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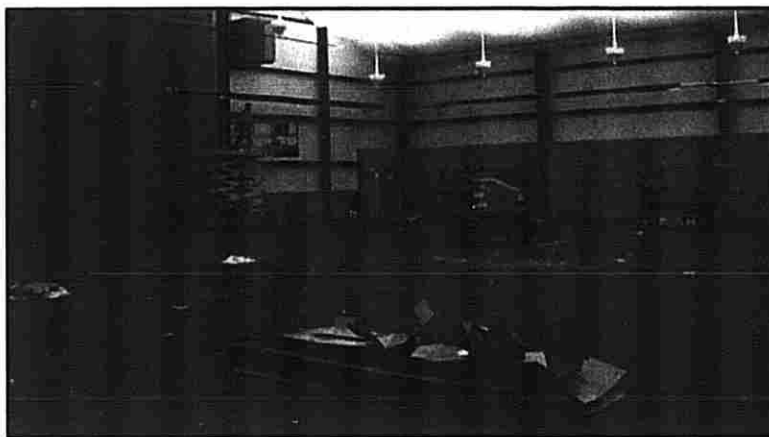
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## Construction in full swing

■ Students can look forward to playing indoor tennis this spring

Jill Holcomb  
Staff Writer



photos by Zack Loeprich

Sawdust and hard work. The place is Baldwin. This is the inside view of Phase I renovations, led by tour guide Steve Schnorr, director of dining and hospitality services.

"What is happening is asbestos abatement on all three floors," Schnorr said. "Renovations will include two handicap accessible men's bathrooms, an elevator, a new dining room, h-vac, plumbing, fire sprinkler systems, plus all the demo work."

Dale Dopp, vice president of finance and management, said Phase I is on schedule and part of an estimated \$6 million three-phase project.

According to Schnorr, much of the work from Phase I will never be seen.

"The mechanicals really are the heart and soul of the building," Schnorr said.

Students will however notice a different view of the outside of the building when the entire project is finished.

"The whole front wall of Baldwin will be glass," Schnorr said. "People will be able to see clear through the building."

Other features of the building will include central air-conditioning, more seating, non-traditional serving lines, and various cuisine options.

"We're going to end up

with a nicer renovated place with a more modern kitchen and serving line," Dopp said, "and it will be a nicer place to eat."

While Baldwin renovations are on schedule, the new tennis facility is behind schedule.

A shortage in steel supplies due to the construction of the new Tiger Stadium delayed construction of the facility earlier in the year.

Most recently, a fire damaged a small portion of the second floor of the facility. Insulation inside the wall separat-

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Above left: Inside the new tennis facility. The tennis center will be accessible through the Dow upon completion.

Above: An electrician works on the tennis center's wiring. According to Dale Dopp, vice president of finance and management, the facility will be completed and ready for tennis by the end of February.



A Baldwin employee prepares for the dinner crowd.

## Students reject meal plan

Megan Thomas  
Staff Writer

Living off campus doesn't provide the simple comforts on-campus living does.

It's a longer walk or even drive to classes and there is not the comfort of just walking into Baldwin Dining Hall whenever the craving for food hits. People know that when they walk into Baldwin they can have

food ready for them even if they do not have any cash on them.

This semester Dining Services offered a meal plan for students who are not required to have a meal plan. A letter sent to each of them said that for \$525 a semester, they could eat five meals a week in Baldwin.

According to Lisa Batterbee, director of residential life, the idea was proposed by Student Senate, but no students accepted the meal plan.

"It's not appealing," said Kelly Maciejewski, Berkley senior and off campus student. "I think it is a lot healthier to just go to the store and make my own food."

"This was just a trial period. It was one part of a bigger step," Batterbee said.

Residential life and senate will meet again in order to discuss changes to make the plan more appealing.

## Is Alma catching up in the ratings game?

Carolyn Temporelli  
Staff Writer

Anxious fans await the opening pitch of the game. Today, Albion plays Alma. Albion's expecting an easy win, but will underdog Alma cause an upset?

These two teams don't toil for fame and fortune...they battle for student enrollment. This contest is about who will win the loyalty of the perspective students.

Just last year, Ian Wilson, Rochester Hills freshman, found himself in the middle of the battle. He researched both Albion and Alma Colleges. His visit to Alma wasn't a memorable experience, but Albion stood out for him with both its campus and its food.

"At this place [Albion] you can

eat all day," Wilson said. "That's important, believe it or not."

Although Alma is only a blurry memory for Wilson, the college has stepped to the plate

in the contest for student numbers. With 1,525 applicants per year, 96 percent residing in Michigan, something is attracting students to Alma.

Alma's recently increased ACT score average is 25.3, revealing progress and improvement. For the past five years, Albion's freshmen

boasted an average ACT score of 25.

"In the early 90's [Alma] wasn't compared on the same level as Hope, Kalamazoo, and Albion. It's closer to that level now than it was then, but still ... It's playing the game at that level but not always winning," said Robert Johnson, vice president of enrollment.

Students who are admitted to both Albion and Alma Colleges are asked to compare qualities of the two schools. According to Johnson's records, Albion wins on academic reputation, at-

tractive campus, academic facilities, merit of school, value for price, extra-curricular activities, career preparation, and personal attention.

Alma wins on cost of attendance (basic tuition at Alma is \$14,424 versus \$17,540 at Albion), availability of major (Alma offers 48 established programs to Albion's 24), and campus housing.

"You would expect people to come here [Albion] when you see that much difference in the list ... People aren't necessarily looking for the least expensive school if there are other quality factors," Johnson said.

Not unlike Wilson, in 1998 there were 263 freshman applicants who were accepted to both Albion and

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## Less crime on campus

Penny Barnes  
Staff Editor

What's the biggest crime on campus?

The 1998 numbers distributed by The Department of Campus Safety show that liquor law violations were up 162 percent from 1997-1998.

Twenty-one total reports of liquor law violations were made in the fall of 1998. This was a jump from the eight cases made in the fall of 1997, according to campus safety.

"Our biggest problem is minors in possession—for obvious reasons," said Derrick Teal, Lapeer senior and communication supervisor for campus safety.

In the 1997 fall semester there were only two reports in this category and in 1998 the number rose to 17.

Crime rates, especially larceny and breaking and entering, have gone down mostly due to student awareness, according to Teal.

"A lot more students are keeping their doors and windows locked and not propping doors to dormitories," he said.

