year I want to run the Chicago Marathon. I want Katie to run with me again," Kelly smiles. "We want to run through all the major metropolises."

Newsbriefs

Theatre department offers a different view

The Albion College Theatre department begins their second performance of the year next week with the opening of, "A View from the Bridge." The show opens at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Herrick Auditorium and runs through Saturday.

The play, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Arthur Miller, is about the tragedy of the common man. The play revolves around an Italian longshoreman in Brooklyn, who develops an unnatural affection for the niece that he has raised, and betrays his family in an effort to protect her.

Tickets for the show cost \$1 for senior citizens and Albion College faculty, staff and students, and \$2 for the general public. They are on sale in the Kellogg Center Monday through Friday next week.

Medievalist Society

hosts traditional feast

The Albion College Medievalist Society will offer their annual traditional feast 5 p.m. tomorrow in Susannah Wesley Hall's Kresge Commons.

The night will include medieval dancing and authentic home-made dishes with servers and entertainers wearing appropriate clothing from the period.

The event is free for Albion College students and faculty. The public is welcome with admission of \$3. Please call Jeremy Eames at (517) 629-1562 to make reservations. Guests without reservations will be seated after 6 p.m.

Diwali to be celebrated with night of festivities

Albion College Asian Awareness Group will sponsor a celebration of Diwali at 5 p.m. on Sunday in Susannah Wesley Hall's Kresge Commons.

The Asian Curry House in Windsor, Ontario will cater dinner and Albion College students will provide the entertainment, including traditional dances choreographed by alumna Sunanda Sammadar.

Tickets are \$3 and will be sold between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Kellogg Center. Please call Vince Songco at (517) 629-1793 to reserve tickets. Guests are asked to arrive by 4:45 p.m.

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Does Albion College fail its women athletes?

In the light of Albion College's 30th MIAA football championship, we at "The Pleiad" would find it easy to focus on Albion's grid-iron dominance in the '90s and its overall success in the MIAA at all men's varsity sports. However, there is a foreboding issue that stands in the shadow of the success by the men's teams: the women's success or lack thereof in sports here at Albion.

Of the current nine women's varsity sports offered in the MIAA, Albion College's women's team have captured only three titles ever. The women's teams did capture a combined ten titles in archery (ended in '81) and field hockey (ended in '90). Only Olivet has fewer titles in the current nine MIAA women's varsity sports, with one.

We at "The Pleiad" feel this is a problem. Is it the fault of our women athletes? A look at statistics show that the women's teams do not measure up to the MIAA competition. But more glaring than the women athletes is the current women's coaches. Albion College does not currently have a women's coach that has been here for over five seasons. We at "The Pleiad" feel this is the problem.

Michael Turner has reigned over the men's basketball team for over 25 years. Previous to head football coach Craig Rundle, Pete Schmidt coached here for 14 seasons. Men's track coach David Egnatuk has been here for over 20 years. What about the women coaches? Two seasons ago, the women's tennis team went without a coach for the first two weeks of the season. In the end, Darrell Sedersten took the position despite the fact that he had no experience with coaching tennis. Would this ever happen to a men's team in this day and age? When Schmidt left, Albion's administration recruited nationally over several months to replace him. The end result: the high turn over of women coaches will effect recruiting and the talent that enters for next season.

Currently, Albion College seems to be mending its past by at the very least hiring coaches with experience in the respective sport. Is this the eventual road to success? Only time and seasons will tell. If Albion wins a women's MIAA championship outright this year, it will be Albion's first since 1954 in the current nine varsity sports offered.

"The Pleiad" feels Albion College's administration must recognize the discrepancy of success between men's and women's sports. A stable coaching system provides for stable recruiting classes, which may provide more sound talent and, in turn, more victories. In the end, perhaps the greater measure of success will not be the victories on the field, but the attitude and treatment toward our women athletes. Can we say our attitude toward and treatment toward them is equal to that of the men's teams? If not now, when?

