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Registrar experiences problems

Julie Evans
Staff Writer

It's been said, in times of transition, it's normal to encounter a few glitches.

Ever since Karen Neal left the office of the registrar last November, it has encountered its share of those glitches. As a result, both students and faculty have been running into frustrations.

Neal's resignation left the office without a registrar for four months until William DeWolf, formerly the registrar at Allegheny University in Pennsylvania, was hired on March 8. John Burt, associate registrar, served as acting registrar during the time period between Neal's resignation and DeWolf's hiring.

During the time of this transition, there has been controversy over some of the minor glitches that have frustrated faculty and students.

Dustin Hill, Berrien Springs freshman, was among a group of students that received a grade report with no grades inside the envelope, or, as in Hill's case, someone else's grades.

"It wasn't that big of a deal," Hill said, "but it was kind of a pain having to wait for my grades."

Hal Wyss, professor of English, was scheduled in the registration

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THE PRICE WAS RIGHT

Deja Creed appeared and won on the game show "The Price is Right"

Erin Martin
Staff Writer

"Deja Creed, come on down! You're the next contestant on the Price is Right!"

Over spring break the softball team was out in California, and during their day off, they decided to go to "The Price is Right." Little did they know that all of the members of the softball team would get on the show, and one of them would actually be called down to contestant row.

Tuesday, you may have seen Creed and the other softball members representing Albion on "The Price is Right."

"Since I was a little girl, I wanted to be on the show," said Deja Creed, Cadillac freshman. "I would always ask my mom how old I had to be, so when the coach told us that getting tickets for 'The Price is Right' was a possibility, I screamed."

The day came when the team went to the studio to wait in line for tickets. Processing began at 11 a.m., but they were told to get there earlier, so they arrived at 6 a.m.

"We wanted to get there plenty early. Much to our surprise, there were 200 people in front of us when we got there," Creed said.

"At around two o'clock the interview process began. About 10 people were called in front of the producer. He called your name and



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Above: Deja Creed stands outside the CBS studio following her triumphant appearance on "The Price is Right."

Left: The members of the Albion College softball team stand together outside the CBS studio.

that was a cue to tell a little bit about yourself," Creed said.

"It was so exciting. The studio was much different than it looks on television," Creed said.

Everyone was then seated and Rod Rodie came out and told the members of the audience how to act. He told them to smile, applaud, and not stand up unless their name was called.

One game was played and then there was a commercial break. Bob Barker talked to the audience.

Then, once the show returned from the commercial break, Creed's name was called.

"We all went crazy. I could barely get out of my row because I was being trampled by everyone, but I finally made it to contestants row," Creed said.

After three attempts bidding on prizes, Creed felt she would never get out of contestant's row. But finally, she made it up on the stage and got to smooch Bob Barker.

"Bob looked old and, not to be mean, he looked a little orange," Creed said.

The moment came when Creed would find out what prize she would be playing for. The door opened and there was a truck.

"I looked at the girls and they were going crazy. I was so nervous. I had no idea what numbers to choose so I just looked at the girls for the answers," Creed said.

She won the truck and then moved on to spin the wheel.

Creed spun 95 cents and made it to the showcase showdown, which she overbid on.