— see 'crime down, drinking up' p.2

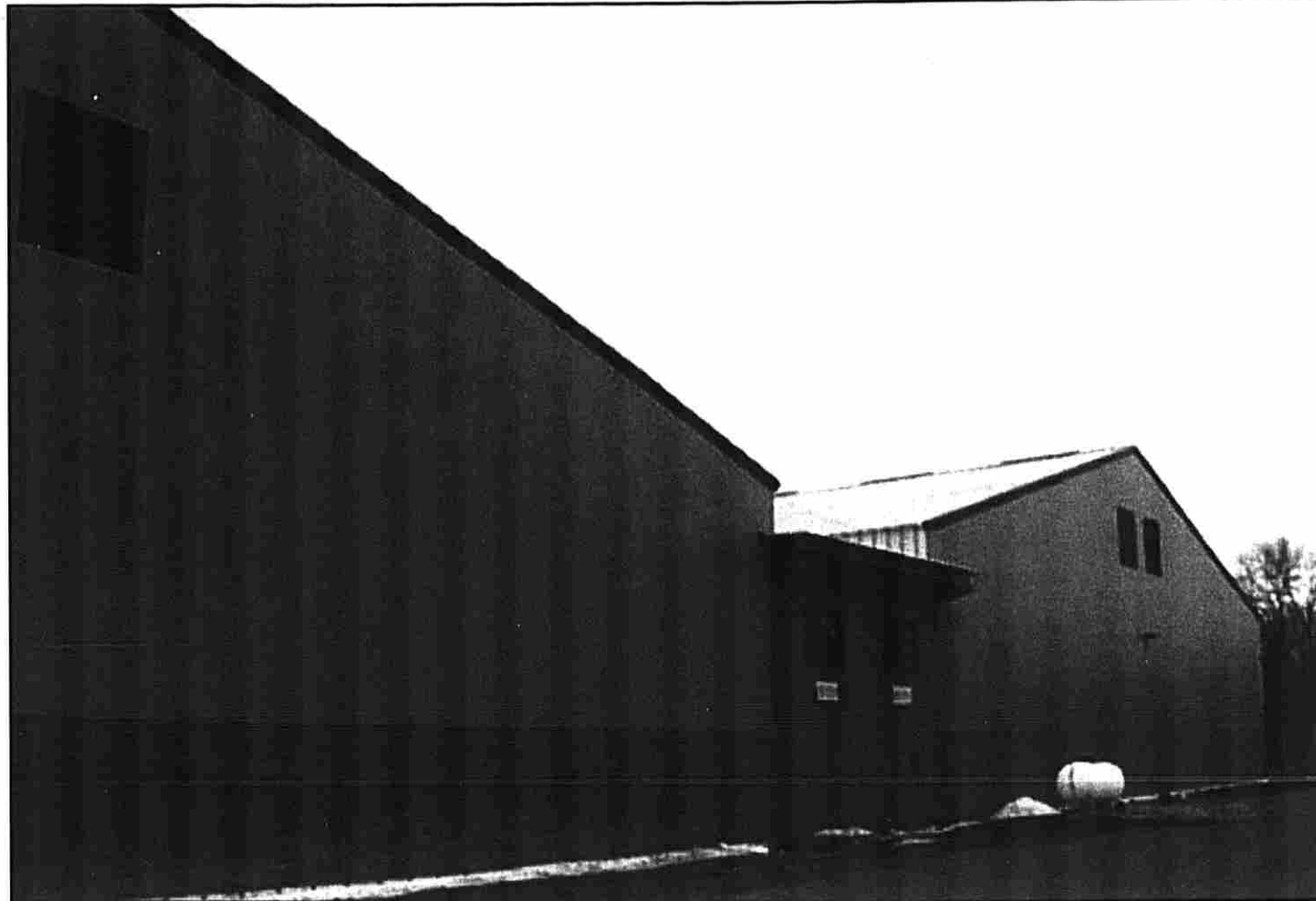




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Above: The fire originated in that section of the wall. Fire fighters were forced to break through the brick in order to extinguish the fire.

Right: The face of the tennis facility (from Erie St.). The project is slated for completion by the end of February.



## 'Reconstructing Albion' ————— continued from p. 1

ing the Dow and the tennis center caught on fire, causing internal damage.

Fire fighters were forced to crack open the separating brick wall to get at the problem.

According to tennis facility construction workers, the only real damage was caused by smoke. A couple days of labor were also lost due to repairs.

"We had hoped the tennis facility would have players playing by now," Dopp said. "It looks like the facility will be able to be used by the tennis players by late February."

"The building most closely resembles the new facility built at the University of Michigan," said Ken Kolmodin, director of facilities operations.

According to Kolmodin, the U-M's tennis facility is a little larger, but Albion's new facility has similar dimensions, lighting and design details.

The \$1.3 million facility is a pre-engineered building that houses four courts. The general design was done by architects Machlachlan Cornelius Filoni.

"For the tennis and athletic facilities, all the money is raised as gifts

and donations," Dopp said.

Skip Ungrowdt, '52, was the major donor and fundraiser for the new facility.

"It has offices for coaches, offices for the control room [equipment room], and an observation and spectator area," Kolmodin said.

The facility is 29,274 square feet and can be accessed through the Dow.

"By linking the facilities we could hold tennis tournaments," Kolmodin noted.

Spectators can view the four new courts as well as the three old courts housed in the Dow from the

spectator platform.

Students may be interested in welcoming Bob Adkins to campus. Adkins was hired in as the new full-time professional tennis instructor.

The new tennis facility should increase recruitment of tennis players.

"I think the idea is if we build the facility and have a quality environment, we will be able to recruit more players," Kolmodin said. "Between our indoor and outdoor facilities we will have one of the best, if not the best tennis facility in the MIAA."

## 'Crime down, drinking up' ————— continued from p. 1

There was only three reports of breaking and entering in 1998 according to campus safety numbers.

"Larceny is one of the major crimes we deal with," said Noel Schneider, assistant director of Campus Safety and 1995 graduate of Albion College.

Another area in which numbers have risen in the fall semester of 1998 compared to the fall semester of 1997 was larceny. In the fall of 1998 there were 22 reports compared to the 16 reports made the year previous.

"Rates have gone down in almost every category," Schneider said.

Malicious destruction of property is down for the fall semester of 1998.

There were 15 reports compared to the 43 cases in the fall of 1997.

"It's a very safe campus," said Wovenu M o d e y , Mem-

phis, Tenn., junior. "Crime is really not a big issue here."

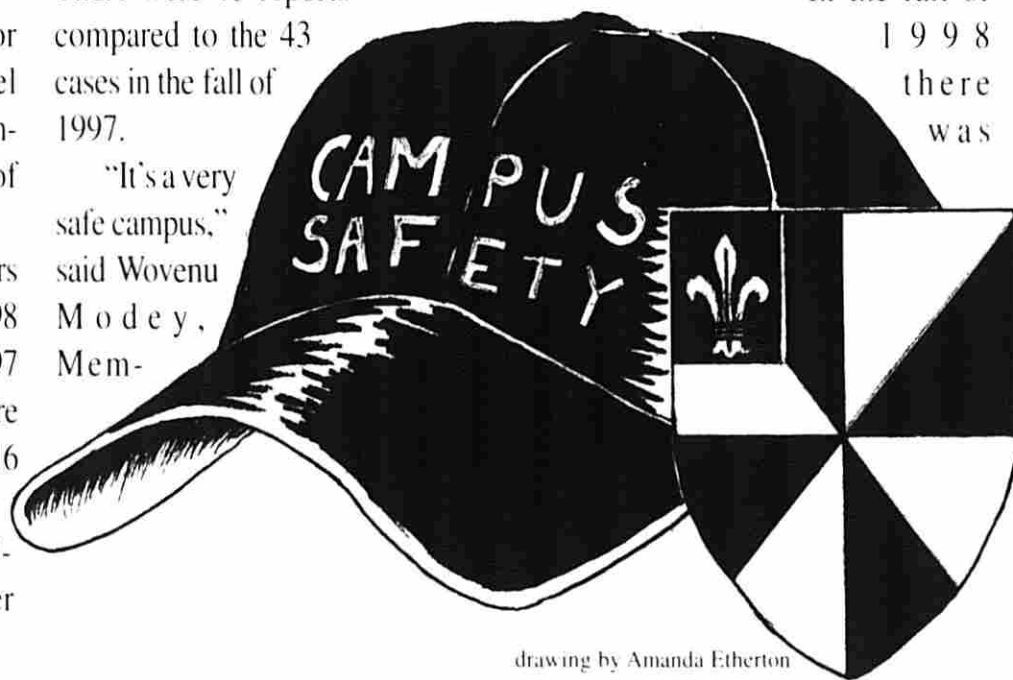
In the fall of 1998 there was

only one assault reported on campus. This is up however from the fall of 1997 when no reports of assault were made.

"Crime is low on campus because of student mentality," Modey said. "Students here act in a very safe way. They take these things very seriously."

Campus safety hopes that crime rates will continue to decline and that student awareness will increase.

A full version of campus crime statistics can be found on the web at: <http://www.albion.edu/admin/sfty/index/html>.



drawing by Amanda Etherton

## 'Battle of Liberal Arts' ————— continued from p. 1

Alma College. Sixty-three students chose Albion, 47 chose Alma, and the remaining 153 have allegiances elsewhere.

These figures illustrate the competitiveness of Albion and Alma but also reveal that many students don't choose either school.

Number comparison also reveals similarities. Alma's 22.5 person average class, its 97 person faculty and enrollment of 1,396 compares to Albion's 19 person average class, 109 person faculty and enrollment of 1,600.

Albion distinguishes itself through its membership in the Great Lakes Colleges Association.

"But undergraduates stress that Alma boasts a very high 'student happiness' rate, which makes all other measures worth much more," stated Barron's *Best Buys in College Education*, 1998.

Similarities also exist in the philosophies of each college.

"Alma College cultivates and promotes experiences, both in activity and thought, which will lead students to an outlook on life of wholeness and openness, an acceptance of life as a trust, a continuing life-style of critical affirmation and integrity, and a sense of responsibility for themselves and others," as started in the Alma College mission statement.