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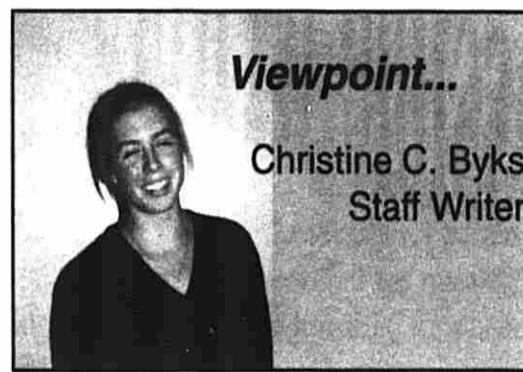
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Love transcends all boundaries

One student's concern of societies view of appropriate love



If I'm coming out, then I guess this is the time to do it. O.K., so here it goes. Mom, Dad, Stinky, Jesse, and esteemed colleagues: I'm...wearing a toupee.

They took it rather well, I think.

If everyone can accept something as superficial as male pattern baldness, then why not something as meaningful as the people I love and share my life with?

Maybe if it wasn't America. Americans are known for their homophobia—which they contracted from their Puritan ancestors. This society—our society—of right-wing, left-wing

evangelists, and hermits—all attempting to unify the nation.

Really, heterosexuality is rather monotone.

When I think about heterosexuality, I envision Snow White, where the Prince comes to the rescue with a kiss and the couple ride off into the sunset. But don't people realize that the English term "love" is so multifaceted and engenders so much more than the frog prince, the evil sorceress and the maiden in distress. Let's face it, Snow White was a simpleton.

It seems to me that love encompasses a city's night life of flashing neon signs—and more.

There's the love of a mother who

cleans your cuts as a child.

There's the love of siblings who you beat up when they were too small to defend themselves.

There's the love that forms between you and the only other outcast kid on the playground—the kid who soon becomes your best friend.

There's the love for your pets.

There's the love among friends who you spent your life with all through elementary, middle and high school.

There's the love of friends whom you meet in college within days via roommates and hall mates.

clear that the homo's actions are WRONG. Understand? Sexual relations are between men and women—only.

But if I love someone, isn't it natural for me to say so? *I love you Dad*. Isn't it natural to extend those words with actions? For Christmas a couple years ago I made my Dad a bookshelf. And I hug him whenever I visit.

But this is the relationship between a father and his child, so obviously nothing more would come of it...

But what if I hugged my best friend? She's my best friend, after all, and I tell her everything. And what if I kiss her?

And what if one night I showed her how much I loved her by joining our souls the only way we humans know how: through our bodies.

And if I did this for my best friend whom I love, then why not the person I want to spend the rest of my life with?

Are we so limited that we can't see that love within genders is just as needed and special as the love across genders?

Let me put it this way... You didn't choose to be born with blond hair and blue eyes, and you didn't choose to be born a heterosexual.

My options were just as limited as yours. But we make do with what we can, and that's why we integrated during the 50s; people realized that resistance was futile and that there were too many colors to burn and leave only albinos. After all, prisms begin with white light and diffract into the multitudes of everything else.

"Are we so limited that we can't see that love within genders is just as special as the love across genders?"

--Christine C. Byks

--- There's the love of the people you date.

There's the love of the people you tell your darkest secrets—and they help you survive through this drowning flood of society.

There's the love of soulmates—people you were destined to meet, people that you made no voluntary or conscious decision to know or like: it just happened.

And some would add the unconditional love of God...

I've been told by more than one Catholic priest that you should forgive the sinner, but not the sin. Therefore, homos and heteros can all live together, just as long as it is perfectly

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Poet professor prepares possible writers

Lisa Chavez uses her own poetry to motivate students

Jill Holcomb
Staff Writer

Lisa Chavez, instructor of English, may teach poetry by minority writers, but she doesn't much like the "ethnicity" requirement.

At least not the way it is currently designed.

"I am impatient with the term 'ethnicity,' Chavez said. "It is not the same thing as race."

She said she worries that the term is too general, and is a way of getting around talking about race.

"What matters in America is skin color and race."

Chavez, who is of Mexican, Indian and Norwegian descent, noted that we are all ethnic, but only some of us are "raced." While other groups in America face prejudice, the problem is particularly severe for people of color. Chavez noted this is because "we [people of color] are more easily identifiable."

Chavez will be teaching a new course next semester that will draw on some of these issues: Poetry by Women of Color.

"This poetry is really vibrant, alive and in your face," Chavez exclaimed.

Students will read poetry written by contemporary writers, as well as writing some of their own verse.

Chavez received her B.A. in English from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in 1987, and then went on to earn her M.F.A. in creative writing and poetry from Arizona State University, where she graduated in 1990. Chavez is currently finishing her Ph.D. at the University of Rochester.