Creed said the whole day was

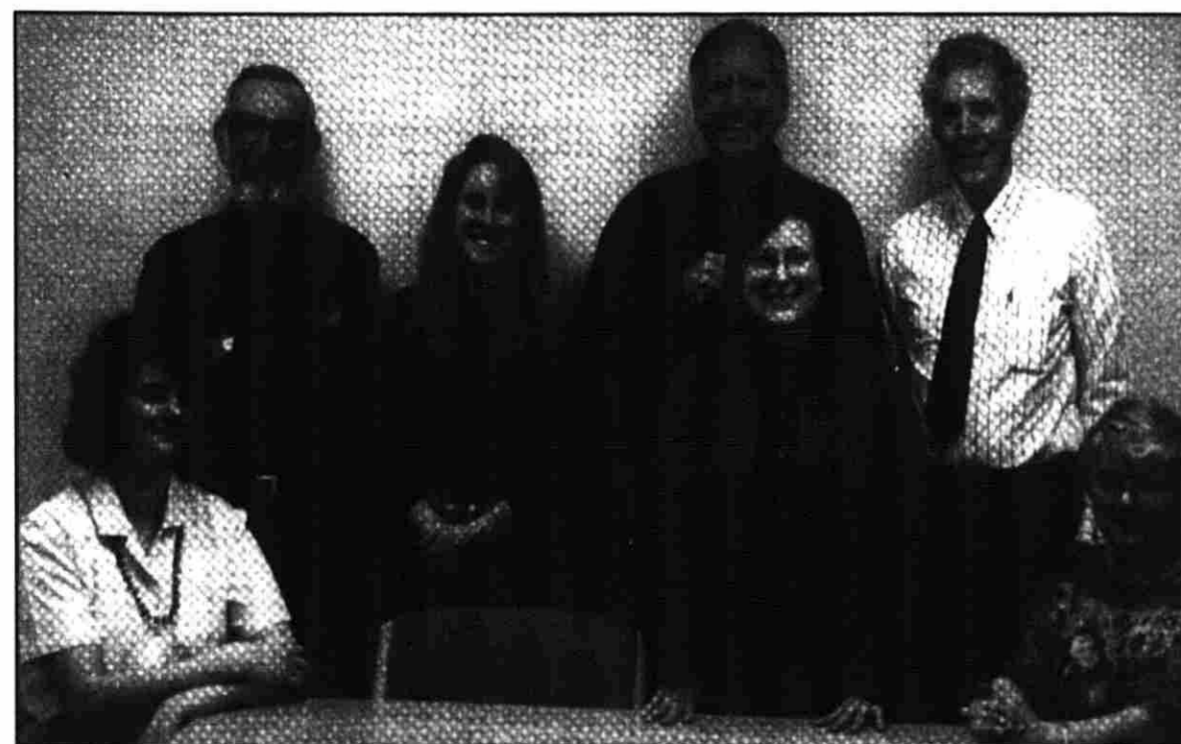
like a dream and she couldn't believe what had happened.

She will receive her prizes 60 days after the show airs.

Some other members of the softball team share her sentiments about that day.

"The whole day was a long process, but once our whole team got into the studio, it was like a dream," said Piper Metz, Brighton Senior. "Even though I didn't get called down to contestants row, just being on 'The Price is Right' was fun. It was great how Bob Barker stays out on stage during commercials to talk to the audience, even though he would not let anyone touch his hair."

"The experience was unbelievable," said Sally Trombly, Mt. Pleasant freshman. "I'm saving my yellow name tag forever."



William Hayes, David Hogberg, and Phi Hostetler, all professor's of psychology, are retiring. Hogberg (back row, 2nd from right) and Hostetler (back row, far right) are retiring at the end of this semester and Hayes (back row, far left) at the end of the 99-00 school year.

Psychology department to undergo major turnover

Julie Evans
Staff Writer

David Hogberg, Phil Hostetler and William Hayes, all professors of psychology, are retiring within the next two years. If you add up their cumulative experience at Albion, it amounts to 95 years. By May 2000, those 95 years experience will be gone.

What does this mean for the psychology department at Albion College?

Right now, emotions are mixed.

"I think the students are excited about the

change, not necessarily because they want the older professors out the door, but because they really like young faculty," Hogberg said.

Several psychology majors share Hogberg's sentiment.

A consensus of several anonymous psychology majors views the change as a chance for some fresh perspectives.

"Psychology has changed a lot since the sixties when these professors were in school, and younger faculty can give students a better

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idea of what graduate schools are like right now because they've been there more recently."