This doesn't sound much different than the Methodist based Albion "Purpose." "We believe in the fundamental worth of a broad exposure to intellectual and artistic achievement, to the best that has been thought and said about the world and our place in it," as stated in the Albion College academic catalog.

Comparing the two colleges, Johnson views Albion as the victor.

"Is Alma more competitive than before? Yes," Johnson said. "Do students still come here? Yes. We'll win more than we'll lose."

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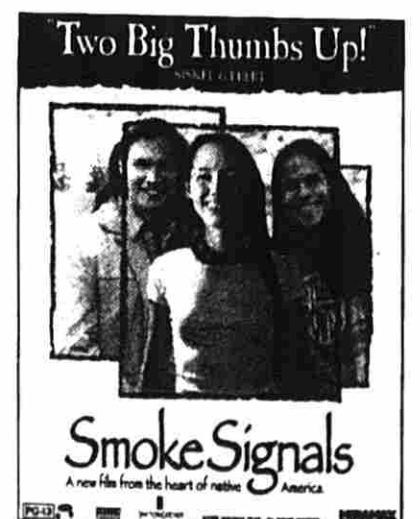
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**Elmer Iseler singers perform at Albion**

The Elmer Iseler singers will make a guest appearance at Albion College's Strickler Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, at Goodrich Chapel.

The 20 member Canadian choir was founded in 1954. The choir performs over a 100 live and broadcast performances each year.

The Strickler concert began when David Strickler, retired professor of music, retired in 1976. An endowment fund now serves to finance the annual Iseler concert.

The concert is free and open to the public. Contact the music department at (517) 629-0481 for more information.

**Black History month events celebrate community**

Here are the events for the upcoming week to celebrate the Black History month.

•Feb. 10: "Bird," the Oscar winning biography of Charlie Parker. This film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the Bohm.

•Feb. 11: Rev Jefferson Edwards will discuss "Purging Racism from Christianity," at 7 p.m. in Bobbit Auditorium.

Other events for Black History month will follow in the upcoming weeks. Check *The Pleiad* for times, dates and location.

**The new scandal warning system**

*Psychoanalysis may be the media's new tool in presidential screening*

Emily Thompson  
Staff Writer

"Presidents, most of them at least, are human," said Geoffrey Cocks, professor of history, at a lecture he gave on Monday, Jan. 25.

His lecture, "Psychobiography and Understanding the Presidency: Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations Treaty," addressed Wilson's presidency as well as the concept of presidential psychoanalysis.

As described in the book *Presidential Personality and Performance* by Alexander and Juliette George, "Psychoanalytic psychology comprehends individual human behavior in terms of history and development and the past and present relationships of the id, the ego, and the superego which, it claims, comprise the human psyche."

Psychoanalysis may soon become a tool used by the media. Considering all of the political turmoil brought on by the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal (and perhaps by Clinton's character) it seems that the psychoanalysis of presidential candidates would be a beneficial procedure for the election of future presidents.

What exactly should the American public look for in a president?

According to James David Barber, a political scientist, "the Presidency is much more than an institution. It is a focus of feelings . . . The president is a symbolic leader, the one figure who draws together the peoples' hopes

and fears and political future."

Amidst Barber's theory is the idea that a president's personality is important in determining his behavior, and therefore should be analyzed.

Barber believes that "a president's personality interacts with the power situation he faces," so it is imperative for that personality to be sound.

Clinton's mother left him and did not re-

turn to him for two years. Clinton had a violent and alcoholic father. His brother abused drugs. His grandmother was a compulsive gambler.

Are all of the factors, when added together, the reason for Clinton's promiscuity? Are all of these things the reason he lied under oath? And more importantly, if Clinton's personality and childhood had been analyzed before his election, could his misconduct be predicted and prevented?

If Richard Nixon's character had been studied, perhaps the American public would have never heard of Watergate.

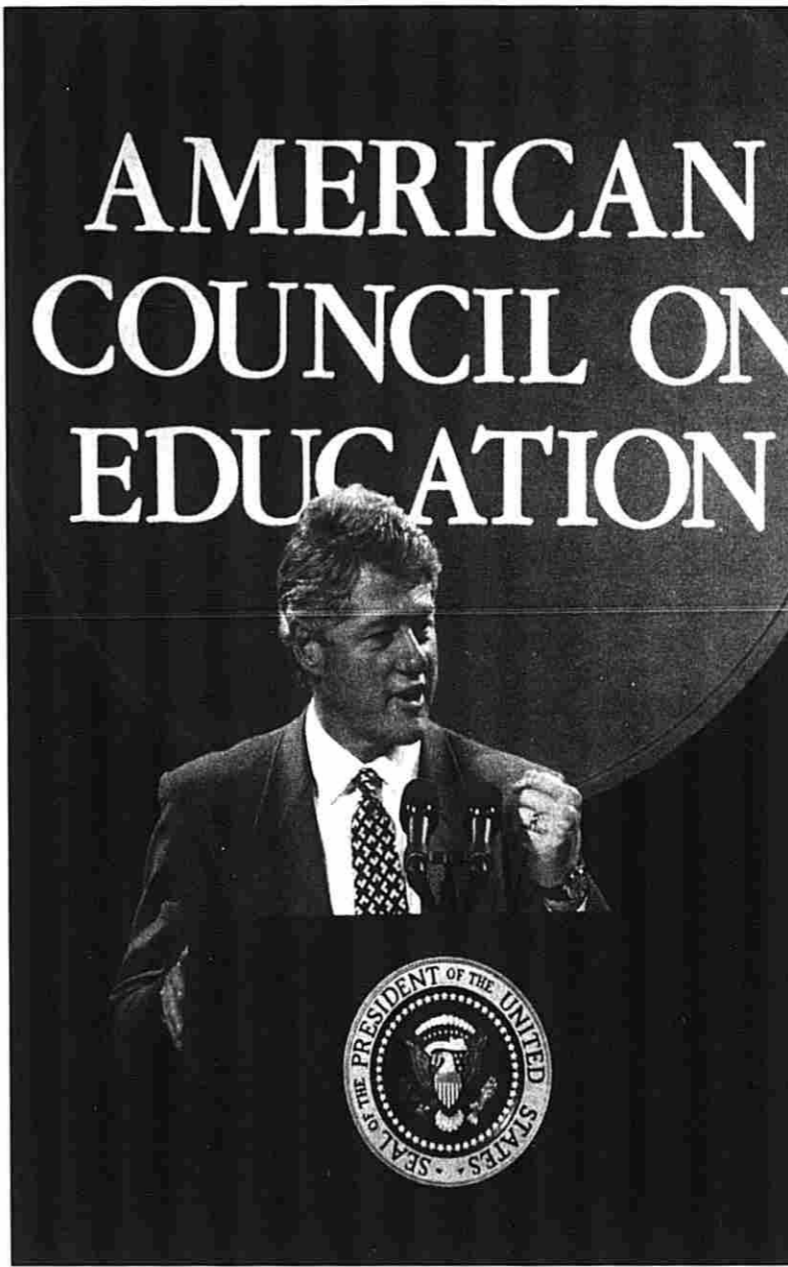
If psychologists and psychiatrists had known every detail of Woodrow Wilson's childhood, it is quite possible that America would have been included in the League of Nations after World War I.

But it is too late to psychoanalyze those presidents? Is it too early to start psychoanalyzing new candidates? Has the media brought itself to that?

Presidential psychoanalysis could prevent the election of candidates haunted by their pasts that go on to

abuse the office. But are children who grow up in poverty or filth or abusive relationships automatically immoral? And is it fair to spotlight every candidate's history?

Due to Clinton's impeachment trial news coverage, Americans could certainly wish that their president had been "screened." But is psychoanalysis the best option for determining the presidency? Perhaps only time will tell.



President William Jefferson Clinton

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**Opps. . . .**

*The Pleiad* made the following errors in the Jan. 29 issue:

- The new Student Services building will be located between Olin and Kellogg, not Olin and Robinson as the caption under the building drawing stated.
- In the Binge drinking article, a quote should have been credited to Jessica Buttiglieri, not Jennifer Buttiglieri.
- In the Women's sports story, Beth Lincoln was not fully identified, her complete title is: Beth Lincoln, associate dean of the faculty and a member of the Title IX committee.
- The MIAA swimming and diving meet will be held at Hope College, not Albion College.