Chavez said she wanted to be a

writer at the age of five. She became interested in poetry when she was a sophomore creative writing major in college.

"I think I became interested in poetry fairly late for a poet," she said. "It appealed to me because poetry was

She is quick to note however, that not all of her poetry is depressing. Much of her work is also feminist.

"I think because most of my poems have characters in them, the women are strong characters, and they are survivors," Chavez said.

"I am impatient with the term 'ethnicity.' It is not the same thing as race. What matters in America is skin color and race."

--Lisa Chavez, instructor of English

short," she said with a laugh, "and you can do different things with poetry than you can in fiction."

Chavez lived in Alaska for more than twenty years, and noted that growing up in Alaska has enriched her poetry.

"Alaska is a very hard place to live," Chavez said. "Alaska is a very extreme place...both in climate and mood of the state."

Much of Chavez's poetry is set in and around Alaska. Her first book, "Destruction Bay," is named after a place near Alaska in the Yukon Territory.

"I think the first book particularly is really centered in women's lives," Chavez said.

The book deals with issues of racism, love, and poverty, as well as other issues women face. She noted that the title, "Destruction Bay," "suits the tone of the poetry with a lot of violence, conflict, and pain."

She is currently working on another book of poetry.

"Also, I talk about issues of sexism and racism through these characters."

Are men able to understand poetry written by women?

"I think they can," Chavez stated. "I hope we're not writing to just one gender."

Chavez said she likes teaching both creative writing and literature, and has no preference for one over the other. She noted the trick is getting the class motivated into talking about poetry.

Many men and women think verse is too difficult to understand, Chavez noted.

"One of my goals is to show them poetry is not a scary thing and that they can learn it. Poetry is not dead—people are still doing it."

At right is a poem from Chavez's book "Destruction Bay."



Photo by Jennifer Markert

Lisa Chavez, instructor of English, tells students that poetry is not a "scary thing," but rather an evolving literary form. Her students read contemporary poetry, including some of her own works, and also write their own verse.

The Poet Surveys the Wreckage of her Life

These are the things in her house:

A box full of bootleg tapes.
A tub of dogfood and two pink plastic dishes. Five empty beer bottles. A bowl full of change. Half a pot of coffee—cold. A wedding ring, no longer worn. A single sapphire earring. Piles of papers. A coyote skull. Two ivory birds. Handfuls of bullets—9mm. Books. A cashmere coat. A gin bottle full of pennies. A bag of her last lover's clothes. His mail. A VCR. A broken black and white TV. A pack of cigarettes left by the second to the last lover, the drunken one who still comes around. A bed of sleeping bags and foam pads. The quilt sewn by a friend. A pair of her ex-husband's underwear. The torn t-shirt she sleeps in, left by the last lover, the one who matters. The smell of his absence. The painkillers she takes sometimes to sleep. The loaded pistol by the bed. A picture of her in her last lover's arms. And everywhere, her own desire for release, bright as the flame on the propane stove.

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Why did the space shuttle *Challenger* explode?

Take Kathleen Edelmayer's class to find out when communication works, when it fails and why

Kelly White
Staff Writer

Can conflict in leadership be a good thing?

Kathleen Edelmayer, instructor of speech communication and theatre, thinks so.

Next semester, Edelmayer will be conducting a class, Conflict and Leadership, which will explore how people use communication to establish leadership and how communicating techniques tend to vary among different styles of leaders.

Conflict and Leadership will be offered weekly next semester from noon to 2 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. According to Edelmayer, the class is not exclusively for communication majors.

"[The class] is quite appropriate for anyone who is interested in gaining leadership qualities," she said. "This could include business majors, education majors, and pre-law."

The class will focus on different myths involved with communication. One myth, according to Edelmayer, is that conflict in communication is bad.

Actually, Edelmayer said, conflict can be

positive when people are faced with an important decision.

An example is the case of the *Challenger* space shuttle disaster.

According to Edelmayer, the group of policy makers responsible for setting the launch date were so convinced that the launch needed to happen at a certain time that they ignored warnings from engineers.

The policy makers involved were not open to conflict or discussion. The consequences of a dilemma like this can be grave. The problem? "Groupthink."

"Groupthink is a flaw in the communication process," Edelmayer said.

She added that groups can become so cohesive that they are not open to outside interference.

All of us have to deal with conflict, Edelmayer said, but the key is to focus on how conflict can be productive.