However, there are down sides to an inundation of fresh perspectives at the cost of experience.

Psychology majors Kristin Moilanen, Fenton senior, and Brandon Selinsky, Northville senior, are the two student members of the committee that's currently interviewing candidates to replace the retiring professors.

"It's a big loss," Moilanen said. "[The retiring professors] have an established reputation in the psychology department and the school, each in a different way. Throwing in two or three new people into the department is going to throw the balance off."

"We're definitely losing some veteran leadership," Selinsky agrees.

And some male perspectives at that.

After Hogberg, Hostetler and Hayes' departures, the psychology department will be all women.

Currently, the three candidates being interviewed for the position in the psychology department are all male, but Hogberg, Hostetler, Moilanen, and Selinsky all comment that that's coincidental.

"We're not necessarily paying particular attention to the sex of the candidates. It was coincidental that they're all male. But having a male professor on staff might make it easier to attract more males to the psych department," Hostetler said.

There are sixty-seven female psychology majors in comparison to seventeen males.

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booklet to teach two different classes at the same time.

Mary Collar, professor of English, was troubled that the registration booklet neglected to note that her course, Immigration in Literature, fulfills the ethnicity requirement for core. Although the course does appear in the back of the booklet under the list of courses filling ethnicity, Collar worries that not enough students will sign up for the course.

"I think that the problems are the result of the loss of Karen Neal," Collar said. "The former registrar went out of her way to learn the curriculum inside out. And someone with that kind of knowledge is much less likely to make the kinds of mistakes that appeared in the registration booklet."

"Neither the students nor we faculty are well served if the registrar only monitors the rules and manages the office," Collar continued. "So now that we are phasing in an en-

tirely new program of learning, I am especially concerned. Minor mistakes can have major consequences."

But how much is the registrar to blame, when in the wake of Neal's resignation, the office was scrambling to find someone to replace her?

"We encountered the sort of minor problems during the transition [of employees] that one would expect to encounter when individuals resign and other employees are asked to assume someone else's job, in addition to continuing in their own position, while a search for a replacement is conducted," said Jeffrey Carrier, vice president and dean of faculty.

"The staff has been asked to do a lot," DeWolf said, "and they've done a fine job."

DeWolf points out that the faculty are instrumental in helping things run smoothly. The problems with the grade reports was due, in part, to the change in how data is managed at the registrar's office: currently, the office is

converting from the alpha system to the Banner system. But another part of the grade report problem was that some professors simply didn't submit grades to the registrar's office.

"We're still making corrections to the problems that have occurred recently," DeWolf said. "We try to make as few mistakes as possible. Sometimes we have to ask the faculty to help, and sometimes we get overlooked."

Despite recent glitches, DeWolf is optimistic about the changes occurring at the registrar's office.

"We're looking at the catalog and evaluating our whole system and the way things operate," DeWolf said. "We're moving into an age of technological information and evaluating what the Banner system will do for us, learning from other colleges' mistakes [that have already implemented the Banner system] and trying to be proactive. I'm in a learning process here too, but we'll all work together fine."

Student Senate Elections

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It's not too late to run for Student Senate!
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Petitions are due Saturday April 10 at 8:10 PM

TOWN MEETING

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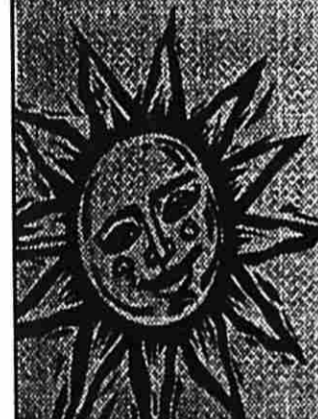
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Albion College is hosting the Special Olympic's Area 19 Spring Games on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 16th, at the Dow Center. Approximately 250 athletes from Calhoun and Jackson County will be participating, so student Volunteer Bureau needs YOU to make this event a success! To volunteer, please call Katie Mangus at x1804 or e-mail her at CMANGUS or contact Frank Broccolo at x1780 (FBROCCOLO).