*The Pleiad* apologies for any errors.

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# The Vision, decoded

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**Vision's Statement of Purpose**— *Albion College is an intellectually vibrant and diverse community. We engage each other in creative, collaborative and constructive ways that foster intellectual growth, self-discovery, and renewal, for the purpose of creating lives of meaning and making connections to the world beyond the campus.*

**Decoded:** We're shiny, happy people ...

**Core Values**—

*\*an intellectually challenging and diverse community of learners, teachers, scholars and dreamers who share and promote a passion for learning.*

**Decoded:** We value the intellectually-challenged. Daydreamers are great, too!

*\*small classes and personal attention in an undergraduate environment where the daily interaction of faculty and students within and beyond the classroom, fosters critical thinking, respects academic freedom, advances knowledge through collaborative scholarship, and inspires lifelong learning in the context of the liberal arts tradition.*

**Decoded:** Skip class at least once a week to decrease class sizes, "collaborate" with the smart girl who sits beside you on your next organic exam, and become a professional student, living in Seaton splendor and eating Baldwin bounty for the rest of your life!

*\*intellectual, personal, social, ethical and spiritual development within our community, and strive to help each other make meaningful contributions to a global society.*

**Decoded:** Become a Zen Buddhist, teach your friends the lotus position, then join hands as you all sing a rousing chorus of "We are the world."

*\*diversity as an expression and affirmation of the human condition and as a source of strength and celebration, and strive to achieve fairness and justice.*

**Decoded:** Dye your hair blue, don a toga and march around campus screaming "I gotta be me," and "Hell, no, I won't go!"

*\*opportunities for collegiality based on sincere, mutual interests that lead to rich friendships among and between faculty, students, staff and the greater Albion community.*

**Decoded:** Your dating prospects have just quadrupled—now you can date your English prof., the maintenance man, or the cute cashier at Felpausch.

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

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## Jan. 29 articles unjust, disturbing

To the Editor:

After reading the January 29, 1999 edition of the Albion College *Pleiad*, I was disturbed by the approach to news presentation that was used. In more than one article, the tone of the piece was stunningly biased towards a particular conclusion.

As an example, the article on the Student Senate was grossly biased and lacking in facts. Not only did it fail to present the facts of the situation or to grasp the differing opinions on the situation, it deliberately portrayed one opinion (that the funds were deliberately misused) over others (that they may have been or were not misused). In addition, I was quoted seriously out of context. I admit that I did state that the situation "looks wrong," but this does little to show what I actually stated or meant.

To clarify for those who were not there or who misunderstood what I said, I was expressing that regardless of whether one feels that the actions of the senate were right or wrong it has to be noted that "it looks wrong." I continued to state that I did not know all the facts of the situation at that time and looked forward to learning more about what the process was and how it could be changed to avoid future problems. Many people have misinterpreted my position of that evening to be that of anger, when that was not the case.

In addition, the intended editorial of the edition pointed to fraternities as producing date-rape drugs in the past, yet has nothing but unsubstantiated rumor to point to as proof. I urge the *Pleiad* to be more careful in pointing fingers to fraternities as the only potential source of such items or as

the cause of women being more careful. Such blatant statements do little other than substantiate and produce more rumors.

As a final note, it would be helpful if the *Pleiad* refrained from using selective sampling in its statistical representations. The city of Albion has very little aside from geography in common with either Marshall or Jackson. Any comparison should be made using per capita figures from similar small college towns like Alma and Olivet because they provide a better idea of how our city compares to others.

I urge the *Pleiad* to clarify these issues to its readers and to seek to represent issues in a more factual, just and unbiased manner in the future.

Scott A. Smith  
Romulus junior

## Senate missing checks & balances

To the Editor:

It was my fault. I did not know what my elected representatives were doing or under what guidelines and principles they were operating the body of Student Senate. But now I have a much clearer idea, and it saddens me. After hearing rumors about possible misallocation of Student Activity Funds (SAF), I attended the open senate meeting Monday, January 26. Here, Senators and Representatives discussed whether or not to write an apology to the student body for perceived wrongdoing. At first, this gesture seemed to be appropriate; an apology is a very mature and responsible way to correct this type of situation. However, a number of speakers commented on the fact that the senate was not 'technically' wrong in its actions because it is an organi-

zation that can grant itself exceptions from the financial rules that the finance committee imposes on every other student organization.

After hearing this, I began to wonder just who watches after Student Senate. Once senators are elected, the only real way for students to hold them accountable is to have a petition signed by 10 percent of the student body that begins a process of removal of someone from office run by senators themselves. Unfortunately, not electing a senator can be very difficult on a campus where the number of candidates is sometimes not much larger than the number of seats. This being said, I have become very concerned with the lack of checks and balances involving senate. I care too much about my Albion College experience to let this issue go unresolved. I encourage everyone at

Albion College to get involved and find out what Senate is doing to and for you and your organizations. Help senate work like it is supposed to: for our benefit.

Jeff Goza  
Rochester Hills senior

Also, signed:

Kim Parker, Bedford, Ohio junior

Adam Pringle, Fruitport junior

Michelle Sautter, Olivet junior

Mike Nicholson, Brighton senior

Melissa Peterson, Lowell junior

Thomas Whinihan, Troy sophomore

## MLK Day coverage inappropriate

To the Editor:

It was astonishing to read the weaknesses of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s tactics as a way of remembering his birthday in your newspaper. Although you clearly pointed out that Mr. King accomplished some remarkable goals, Mr. Levine's commentary on the achievement of Mr. King is not positive. This, therefore, diminishes his holiday, which is meant to celebrate his struggle for a race-free society. If Mr. Levine would have spoken about this issue prior to Mr. King's birthday, it would have been acceptable. That is because Mr. Levine focuses the majority of his argument on the failure of Mr. King's strategy in the North, stipulating that he was not able to gain the acceptance of audiences. Your coverage of his lecture for Mr. King's holiday is a blunder, and you should accept this.

I am sure that you are also aware of the fact that Albion College is lacking an Afro-American professor

who could be a role model for Afro-American students. Therefore, if the school newspaper is disseminating negative messages about prominent historical Afro-American figures, some students would only be discouraged and end up leaving the school.

What's the purpose of the picture in which Mr. King and Malcolm X are shaking hands? Next time would you write about both of them when you decide to put them in your articles? For Malcolm X is worthwhile writing about. He is not a sex symbol of whatever your intentions may have been; he is as articulate and intelligent as Mr. King, but with different ideologies. In fact, if it was not for his opposing viewpoints, it is not likely that Mr. King would have made as much difference in his endeavor to solve the black and white relationships.

Wovenu Modey  
Memphis, Tenn. junior

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# Around the towns...

The M-60 restaurant is a change of pace and worth the price

Megan Thomas  
Staff Writer

Imagine you are on a road trip. You start to get hungry, but all you see are places either covered in a foot of grease or frequented solely by truckers. Your stomach begins to growl so loudly that you can barely hear your radio over it; you have to get some food.

Finally, you pull into one of the places that looks like a grease pit and walk into the joint. It looks surprisingly cozy.

There are many places that fit this stereotype near Albion. One of them is M-60 Grill and Family Restaurant. It can be found on M-60. Who would have thought?

Just take Superior Street south until you hit M-60 and take a left after Concord. It is just inside of Concord. It has been around for about 30 years according to Michelle Holten, M-60 waitress of six months.

As you walk in, you immediately get a "Mel's Diner meets the VFW" sort of feeling. There are tables scattered in two separate rooms: one for smoking, and one for non-

smoking. The absence of booths takes a little comfort away, but it is still very cozy.

Customers commonly yell back to the kitchen to ask about the cook's family. Many hold ten minute conversations with the waitresses before they order their food.

The menu has a wide variety of foods, which is good for the picky eater.



Breakfast is served anytime, with a wide variety of omelettes, along with other morning goodies such as pancakes and french toast.

For lunch, they have sandwiches ranging from grilled cheese to steak sandwiches.

As for dinner, they make anything from burgers to shrimp baskets, as well as strip steaks and pork chops. All of this and not one item costs more than seven dollars.

The food is decent considering the prices, and the waitresses are friendly. In fact, they even have regulars that eat at the M-60.