"You always have to deal with leaders, whether you are the leader or you are working with a leader," Edelmayer said. "That is why it is so important to learn how to use leadership qualities effectively."

The class, Conflict and Leadership, will teach students how to face conflict in communication and to make use of the

opportunity it provides to eliminate potential problems, Edelmayer said.

Edelmayer's past experience with leadership and communication will benefit her students immensely.

Edelmayer attended Wayne State University for undergraduate study and received her masters in speech communication from Central Michigan University.

For two years, Edelmayer was the director of debate at Illinois State University. Edelmayer also taught at St. Olaf College for 4 years as the assistant director of forensics.

She was also the debate coach at Wayne State University. There she taught public speaking, communication theory, and small group communications.

Soon Edelmayer will defend her dissertation to earn a Ph.D. from Wayne State.

"My research area is the analysis of the rhetoric of the Catholic church," she said.

Her dissertation is a textual analysis of what Bishops wrote in Pastoral Statements about women's concerns for the church and society.

"A Pastoral letter is a teaching statement used to understand how ancient church teachings apply to contemporary society," Edelmayer said. "I wanted to see essentially



photo by Jennifer Markert

Kathleen Edelmayer, instructor of speech communication and theatre, teaches Conflict and Leadership next semester.

how the church responds to internal dissent."

Edelmayer is enjoying her time at Albion College.

"It has been a great experience," she said. "The people in this department are really supportive and in many respects we work together as a team."

Dedication and passion: Eco Club makes it count



Jared Kram
Staff Writer

"A declaration of interdependence."

This is one of the key motivational themes of the Ecological Awareness Club, as stated by Wesley Dick, professor of history.

The Eco Club, founded in 1986, is an organization that is dedicated to preserving the environment, on all scale levels, through action and educational processes, according to Dick.

"My idea of the ideal ecologically responsible college would be one that modeled the land ethic," he said.

The "land ethic" is a term coined by famed environmentalist Aldo Leopold, author of "A Sand County Almanac." In essence, the land ethic means that humans are members, not conquerors of the world's land-community.

All life is interdependent. That is what the Eco Club strives to be—members and protectors of the environment.

The key to being successful members of the environment often requires action from club members. The rewards of the Eco Club's actions are twofold: one, they aid in preserving the environment through club events; two, they educate others about environmental concerns.

"I think the purpose of our club is to promote environmental awareness on campus

and in the community and to educate and involve as many people as possible about environmental problems," said Michael Dobbins, Naperville, Ill. junior.

The Eco Club has taken action in many ways over the years. The club is and has been sponsoring campus-wide recycling programs, has worked to ban the spraying of pesticides on campus greens, and has planted trees in the community.

They have also hosted environmental activists such as Cesar Chavez, former President of the United Farm Workers Union, to speak at the college. The late Chavez was dedicated to social causes and a leader in the table grape boycott, which emphasized both the treatment of farm laborers and the use of pesticides on fruit.

Club action ties into the sense of "community" that permeates the club's attitude. Community refers to the idea that in the environment, each action by someone or something affects someone else.

In other words, all life is interdependent. That is why responsibility "is such a major issue when speaking about ecological issues."

One major purpose of the club is to make sure that the college takes responsibility for the environment around it," said Elaina Lake, Albion senior.

Knowing when and how to be responsible is the result of the education of those involved, including the campus, community, and the club members themselves.

In order to become more educated about

current issues and ideas, the club has maintained its membership in the Student Environmental Action Committee (SEAC). The club attended national SEAC meetings in 1989, 1990 and 1991, where they met Cesar Chavez, and asked him to speak at Albion.

The club has and will have plenty of issues to address and apply their educations because environmental issues are serious and plentiful.

"You have to pay attention to so many things—there are just so many problems," Dobbins said.

Members will have several opportunities throughout the year to address issues and promote environmental awareness. Perhaps the largest event will be Earth Week, centering around Earth Day, April 22.

Each day during Earth Week is used for a different activity such as shirt sales, the passing of petitions addressing prevalent issues, and hosting speakers on campus.

Two themes permeate this club: dedication and passion.

"We are passionate about the issues we deal with, and there is a lot of pride in the work we do," said Lake.

With this attitude the Ecological Awareness Club will move forward this year continuing to promote education and awareness for many environmental and human issues.

Club meetings are held Mondays at 9 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Kellogg Center.