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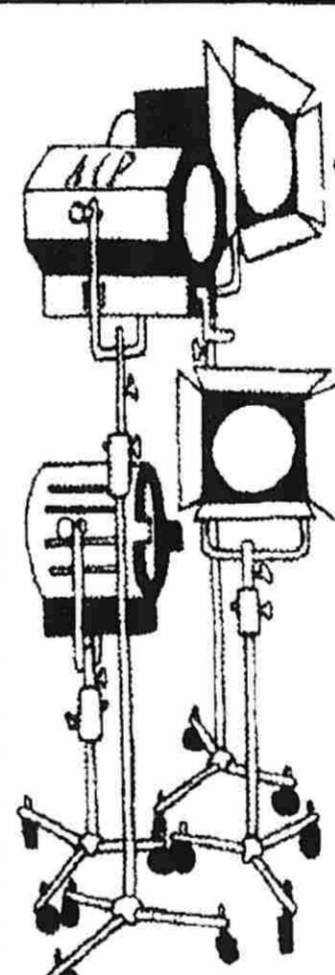
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As We See It

The sound of silence

If you read our farcical issue of *The Plebeian* last week you may have read the "letter to the editor" that was published on this page regarding students' lack of opinions about issues on campus. While satirical in nature, the piece was also meant to make light of the fact that very few students seem to get upset about anything anymore.

Now we know that there are not always issues that get you riled up or motivated to sit down and write a letter to our paper. We also know that you are all involved in your own individual and group activities, and that sometimes issues that you might interest or upset you slip by.

Still, *The Pleiad* wishes to express our concern for what we view as an increasingly apathetic attitude here on campus. Whether it be global issues such as Kosovo or the changes being made to the college, both physically and otherwise, there are issues that should not only be noticed, but that should elicit some response.

The more people recognize and voice concerns, whether it be about the bombing of Yugoslavia or the Baldwin renovations or the obscure vision statement, the more these issues will make their way into the campus consciousness. Besides, getting excited about something is much more fun than just trudging through your everyday routine.

The diverse blend of student concerns and opinions help to shape the way this institution is run. We pay tuition, and thus we deserve to have a say in what goes on around here. But if we just don't give a damn, then we've got no place to complain.

President Mitchell must be commended for the increased amount of opportunities that he has given students to meet administrative candidates and to get involved in policy-making committees here on campus. Yet it is the students, the very core of this institution, that need to get more involved.

College is a time for questioning and learning, both inside the classroom and out. Once class is over, the questioning process should continue, not halt. It is time for Albion students to get excited or mad or disgusted or jubilant about something, anything. Whether that means you paint the rock or a sheet sign or stage a sit-in or hold a meeting, or even, crazy as it may sound, write a letter to the editor, something is better than what we're doing (or not doing) right now. As was implied in last week's letter: it's college, get off your ass and out of your room and make some noise.

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

Pay gap not so wide, claims prof.

To the Editor:

I want to second the *Pleiad* staff's cry for support for National Equal Pay Day (April 8). At first, I admit, I was skeptical. However, in conducting research into the topic (a novel idea apparently), I found that this is indeed an important day. For example, according to the Employment Policy Foundation (EPF), men aged 45-54 make 57% more than men aged 25-34. This type of age discrimination is unjust and a protest is indeed in order. I was equally troubled by the report in the *Journal of Economic Literature* (1995) that found that tall people are paid more than short people (although at least I know I make more than Prof. Bedient).