"We have our regulars," Holten said. "Some of them come in two-three times a day. We don't even have to ask what they want, we know: food and drinks."

The hamburgers are pretty good. They are nothing compared to a burger at a classier place, but much better than anything at a fast food restaurant.

On the other hand, I really dug the fries. The chili was lacking in the taste department, but the onion rings had a nice homemade taste.

The M-60 is not a place I would recommend for a date.

It would, however, be a nice (and cheap!) place to go for breakfast or dinner to take a break from campus eating. Although they are not the greatest spellers (chilly and fuge), all in all, it is a good dive.

## On This Day In History



### •Family-Leave Bill: Anniversary

On Feb. 5th, 1993, President Clinton signed legislation requiring companies with more than 50 employees (and all government agencies) to allow a specified amount of time off for birth or adoption of a child, or to care for an elderly relative.

### • Longest war in history: ending anniversary

On Feb. 5th, 1985, The Third Punic War, between Rome and Carthage, ended (2,131 years after it began).

### • Mexico: anniversary of the constitution

In 1917, the present constitution adopting major social reform was adopted.

•Weatherman's [Weatherperson's] Day  
In commemoration of the birth of one of America's first weathermen, John Jeffries.

### • Famous birthdays

>Hank Aaron, 65, Baseball Hall of Fame outfielder and all-time home-run leader, born 2/5/34

>Bobby Brown, 30, singer ("My Perogative," "Every Little Step") born 2/5/69

>Roger Thomas Staubach, 57, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback, born 2/5/42



## The Whine List

It's time to whine...

— When you spend \$4 to do your laundry only to find it on the floor because you're not there the minute the dryer stops.

— (on the flip side) When you lug all your laundry down 3 flights of stairs only to find that all the washers and dryers are busy.

— When you spend your last 60 cents on an emergency chocolate bar and when you open it, it's stale.

— When you buy a sweatshirt at the bookstore only to see it on the clearance table the next time you walk in.

## TRAVEL TALES – NEW YORK CITY



Penny Barnes  
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Web Editor

How did we, two small town girls, not feel lost in New York City?

With a little help from our friends.

When we first started our internships last fall, we were not sure how we would last for four months without seeing our families and friends.

We're not too old to admit that we were a little homesick and missed the comforts of a small campus, but we had to prove to ourselves that we could handle the streets of New York.

Our internships were awesome, really beneficial for our future job plans (Penny worked at a magazine and I worked a web developing company) and kept us busy most of the week. But after work and on the weekends really showed us how important it was to get to know the other students that lived in the house with us.

To be honest, the living arrangements were

horrible since we lived in a *small*, dorm-like apartment with six baths, two kitchens and 48 other art-type students. In those small quarters, we couldn't help but get to really know everyone and make some wonderful friendships.

There are so many memories that we both have that just made our semester the greatest in our college career. Granted we are only second semester juniors now, but we don't think anything can top it.

In such a short time, we learned so much about each other in the house. We went to so many interesting places in the city like shows, the Macy's Parade, and even created Thursday night TV where everyone (including guys) would paint their nails during *Friends* and *ER*.

It was great! The saddest part of the semester was when we had to leave. It's not like we are going to be able to walk down that hall and chat with those people. We all live around the country from New York to Texas. But each and every person will hold a special spot in our hearts.

Now, we just have to readjust to class work and homework. The job world really isn't that bad, and we honestly can't wait to graduate now!

## Liberal minds at work...

Would you change the meal hours at Baldwin? If so, how?



"I would extend all meal hours, and keep food out until at least 7 p.m. It would be even better if dinner could be extended until 8 p.m. for sports teams."

—Elizabeth Wood,  
Grand Rapids freshman



"Overall, the meal hours are fine. However, I do wish breakfast and lunch could be served later on the weekends."

— Frank Broccolo,  
Huntington Beach, Ca  
senior



"Sometimes when we practice late, the hot food is put away before we get there. I would extend dinner until 8 p.m. so that people involved in activities have time to get to dinner."

— Kacy Davidson,  
Jackson, junior



"I would have real food all the time. I have to come at weird times because of my schedule and all I eat are bagels and cereal."

— Jillian Longheier,  
Massillon, OH freshman



"I think that lunch and dinner should not end. I hate going in there at 3 p.m. and there is no food."

— Sarah Wright,  
Kalamazoo, junior



# Villain or Victim?

Steve Pontoni  
staff writer

Throw away all the legal talk and rhetoric. Take away partisanship, approval ratings and everything he did before. Don't look at what is going to happen today, nor even tomorrow; disregard the present all together.

Look to the future. How is this country going to be affected by the removal or non-removal of the president? How will our children and our children's children be affected?

How will the morality and legal system of this nation change if the president is let off Scot-free?

The entire moral fabric of our society would be influenced, not because he messed around with some one other than his wife, which we already accept as morally atrocious, but the fact that he lied with his hand on the Bible.

By allowing the president, the nation's leader, to not be punished for perjury, the most important part of our justice system, what examples are we setting to every witness and criminal that makes its way through the court system?

Suddenly the words: "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" have diminished meaning.

If the jury system cannot count on the oath to be a viable source of the truth then witness testimony becomes irrelevant and only evidence is viable. This creates problems in cases like sexual harassment and

ened into nothing more than a phrase followed by a series of non-truths that cannot be punished.

Obviously, I am not asking for perjury to be enforced by the full letter of the law. Simple pleas of not guilty already violate that in most cases. But we must keep that aspect of our justice system intact.

It is clear that the president lied under oath, and it isn't necessary to throw him in

Nathan Piwowarski  
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Most defenders of President Clinton cite the unimportance of the charges against him and the violation of his privacy that occurred

forced a fusion of the president's personal and political life, providing heavy ammunition for the President's opponents to smear him.

His personal failings were painfully paraded by a ravenous media and willing political opponents. The frenzy resulted in the destruction of the President's reputation and the political destruction of House Speaker-elect Livingston.

Political money backed the Jones suit; it was the only reason it continued. Jones attempted to prove her charges by attacking President Clinton's character dredging up the testimony of other women with whom he was in a working environment. How can examining his behavior in the present prove what he did a decade ago? It cannot. Jones's tactics had no merit. President Clinton would not have testified if Jones's tactics were ruled inappropriate, and they would not have caused the political bloodshed we have witnessed if they had been delayed—as they should have been.

Clinton's apologists do themselves no justice when they claim that perjury is not a serious offense. Perjury is a serious offense. However, the legally unsound path leading to what may be considered perjury lessens the offense, assuming the House Managers even substantiated their charges.

Also realize that very few people are ever charged with perjury. Technically, a prosecutor could charge any defendant who pleads "not guilty" with perjury, but this practice is not respected in the legal community.

Citizens are rarely charged with perjury, and when they are the charge is incredibly specific. The Articles of Impeachment fail to cite specific elements of the President's testimony that constitute perjury which is left up to the interpretation of the House Managers.

David Kendall, the President's attorney, argues this is unconstitutional, given that the



art by Amanda Eiherton

one-on-one assault, where there usually is no hard proof outside of testimony.

If the highest position in the land deems swearing on the Bible to tell the truth then what are we left with? Setting precedents that perjury is not a high crime or misdemeanor could seriously harm the entire legal system. This brings the issue to simple morality: right and wrong.

Should the president be used as an example that no citizen of this great country can lie under oath in a court of law? Because if we don't, where will we end up?

Juries will make arbitrary rulings assuming that witnesses may be lying. The fear and the purpose of the oath will less-

jail, but set an example to the country, make precedents for all men and women to follow. Clinton should be removed for office for degrading the Bible and the court system.

No matter what Clinton has done in office to affect the voting populace, and no matter how serious you may think this is, look to the future. The senate's decision on this case will set a precedent for years to come that this society will have to deal with.

Are we willing to trade a substantial amount of morality for a better economic status?

during the Starr investigation and airing of accusations. I need not reiterate those concerns; my concerns have far more legal weight. Simply put, any perjury the President committed (it's arguable as to whether he even perjured himself) was the result of a legally unsound trail.

All charges of perjury and obstruction of justice stem from the Jones v. Clinton civil case, which has been ruled immaterial. The Supreme Court ruled, with no compelling reason, that the President had to defend himself in this case while in office.