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Can the Vision

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BETWEEN COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY?

Jamelah Earle
Staff Writer

What's Albion like?

No, not Albion College. *Albion.*

Relations between the town and the college need improvement, and the people on President Peter Mitchell's Community Vision are working hard to dispel the 'townie myths.'

"As a citizen of Albion, there's not a street I wouldn't walk on at night," said William Stoffer, '74, CEO of Albion Machine and Tool Co. "I'll bet there are a lot of students who will be surprised by that statement."

Kim Cox, Albion's city manager echoed Stoffer's statements. He lives on Michigan Avenue, one of the town's major streets and said he never feels threatened outside of his home late at night.

"The town is safe," Cox said. "I'm comfortable with Public Safety."

Beyond all of the safety issues, Albion has more going for it than students may realize.

Cox and Stoffer both said that it is a town full of wonderful diversity—both socioeconomic and racial.

"Albion is the quintessential melting pot," Cox said. "If Norman Rockwell wanted to paint America, he'd come to Albion."

Both men said the racial diversity is a major positive that should be experienced by everyone who comes to Albion.

Cox added that the people of Albion are incredibly friendly.

"The hospitality in the community is tremendous," he said. "People exhibit good, positive feelings."

Cox also said that Albion's people have incredible work ethic. He said it's not uncommon to see "people from all walks of life rolling up their sleeves to get something done."

In 1973, Albion was named an All-America City, an honor that only ten cities per year receive.

Cox believes that Albion can become that city again.

And, in a show of pride, the signs announcing Albion's All-America City status were rededicated and hung at the entrances to the city on Oct. 26.

It has been said by several people that Albion has the potential to become a model small community.

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Cox said that a college is a critical component in a top-notch community as a wonderful academic and cultural resource. He also said students themselves provide a "vibrancy" and a "spirit of youth" to the town.

"It's hard to find negatives about having a college in the community," Cox said. "I see it as a major plus."

Both Cox and Stoffer said they believe that President Mitchell's vision is a great opportunity to open up both the college and the town to one another.

Cox said that Mitchell is supportive of city efforts and is trying to secure a grant to help improve the central business district.

Cox added that Mitchell shares many of his visions, namely making the college and city "one large community."

To put these goals into practice, President Mitchell is chair of a 16-member

committee which includes Albion business people, clergy, public school administrators, community leaders and one high school student.

"We as individuals set goals, and it makes sense that we as a community should do the same," said Judy Fetzer Dobbert, '69, superintendent of Albion Public Schools and a member of the committee in a college press release.

One of Cox's major goals as city

manager is to improve the city's housing stock and infrastructure.

Stoffer said the businesses in the area need to come up with more to attract people from the college.

He said Albion has a bizarre situation—in major cities, it isn't rare to find students walking upwards of 15 blocks to get to a downtown area. Yet with downtown Albion only four blocks from campus, students do not go there.

Stoffer proposed having businesses in the downtown area that would cater specifically to student needs.

He said that the Bohm theater is "a good start," but he also suggested eateries, coffee shops and places "the students could go to for entertainment."

Cox also feels that the city needs to do more to draw people from the college. He said that Albion's business community needs to realize that the college is a market and should have more services geared to it.

But he also said that people from the college need to patronize the community. "It's always a two-way street," Cox said.

Cox said that he sees a three-part plan for opening the college and community to one another.

He said that first, there needs to be communication. Albion needs to be more effective in telling the college community what is positive about the town. Second, he said that planning needs to improve, and finally, action from both sides to meet halfway.

Stoffer said by "showing....what the community offers, [students would] take advantage of it."

According to both Stoffer and Cox, the only place to go is forward. Stoffer said that the fates of both the college and the community are "twined together."

He added, "as the college goes, so goes the community...and vice versa."

Stoffer, who grew up in Albion and attended Albion College, is now a member of Albion's business community. He said the relationship between town and college has improved since he was a student, and added that he wants it to "increase three-fold."

The visioning process is an excellent "jump start" to improve the relations, Stoffer said. Cox said the relationship "needs to be better," but President Mitchell is an asset to the improvement. "He's a president who rolls up his sleeves and gets in there and gets dirty with everyone else to get the job done," Cox said. "I like those kinds of people."

Albion offers more than the college realizes, and the visioning process is intended to mend the fracture between the town and college. "It's a great place to live," Stoffer said. "It's a microcosm of the world. If you don't experience a community like Albion while you're here...you won't be ready to face the world."