I do not raise these points to make lite of gender discrimination. In fact, as the father of two daughters, I would indeed be outraged if I thought they were entering a work force with the kind of discrimination alleged by the *Pleiad*. But the fact is, the numbers irresponsibly reported by the *Pleiad* staff (As We See It: Closing the Gap—3/26/1999) have been thoroughly discredited by economists of all walks. The data they report are from a comparison of overall raw averages combining women with and

without children, from a wide age group, wide job tenure, wide education level, and across a wide variety of employment fields. By comparing overall wage averages, the study failed to account for numerous relevant economic factors that may explain the wage gap.

1. Job tenure and experience: women spend an average of 14.7 percent of potential work years away from work versus 1.6 percent for men.

2. Hours worked: in 1997 full-time women actually worked an average of 41.3 hours per week compared to 45 hours for full-time men (this alone accounts for 7 percentage points of the gap).

3. Educational attainment and field of study: while women have made extraordinary gains in these areas, such changes at the margin are slow to affect the averages, and thus men continue to dominate many traditionally high paying fields. Francine Blau and Lawrence Kahn found that controlling for education, experience, and occupation alone narrowed the gender wage gap to 12 percent (*Journal of Labor Economics*, 1997). To illustrate this phenomenon, one can look at the U.S. Department of Labor's Monthly Labor Review (March 1998), and find fields

in which women make more than men (e.g., non-retail sales and marketing-130%, biological/life scientists-104%, management consultants and other management-related occupations-103%).

These are only a few of the relevant economic factors not controlled for in the study from which the *Pleiad* numbers derive. In a June 1998 report by Anita Hattiangadi of the EPF, she concludes that "In 1980, the wage gap between men and women was 41 cents to the dollar. Today, that gap has narrowed to 26 cents. When economic factors such as hours of work, educational attainment, type of educational degree, experience and tenure, and industry and occupation are considered, the wage gap largely disappears." To the extent that gender discrimination in the workforce exists, it is wrong. However, the numbers reported by the *Pleiad* are misleading, and do not further the understanding of the wage gap issue.

Jon A. Hooks, Assoc. Professor of Economics

[Editor's note: The staff acquired data from the National Committee on Pay Equity. This committee cited the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.]

Housing hassle infuriates student

To the Editor:

I am a junior, and currently off-campus in New York. I applied for a Burns St. Apartment, wrote my little essay, and faxed it over to campus. I do not want to live in a dorm senior year, especially after returning from New York, and I thought that's what alternative housing like Burns and Briton was supposed to provide. Well, after the lottery on March 24, my roommates and I did not receive an apartment—as seniors—even though four sophomores got in, and two apartments were given out as singles. Hmmm. I know that there are 'special needs' students that automatically receive apartments, but something about this whole process just isn't sitting right with me.

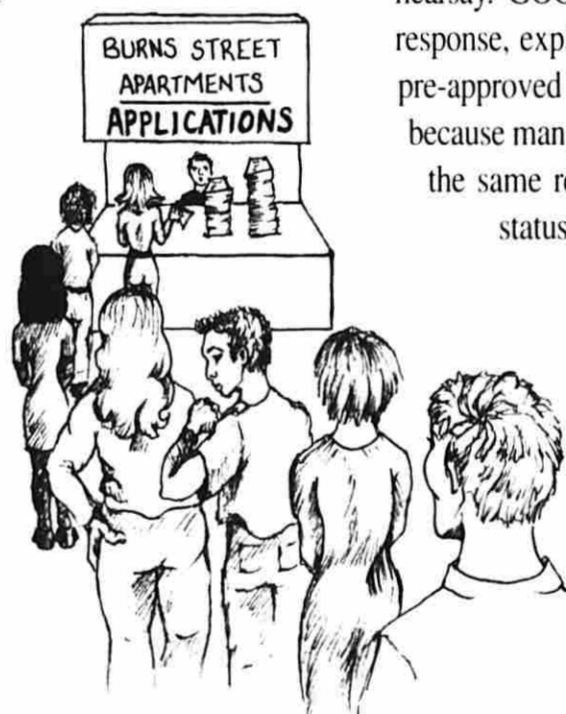
First of all, I think it is really silly and insulting to have to write an essay to prove where I am 'worthy' to live. If college is supposed to be preparing us to be adults, why do we have to beg permission for everything? And 'special needs' students, to my understanding, must show that they have a physical/social condition or a special situation that justifies that they should live in the apartments. Aside from the fact that it is humiliating that someone should have to detail something like that in an essay, it just seems like really strange criterion. So, if I have a peg-leg and a third eye, then I can have an apartment? Students with families get automatic consideration—if I run off to Hawaii and marry my roommate or adopt a refugee orphan, then can I have an apartment? I