Our Commander-in-Chief should not be distracted with minor civil proceedings while in office. This distracts the President from the important business of leading the country. It also

House is given the sole powers of impeachment. The Articles, if considered like a normal brief charging perjury, would be dismissed in any normal court of law due to their lack of specificity. These charges are supposed to warrant the removal of an individual overwhelmingly popular with his constituents.

Many defenders of the President choose political defenses; this is entirely unnecessary. Simply put, the charges against our leader are devoid of legal merit.

The case against the President is shaky from its methodology to its fatally flawed articles of impeachment passed by a politically charged House.



# Get a feel for The Velvet Touch

*A first-hand account of Parma's pink palace*

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[editor's note: this is a first person account of Allison Moore's experiences at The Velvet Touch.]

I constantly have to go to the bathroom. I'm the worst person to take on road trips. If you knew me, it would come as no shock that I could not make the hour-and-a-half drive from my house to Albion without stopping.

In early September of 1996, I was still a senior in high school. I was coming to Albion for the weekend to visit my boyfriend at the time.

It was only my second trip to Albion. I was wearing a short black skirt, black nylons, black chunky shoes and a cute little gray top. I had rollers in my hair.

Around Jackson's Airport Road exit I looked at my passenger seat and saw my three empty water bottles. Squirming in my seat, I pulled my Chevy Blazer off at the Parma exit and into the gas station.

There were no cars, trucks or lights, but a sign jumped out at me: CLOSED.

I saw a tiny restaurant, but once again there were no cars, trucks or lights. An even bigger red sign jumped out at me: CLOSED.

I peeled out of the gas station parking lot and turned on my left hand blinker to go back to the expressway, when a sign caught my eye. "Velvet Touch— Gift and Video Boutique."

"Sweet!" I said to myself. "Hallmark!"

Okay, so now you're thinking "What an idiot!" But, I am not a naive person. I swear. Remember, I had only been to Albion one other time.

I parked my truck out front and ran inside. When I walked in I saw two women to my left playing cards at a table. I asked them, "does someone work here?" They giggled and directed me to a man behind the counter.

Crossing my legs and wincing, I begged for directions to the bathroom. He chuckled, probably thinking that I had no clue what kind of store I was in, then asked me for a dollar. He explained that if I spent over a dollar I would get it back. I was thinking "damn, I don't need any cards or wrapping paper, just a bathroom!"

I ran out to my truck, grabbed a dollar from my purse and sprinted back into the store. I slapped my dollar on the counter and the man pointed the direction I was to run to.

I entered the unisex bathroom and got my first shock. There were pictures of breasts everywhere. But, I had one mission: using the bathroom. I finished my business, washed my hands and began to exit the scandalous bathroom.

My mind cleared. Now, I could think of more than one thing. I rounded the corner and walked into the large room of Hallmark, but it was no longer Hallmark.

I saw books, magazines, videos, toys and leather objects. My face turned bright red and my pace instantly doubled.

My eyes were focused at the door ahead, but a man with a foot and a half stack of videos caught my eye. I was so

embarrassed. I felt that everyone in the store was laughing at me.

Parma's Velvet Touch is a controversial store. My own curiosity drove me to interview the manager of The Velvet Touch, Parma Residents and Albion College students to ask their opinions and facts about the Velvet Touch.

Two-and-a-half years since my last "visit" to the Velvet Touch, I returned to speak with the store manager. I was nervous about going back, but I drove up the long drive and parked my car in the same spot that I had parked before.

I was walking into the newly renovated entrance when a sign caught my attention—NO PUBLIC RESTROOMS. Too bad the sign wasn't there two-and-a-half years ago.

I walked in and saw the manager eating a bowl of Cranberry Almond Crunch cereal. I noticed that the store belonged to the Better Business Bureau. The store was full of all kinds of things that one might expect.

There were no people in the store, so I just walked up to the manager and got the 'oh so famous' line:

"One dollar entrance fee, please."

I explained who I was and my fee was waived.

The store has been open since the early 80's. Kwesi Weathers, an Albion resident and

the manager of the Velvet Touch, said that he has no problem with college students visiting.

"Generally, the younger kids complain about paying a dollar," Weathers said about the dollar "browsing fee."

On a good day the store averages 90 customers and on slow days there are about 30 customers.

many kids in the area.

On the other hand, Dan Sowers and Al Luke, both Parma residents, felt differently.

"I love having them out here. We can go out and get our toys," Sowers said.

"I love it," Luke jokingly added. "I go there quite often. I'm fixin' to go there right now." On a serious note he added that it was not a good place in an environment like the town of Parma.

My last stop on my giant quest for the area's opinions on the Velvet Touch was Albion's campus. Many students started laughing when I gave them the topic of my article.

Rosa Trombley,  
Mount  
Clemens



art by Amanda Eberton

"Business has been really good," Weathers said. "A lot of people from the highway stop—curiosity seekers. One person stopped to ask if it was a restaurant. Some people think it's a bar."

So, weirder things than me walking in to use the bathroom have happened here.

"Recently, there was a guy back in the arcade room that we had to kick out for walking around naked," Weathers said.

After speaking with Weathers, I felt compelled to see what the residents of Parma thought about the Velvet Touch being located in their town.

Believe it or not, there is more to Parma than the Velvet Touch. There's the Parma Pub, Gail's Pizza, Parma Ice Cream and other little shops. I parked on the street and began walking around talking to the people from the town.

Steve Ellis, a Parma resident, said that he had no personal problems with its location, but it should be moved because there are too

junior, admitted going to the Velvet Touch.

"I went with some friends just as a bonding trip," Trombley said. "We just went in and walked around. I did buy a sucker."

Jill Whitehouse, Hudson sophomore, has gone to take many pictures outside the building, but has never gone in.

On the flip side, Trevor Ripley, Windsor, Ontario sophomore, has been inside.

"I think it has its uses," Ripley said. "Everyone needs a porn palace within five minutes from home."

Benjamin Geer, Traverse City sophomore, said he's visited several times.

"It's kind of dirty, but it serves its purpose."

Geer said that the store is good for practical joke items and birthday shopping.

Adam Beers, Traverse City sophomore, had a different perspective and joked saying, "It's pretty ghetto, but they've got some hot chicks that work there."

Let's face it, many people are a little curious of the pink store off exit 130 of I-94.

For those who are curious and don't want to admit it, the Velvet Touch has a change machine. Go there, pay your dollar browsing fee and get laundry money.

Also, one last detail: The Velvet Touch is now hiring desk clerks. The starting pay is \$6 and can be quickly raised to \$7.





# Structure

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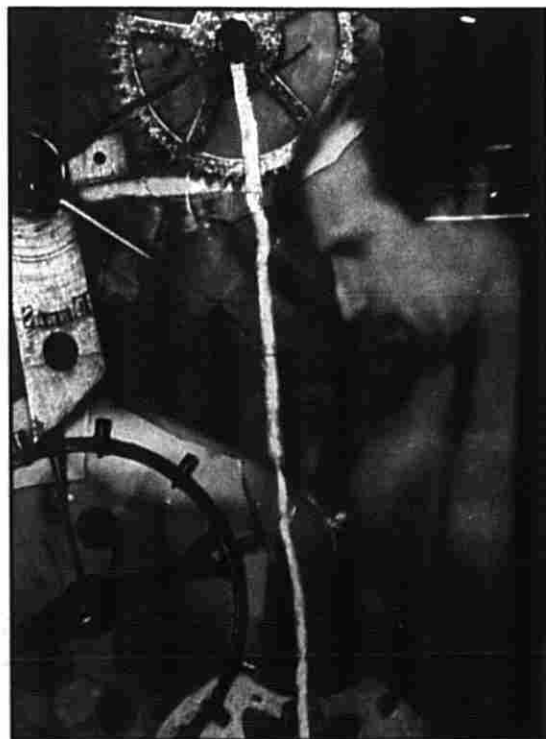
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# Surface

The viewer brings another layer of content to my work. Titles provide clues to my original query. Access is up to the viewer, entrance ramps exist on many levels. I choose to build complex images with obscure references and when viewers understand or find pleasure on any level it pleases me.