Building Assets

Mentors make it happen

at Albion Middle School



Albion college mentors with Leonard Berkey and Barbara Keyes.

photo provided by Leonard Berkey

Philip Bracher
Staff Writer

Throughout the 1996-97 school year, more than two-thirds of the aggressive behavior at the Albion Middle School (AMS) involved fights or arguments among girls.

Partly because of these findings, Barbara Keyes, associate professor and chair of psychology, and Leonard Berkey, associate professor of sociology, initiated the Building Assets in Middle School Girls project in 1998.

Working closely together with the Albion community, Keyes and Berkey teamed up with Sandy Hood, counselor at the AMS.

They selected fourteen Albion College women students and paired

them with an equal number of AMS girls.

The women are both researchers and mentors. They are enrolled in a course, providing the base for both research methodology and coordination of activities. This mixture of academic and counseling support is unique in the history of Albion College, Keyes said.

A \$70,500 W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant is funding the project that started this semester and will continue throughout the 1998/99 academic year.

"It is a wonderful new opening towards the Albion community," said Berkey, who provides the women mentors with sociological background.

"This project has two aspects: on the one hand it is a year-long research seminar. On the other hand the mentors try to understand the world as

seen by the AMS girls."

One of the mentors is Anne-Marie Badenhorst, Winnetka, Ill. senior. While studying in Scotland, she was asked if she would be willing to participate in the project. Accepting the challenge, she enlisted for the course.

"The college is very separate from the community itself," Badenhorst said.

"The problem is that culture and ethnicity affect education. The girls are stuck in a community where they don't know anything outside of Albion. They don't think about college because they don't believe they have a future there," she said.

According to the 1990 Census Information, the social tensions apparent in the AMS may also have economic reasons. Out of a total number of 3,309 households in Albion, nearly one-third of them reported a

yearly income of \$10,000 or less. The median household income was \$20,078 a year.

Bearing these social differences in mind, it is understandable that on the first encounter of the girls and their mentors on October 1, everyone was a bit nervous, according to Badenhorst.

But the tensions soon eased. "I didn't feel any kind of animosity or contempt," Badenhorst said. "We shared a get-to-know-sheet. It wasn't awkward at all but a matter of building a sense of trust. The conversation will eventually get deeper and deeper."

One of the challenges Badenhorst faces is that she has to be both researcher and mentor at the same time. These two roles require careful balancing, because the information that she is entrusted with as a friend also represents research data.

"After a meeting you sit down at the computer and make field notes," Badenhorst said. "When you are with the girl, you are a mentor. When you sit in front of the computer, you are a researcher. But it also forces me to look at why I interpret things the way I do. How do I mold the experiences I'm hearing?"

These experiences have been thoroughly positive both on the side of the mentors and on the side of the faculty members involved.

"So far, there is a real high level of enthusiasm," Keyes said. "The mentors need to know how to successfully communicate with people whose background is different from theirs. It means trying to understand a different world."

The results of this research project will be presented at a conference presentation next spring and summer.

Socialism—out of the history books onto campus

Carolyn Temporelli
Staff Writer

"It's not Communism, I know that. You kinda share everything. Everyone should have one of everything. Nobody should have two toasters."

For Raaed Batniji, Diamond Bar, Calif. sophomore, and a great many Americans, socialism is little more than a vague concept.

But for three Albion College students, socialism means action. Socialism means the Albion College Socialist Club (ACS).

Three Albion College comrades recently united their views on socialism with the creation of ACS. But the charter members, Paul DeRose, Holt junior; Daniel Haar, Rochester hills senior; and John Molenda, Holt sophomore hesitate to call themselves "officers" or leaders of the group, since this would violate the very principles they stand for.

Why a socialist club which evokes ideas of abolishing private property, governmental control over income, and a failed Russian economy?

DeRose has a simple answer, "There are

certain ideas that are socialist ideas that we agree with," he said. "What I'm interested in is educating people on what socialism is—to clarify the definition of socialism ... then maybe we can get in touch with a national socialist party and try to make some changes on campus."

With the creation of a Socialist club, the founding members hope to constitute a comprehensive voice which is currently unheard. ACS aims in its mission statement to "give the leftist segment of the student body a real voice on campus outside the 'hierarchical framework.'"