just think it's funny that as an active student in good social and academic standing, going into my senior year, I can't get a place to live based on the fact that I can't afford the dorms. But if I had leprosy, I'd be all set.

What's done is done—I know that, and my roommates and I are exploring other options so that we will be able to afford to come back next year. But I really think this process needs to be re-examined. I admit, I am 600 miles away and a lot of this is based on hearsay. GOOD. I hope it prompts a letter in response, explaining what the criterion for a pre-approved status for Burns and Briton is, because many of my other friends who cited the same reasons, received pre-approved status. So is it at Res Life's whim, at random? And if it is random, don't waste my time with an essay. I think I have a right to know why I did not get into the apartments, because there doesn't seem to have been anything that should have disqualified me, or my roommates. I also hope that this prompts

Dr. Mitchell to make good on his plan to provide more housing options to seniors, especially off-campus opportunities. Because once Burns and Briton are filled, there are no cheaper alternatives, let alone a more independent living situation. All I'm asking for is an explanation, because I got screwed. There is absolutely no reason that as a senior, I should be scrambling for a place to live.

Rebecca Little, Flossmoor, Ill. junior



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Around the towns...

I'm goin' to Ann Arbor, *bienvenido a Ann Arbor*

Emily Thompson
Staff Writer

Sometimes you just need to get away from Albion. Sometimes the stress just builds up, and you need to take a break.

For me, last Wednesday was one of those days. I needed to escape for at least a few hours so I decided to retreat to one of my favorite restaurants, Ann Arbor's Café Zola.

Zola, located at 112 W. Washington Street, is a small café with a lot of character. On one side of the café stands the tea and coffee bar. Standing at the bar, you can see into the kitchen and watch as your food is being prepared.

One step down, on the next level, is the dining area. Longer tables provide space for college students to use their laptops while enjoying their meals. Smaller tables contribute to a more intimate dining experience. A few more comfortable chairs and couches sit in one corner of the café.

Café Zola is uniquely decorated. Long, yellow, cylindrical light fixtures hang from the ceiling, and hundreds of multicolored flyers and newspapers sit on a long shelf at one end of the dining area. I've been there at least five times, but I've never seen the same art on the walls. This variety makes Zola all the more appealing to me.

Café Zola's atmosphere is conducive to studying, reading, or talking. And the food is definitely worth the trip.

The café specializes in omelettes, crepes, and waffles. It also offers a wide variety of teas and coffees.

On last Wednesday's trip, I decided on the Crepe Zola and Lingia Estate Darjeeling tea. The Crepe Zola is a crepe filled with garden-fresh tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil. Although the crepe itself resembled some sort of lizard skin, I'm glad I decided not to judge a book by its cover because it was delicious. Besides tasting excellent, Zola's teas are served in really funky tea pots that are fun to play with.

The Crepe Zola is described as a "savory" crepe, however, sweet crepes are also an option.

One of my favorites is the Nutella Banana Crepe. This unique treat is filled with Nutella chocolate-hazelnut spread, bananas, and almonds. It is served atop ice-cream and covered with raspberry sauce. If I didn't believe in variety, I would order this crepe every time. Just thinking about it makes my mouth water.

The menu offers six savory crepes including a smoked salmon crepe and a plain one served with just butter. Aside from those are five sweet crepes.