—Martha Gelarden

This exhibit, located in Bobbit Visual Arts Center through Feb. 14, features the work of Martha Gelarden and Frederick J. Herr. Photos clockwise from top: (1) An Honor's class analyzes one of Gelarden's sculptures. (2) Front and back views of PARTENZA (Good Fortuna), 1998, hydrocal, paint. (3) In the foreground, Partenza (Good Fortuna); in the background, PESCARE (to fish), inkjet, and REQUIEM FOR THE FISHMONGER, inkjet, by Frederick Herr. (4) TIMEKEEPER, inkjet, by Frederick Herr.





# Men's swimming and diving heads into home stretch

## Squad looks to wrap up 2-3 season with strong showing at the MIAA championships

Erin Martin  
Staff Writer

[editor's note: this is a first person account of Erin Martin's experiences at a recent men's swimming and diving meet.]

"Swimmers take your mark!"

Six speedo-covered butts go up in the air as the swimmers prepare to jump into the water. A loud buzzer goes off. The men dive into the semi-blue water and yelling ensues from the deck of the pool. "Go! Go! Go!"

I attended the men's last swim meet against Calvin College on Wednesday, January 27, and got to get my feet wet, so to speak, in the sports of swimming and diving. I also found out about their season, as it is going to end Feb. 11-13 with the

championships.

"Our season started off at the end of October and we got off to a good start by beating Wayne State." Dan Haar, Rochester Hills senior and co-captain, said.

Wayne State was one of four wins the team has had this season. Other wins were against Olivet, Finley, and Alma.

Haar updated me on the men's swim team during one-meter diving, which Travis Sterner, Ionia sophomore, the team's top diver, won.

"This year we have more depth than other years. We have someone good to represent each event." Haar said.

"We have a lot of good freshmen swimmers this year that give us a boost. Jason Preglow, [Loveland, Ohio, sophomore,] is our fastest butterfly and we haven't had a good butterfly in three years," Haar said as he watched the divers in action.

One of the freshman that is making his mark this season is Roman Reznikov, West Bloomfield freshman, who Keith Havens, director of the Dean Aquatics Center and swimming and diving head coach, says is a "good sprinter."

"All the upperclassmen treated me great. The coach treated me great. I plan to stay with the team all four years," Reznikov said.

"I did pretty well this season. My events are the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle," Reznikov said.

Haar said the Poe Invitational held December 4th and 5th at Wheaton College in Illinois, was where he swam his best meet of the year.

"We swam against a bunch of teams in the region. It was a lot of fun. I swam close to my best times at that meet and quite a few of our swimmers qualified either top 8 or top 16, who would go on to swim that

night," Haar said.

The whole team gets along really well, according to Haar. They have had spaghetti dinners together and often hang out socially.

January 22 and 23, the men's swim team had two meets against Hope and Grand Valley. They lost both of them but coach Havens said that the meet against Grand Valley was great, coming down to the last relay. He said that the team swam a good meet.

Unfortunately, the team lost to Calvin College that night, but some swimmers did well in their events. William Brunner, Hamilton, Ohio, junior, came in first place in the men's 50 yard freestyle and Britton Johnson, Gobles sophomore, was victorious in the men's 200 freestyle.

Overall, the season has been a solid one. The team won just as many as they lost and now has to get ready for the championships in a week.

Erin's Curiosity Corner  
with co-captain Dan Haar

1. What's your favorite stroke? Dan: *The backstroke*
2. When doing the backstroke how do you know when to turn around without hitting your head? Dan: *There are backstroke flags to tell you when to turn.*
3. Do you find Speedos too restricting? Dan: *Only if I wear them all day. Right now they feel great.*
4. Do you like clean-shaven legs? Dan: *It's fun once in a while. It feels weird in jeans and when you get under you sheets at night though.*
5. Have you ever peed in the pool? Dan: *Only at away games. (He would like to let everyone know that he said this jokingly.)*

# Sports news blunders can occur at the touch of a button

Patrick O'Connell:  
**Beyond the  
Box Score**

In the cutthroat world of news organizations, outlets battle for the slightest advantage over their competitors. Reporters and editors scramble to come up with the scoop first, using every source in their reach to unearth the newest story or latest update.

In the midst of this competition-crazed world, where the ultimate responsibility is to present the viewer, reader, or listeners with the most accurate, up-to-date information possible, mistakes get made. Reports are premature or inaccurate. Someone mishears the information or mistypes a statistic or "fact."

These minor errors that occur in the trenches of news bureaus occasionally result in the greatest blunder of all: delivering false information to a mass audience.

How do these mistakes happen? How can news gatherers be so careless? It's easier than one might think.

I know. I've been there.

Prompted by a mistake made two weeks ago by NBC, I figured that this would be a good time to give

readers an idea of exactly how honest news mistakes happen. And I say honest because I want to make the distinction between genuine mishaps and fabricated stories that are simply made up by shady journalists.

Just two weeks ago, NBC rolled a special report "scrawl" across the bottom of the screen during a Sunday night edition of "Dateline." The report said: "This is an NBC News Special Report. Baseball legend Joe DiMaggio has died at his Florida home. He was 84 years old and had:" then the message was cut off.

In fact, DiMaggio had not died. Rather, according to "The Washington Post," he was watching the report as it happened.

How did this mistake occur? According to NBC spokesman Cory Shields, "It was an inadvertent error. A technician pressed the wrong button."

The wrong button? Yes. The message of DiMaggio's death was already loaded into the NBC computer, so that in the event that DiMaggio died, NBC could get it on the air quickly.

NBC broadcast a correction message 15 minutes later and issued an apology to DiMaggio. Mistake made, correction given.



art by Amanda Etherton

A very similar situation happened to this columnist over the summer at my internship at WMAQ radio in Chicago. Unfortunately for me, during this scenario, I was the "technician."

It was the night of the NBA draft, a big deal to die-hard basketball fans and sports organizations like ourselves with nothing much else to cover except Kerry Wood or a sub-par White Sox club, but of little consequence to most anyone else. The station was trying to get the live video feed of the draft via satellite, but attempts had failed.

We were stuck. With no video, how would we find out who was being drafted?

Ah! Technology. Always the savior! The producer motioned me over to a computer where I was assigned to monitor the draft picks as they were posted on some NBA website.

O.k., no problem. When the player's name comes up, I just let the sports anchor know.

Blip! A player's picture and name were posted next to the number one. I tell the anchor. He's got 4 minutes until his report. I sit back, satisfied we got the number one pick before he goes on the air.

But wait. I glance back at the computer and the name and picture are gone.

What's going on? Was it just a test, was that player not really taken? Or do they take the player's name off after he's been picked?

What do I do? I'm stuck, because if I call into the booth and tell the anchor I'm not sure about who was picked, he'll be pissed that we won't get it on the air. But if it's wrong, then I'm totally screwed.

I sit motionless, too afraid of either option, hoping there was no mistake. The report goes on the air.

Then it happens. Another reporter brings the news to the anchor; someone other than the person he an-

nounced was picked.

All hell breaks loose. Obscenities fly, mostly in my direction. I'm denounced as an incompetent boob. I just sit there and take it, because I know I'm on the hook. I was trapped in journalistic limbo and got nailed trying to squeeze under the pole.

Yet, I was just trying to do my job. The computer site had botched the information, and in my reporter mentality to get information on the air as quickly as possible, I had gone with their report and had been hung out to dry in gale-like winds.

The reporter goes back on the air after the commercial break and corrects the report. I apologize enough to cover every mistake that I will ever make the rest of my life and feel horrible. Life goes on. I vow never to use the Internet again.

In the rush and race of the news media world, mistakes are made. Most of them, I would assume, happen in much the same way as I just described.

So when you're sitting at home and notice the scroll telling you the Cubs won the World Series, wait ten minutes. A retraction may very well follow and you can safely assume a "technician" somewhere is taking the heat.