The alternative politically based college organization is grounded on the ideal that the group is "for people that believe all humans have the right to be treated with dignity and respect," as its mission statement reads. It is open to all students—regardless of political affiliations.

"We're not about enforcing our ideology

on others," Molenda said.

"We're not like college Democrats or Republicans. We're more socially oriented," Molenda said.

The democratic party is refuted because it's "not a principled party," Haar said. "It's about getting people into power—not changing society for the better."

Still, Molenda is aware of the apprehension people may have about a connection to socialism.

"It is difficult to overcome prejudices people have against the group," he noted. "Our biggest challenge is to show people what we're doing is worthwhile for everybody because I believe it is."

But what does this group plan to do? Ideally, ACS would change Albion's "hierarchical framework."

"Instead of the top down power structure which our school has, decisions greatly affecting students should stem from the

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—John Molenda, Holt sophomore

students themselves," Haar said. "However, implementing this idea would call for a radical restructuring of Albion's administration."

Haar has taken action for developing the group by establishing an initial project idea for ACS. He wants to "focus on impacts of consumption choices and educate people about the moral practices of corporations."

"I don't think a lot of people know what corporations treat people with respect and which are after mere gain," Haar said.

Haar illustrates his concern through the research he has done on the oil trade in Nigeria. Albion's local Shell gas station is part of a corporation producing the majority of its oil in Nigeria.

Nigeria has a vested interest in maintaining healthy relations with Shell because oil creates about 95% of its total export revenue.

In his essay on the topic, Haar illustrates how Shell is influential and involved in Nigerian governmental repression against the people of Nigeria.

"What they [Nigerian people] might be gaining in money from jobs, they are definitely losing in traditional farming procedures," Haar said.

Molenda welcomes comments, questions, and project ideas at KC box 5089, or e-mail JMolenda.



SPORTS RECAP

FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings:

	W	L	PF	PA
Albion	6	0	224	54
Hope	4	1	130	115
Adrian	3	3	96	123
Alma	3	3	211	137
Kalamazoo	2	4	103	82
Olivet	2	4	88	192
Defiance	0	5	47	126

Last Saturday:

Albion 44, Hope 0

ALBION WINS 1998 MIAA CHAMPIONSHIP

MEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Final Standings:

	W	L	T
1. Kalamazoo	11	3	0
2. Alma	10	3	1
3. Calvin	8	5	1
4. Albion	6	4	4
5. Olivet	8	6	4
6. Hope	6	6	2
7. Adrian	3	11	0
8. Defiance	0	14	0

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Final Standings:

	W	L
1. Hope	15	1
2. Calvin	14	2
3. Saint Mary's	11	5
4. Kalamazoo	10	6
5. Albion	8	8
6. Alma	7	9
7. Adrian	4	12
8. Defiance	3	13
9. Olivet	0	16

All-MIAA First Team:
-Jennifer Barnes, Wyandotte junior and outside hitter

Honorable Mention:
-Carla Trzeclak, Allen Park junior and setter

WOMEN'S & MEN'S GOLF

All MIAA First Team:

Men's - Brett Crosthwaite, Jackson sophomore
Women's - Kathryn Pritchard, Cincinnati, Ohio sophomore and Melissa Hall, West Lafayette sophomore

All MIAA Second Team:

Women's - Lindsay Franson, Saginaw sophomore

From the K-zoo to the Little Tennessee



Jennifer Daniels
Staff Writer

Canoeing down the peaceful Kalamazoo River is a long way from facing the raging Little Tennessee and the oldest triathlon in the country.

Keith Havens, instructor of physical education and men's and women's swimming coach, is no stranger to the rapids of this river. Since 1977, Havens has participated in the Outdoorsman Triathlon. This year, seven members of the Albion College Canoe Club accompanied him to North Carolina on the weekend of September 18th through the 20th.

"It's a reunion with many Albion people who come year after year," Havens said.

This year, two alumni, Chris Behling, '94 and classmate Webb Friedly, '94, joined the group, bringing home first place in the Men's Relay.

Havens won the Masters Men's class and came in first place overall in the competition.

The Canoe Club teams proved ready for this competition as they swept the individual events as well as placing first and third in the team relay.

The first place team was comprised of Katherine Waters, Troy junior;

Jovan Giaimo, Wyandotte junior; and Matthew Fetzner, Alma senior.

"I was most proud of Sunday," Fetzner said. "Katie swam for us and Jovan ran."

Fetzner also won the individual Collegiate Men's class followed by Giaimo. Waters placed third in the Collegiate Women's class.

"I was actually really worried," Fetzner said. "Up until the second rapids, Jovan was ahead of me, then I was able to pull ahead."

Albion's second Canoe Club team of Matthew Baran, South Lyon freshman; Michael Kowalski, Canton sophomore; and international student, Yency Cabrera, Costa Rica, took third place. In the collegiate classes, Cabrera finished first for the women, Kowalski took third for the men, and Baran finished fourth.

Tara Kneeshaw, Kalamazoo sophomore, Triathlon veteran, Canoe Club treasurer and women's swim team member, took a different approach to the weekend's events. The first day she entered the individual event, but the second day she suited up and entered the relay on the North Carolina State University Outing Club team, which took fourth place.

On her own, Kneeshaw placed second in the Collegiate Women's class.

"The swim went pretty well," Kneeshaw said. "I dropped four min-



photos courtesy of Tara Kneeshaw

Top: Yency Cabrera canoes off in the distance. Fetzner said of triathlon, "The overall scenery and canoeing down the river was the best."

Bottom: (l-r) Tara Kneeshaw, Katherine Waters, Matthew Fetzner, Jovan Giaimo, Matthew Baran, Mike Kowalski, Yency Cabrera. The Albion College students took several first, second and third place finishes.

utes from last year."

Both she and Fetzner agree that the four mile run is the hardest part of the race.

"The worst part of it by far is the run," said Fetzner. "The first mile is flat, but in the middle for about a mile and a half it is one constant hill."

Kneeshaw and Fetzner participated in last year's triathlon and said they felt more prepared for this one. Kneeshaw was well prepared for the canoeing portion, as she went to the White Water Open Canoe National Championships in Richmond, Virginia, over the summer, placing third in the women's division.

"The hardest part is carrying your

canoe up the hill when it's all over," Kneeshaw said.

"By far, the best part would be the canoe, but it's really frustrating," Fetzner said. "The water was low, so it was really easy to get stuck on a rock. The overall scenery and canoeing down the river was the best."

Havens said that he was very impressed with the teams and their standings, but wasn't surprised.

"It's really a mental thing," Kneeshaw said, summing up the experience. "We don't go in there thinking, 'Yeah, I'm going to win this,' but just to prove that you can do it and finish...Winning is just an added perk."

Country Lanes Bowling Alley

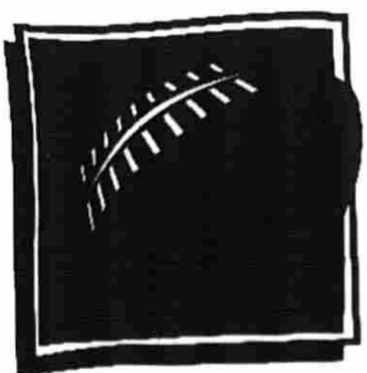
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Scenarios:

If the playoffs started today, Albion would be out. However, the North Regions number one ranked Mt. Union (Oh.) plays number four ranked Baldwin-Wallace (Oh.) tomorrow. More than likely, with a Mt. Union win, Albion is in the playoffs. If Baldwin-Wallace pulls off the upset, look for Mt. Union to stay above Albion in the regional rankings and therefore Albion would not make the playoffs. The top four teams in each region make the playoffs.

Even if Baldwin-Wallace were to win, Albion would still have a shot if either Wittenberg, who plays Kenyon (4-5), or Wabash, who plays DePauw (6-3), were to lose. Sixth ranked Millikin has an outside shot to leap past the Britons, as they take on Elmhurst (3-5) tomorrow. More than likely, even with a win, Millikin will not move ahead

of Albion (knock on wood).

Chances are, with a Mt. Union win, they will remain number one and Albion will move up to number four. That means that on Nov. 21, because one plays four in the NCAA playoff pairings, Albion will play Mt. Union in Alliance, Ohio.

Regional Ranking:

North Region

1. Mt. Union (Oh.) (9-0)
2. Wittenberg (Oh.) (9-0)
3. Wabash (Ind.) (9-0)
4. Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio) (8-1)
5. Albion (Mich.) (8-1)
6. Millikin (Ill.) (7-1)

*Top four teams from each region make the playoffs. In the first round, one plays four while the second and third ranked teams play each other.