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**Sports Recap**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**MIAA Standings:**

	W	L	Avg	Opp
Calvin	7	1	72.8	64.1
Albion	6	2	62.3	58.0
Defiance	4	4	83.6	77.3
Hope	4	4	76.0	73.8
Kalamazoo	4	4	66.6	68.0
Olivet	4	4	76.9	76.3
Alma	2	6	68.6	75.8
Adrian	1	7	60.6	74.3

**Last Saturday:**

Albion 53, Adrian 46

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**MIAA Standings:**

	W	L	Avg	Opp
Hope	10	1	75.6	58.8
Calvin	9	2	69.5	51.2
Defiance	8	2	79.8	61.6
Alma	6	4	70.5	70.5
Adrian	5	6	63.5	66.8
Kalamazoo	4	6	59.9	61.1
Albion	3	8	53.5	68.3
Olivet	2	8	55.3	73.3
St. Mary's	0	10	59.1	76.9

**Tuesday:** Calvin 69, Albion 33

**MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**

**MIAA Standings:**

	W	L
1. Kalamazoo	5	0
2. Hope	4	1
3. Calvin	3	2
4. Albion	2	3
5. Alma	1	4
6. Olivet	0	5

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**

**MIAA Standings:**

	W	L
1. Hope	6	0
2. Calvin	5	1
3. Kalamazoo	4	2
4. Albion	3	3
5. Alma	2	4
6. Saint Mary's	1	5
7. Olivet	0	6

**Women hoopsters hampered by slow starts**

Team hoping to overcome subpar first half performances in final two weeks

Philip Bracher  
Staff Writer

It's half-time. An old man is sitting hunched over in the bleachers. He looks lost in the half-filled gym at the Kalamazoo College Athletic Center. The scoreboard reads KALAMAZOO 36, ALBION 12.

"It's a terrible game," complains 74-year-old Robert Rampert of Kalamazoo. "Just look at the score. It's terrible. Terrible."

Albion College's women basketball team traveled to Kalamazoo January 26. With a 5-11 overall record, the Britons were looking for a victory against the 7-9 Kalamazoo Hornets.

But shooting only 18 percent from the field and 37 percent from the free throw line, Albion's women struggled to find their game in the first 20 minutes.

"The problem in the first half was lack of execution," said Cathy Henkenberns, women's basketball head coach.

"Kalamazoo only had three more shots at the basket and still outscored us 36 to 12. In the last three games we had deficits in the early part of the game," she said.

At the beginning of the second half, Henkenberns started Kacy Davidson, Jackson junior; Sarah Grill, Lansing junior; Laurel Weinman, Plymouth sophomore; Jessie Kruer, Ada freshman; and Meagan Madej, Garden City freshman.

The Britons had an excellent start, immediately pressuring Kalamazoo into two turnovers.

"At half-time, the coach told us that we were embarrassing ourselves out there," said Davidson, who leads the Britons averaging 10.1 points per game.

"We knew we had the ability



photo courtesy of communications

Left, Meagan Madej, Garden City freshman, fires a baseline jumper in a recent women's basketball game at Kresge Gymnasium. The team is 5-13 entering the final two weeks of the season.

Below, Hillary VanderBand, Belding sophomore, eyes the bucket as she readies herself at the free throw stripe.

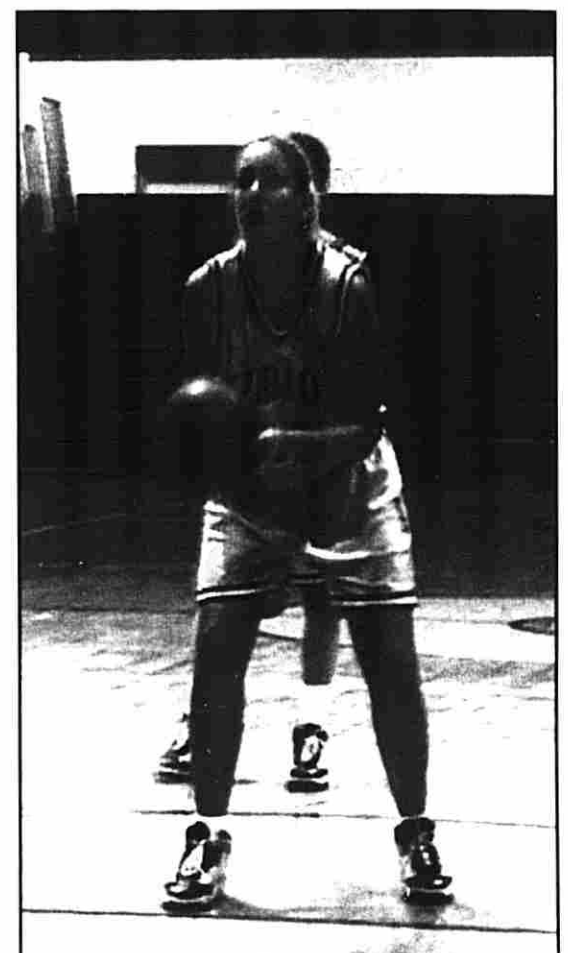


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to play so much better," she said.

The first 10 minutes of the second half, the Britons outplayed the Hornets, yielding only 14 points. Madej grabbed 9 rebounds and Davidson, who was three for three from behind the three-point arc, led the team in scoring.

The Britons drew closer.

"We didn't start getting into the game until the second half," Weinman said. "But then we were really playing."

Finding their rhythm, Albion's women turned on the heat. They shot 52 percent from the field, allowing only 28 points for the rest of the game.

But it was too late. Kalamazoo managed to hold off the Britons, coming away with a 64-55 win.

"The loss was disappointing," said Davidson. "We should have won that game. We were a much better team than they were. I guess our goal in the future will be to play 40 minutes of solid basketball instead of 20."

Slow starts have hindered the Britons all season long. While the team plays well in the second stanza, they often dig themselves such a hole from subpar play before halftime they are unable to recover. No matter how tough they play out of the lockerroom, the Britons rarely seem to be able to make up the first half deficits.

"That was a tough one for us to lose," Weinman said about the Kalamazoo game.

"We have to look towards the

future now and win the winnable games. We haven't done a lot of things that we were set to do, but we still have some time left, and we're hoping to recover from the hardships of the season," she said.

Weinman also has noticed the Briton's small crowds so far this season.

But in Kalamazoo, the Brits gained at least one more supporter.

At the end of the game, Robert Rampert got up and made his way down the bleachers. He flashed a smile.

"That was some comeback there," the old man said.

The women's next game is at 3pm tomorrow in Kresge against MIAA foe Hope.

**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

**Saturday:**

**Men's Basketball-**  
>Albion @ Olivet  
3 p.m.

**Women's Basketball-**  
>Albion vs. Hope  
Kresge Gymnasium  
3 p.m.

**Sunday:**  
**Intramural Sports-**  
>Men's & Women's  
Basketball: Pools A, B, C  
Dow Center  
>Racquetball

**Monday:**

No scheduled events

**Tuesday:**

**Women's Basketball-**  
Albion vs. St. Mary's  
Kresge Gymnasium  
7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

**Men's Basketball-**  
Albion vs. Defiance  
Kresge  
Gymnasium  
7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

**Swimming and Diving-**  
Men and Women's  
MIAA Championships

**Intramural Sports-**  
Basketball: Pools A, B, C  
Dow Center  
>Racquetball

**Thursday:**

**Swimming and Diving-**  
Men and Women's  
MIAA Championships

**Friday:**

See Thursday's event

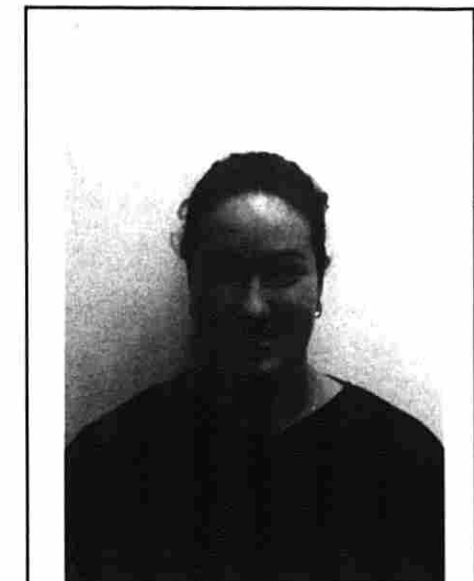
**ALBION COLLEGE ATHLETES**

**Players of the week**



**Britton Johnson**  
SPORT: Men's Swimming

Johnson, Gobles sophomore, had three first place finishes against Calvin. He earned wins in the 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, and the 100 butterfly.



**Heidi Pierce**  
SPORT: Women's Swimming

Pierce, Rochester Hills junior, had first place showings in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly in the team's meet versus Calvin.