On my next trip, I think I'll try the Kendrick's Favorite Crepe. This one is served with fresh lemon, powdered sugar and either orange, strawberry, or almond-hazelnut butter.

Café Zola also offers a variety of unique omelettes, waffles, salads, and sandwiches. While I usually get crepes and have yet to try the omelettes, waffles, or salads, I do know that the Vegetables Napoleon sandwich is delicious. This one consists of roasted vegetables piled on focaccia, covered with oven-melted mozzarella.

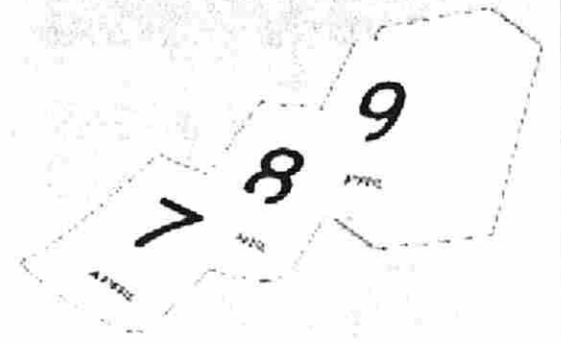
Café Zola is conveniently located half a block from Main Street. It is open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

A full menu is offered from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All other times, the menu is limited, usually to crepes, waffles, and soups.

Prices vary from \$2.75 for the simplest crepe to \$7.95. Most crepes and waffles are in the four to six dollar range.

Ann Arbor is only 40 minutes west of Albion. And like I said, sometimes you just need to escape. Café Zola provides a wonderful atmosphere and unbelievably delicious food. The last time I went, I didn't want to come back.

On This Day In History



Civil War ended:

April 9, 1865 Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House VA. Formal surrender took place on the 12th. Death toll for the war is estimated at 500,000.

Civil Rights Bill of 1866: Anniversary:

This bill was passed by Congress over the veto of President Andrew Johnson, and it granted blacks the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

African Methodist Episcopal Church organized:

On April 9, 1816 the first all-black US religious denomination was organized.

Winston Churchill Day:

Anniversary of the legislation in 1963 that made the former British prime minister an honorary citizen of the U.S.

Famous Birthdays:

Hugh Hefner, 73, founder of *Playboy*, born 4/9/26.

Keshia Knight Pulliam, 20, actress ("The Cosby Show") born 4/9/79.

Dennis Quaid, 45, actor, born 4/9/54.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CORNER

By: Heidi Stevens-Ratti
Associate Director for Career Development

Q: I am interested in working in politics in Washington D.C. after graduation. How can I find relevant employment postings?

A: Many opportunities exist for working in politics in the nation's capital. Jobs range from being a personal staff member of the house or senate, to being a legislative correspondent, to working at a party headquarters.

One of the best ways to find out about open positions in DC is through networking. Take advantage of any and all contacts you have developed.

Good networking sources include former supervisors, professors, colleagues, family members, friends, and the Briton Career Connection. Completing an internship after graduation is another good way to build your network and get your foot in the door with an or-

ganization.

The Internet is a good tool to use to find employment postings in DC. The various government branches have websites as do the Democratic and Republican National Committees.

Roll Call, The Hill, and the Washington Post, three popular DC newspapers, all have online job postings on their respective websites. Check the websites of individual organizations that are of interest to you.

In addition to websites, contact the organizations directly to inquire about job postings or to obtain organizational information.

The Washington DC JobBank book in Career Development has contact information listed for practically every industry in that region, including government.

The most important thing to remember during your DC job search is to maintain a positive attitude! Remember, persistence pays!

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



The Whine List

It's time to whine...

When you see a bright pink slip of paper and you think it's a package slip only to find that it's a notice from S.E.A.R.C.H. (that was really cruel).

When you order a shake with your hamburger and they give you the shake right away so it's melted by the time your meal is ready.

When you go to a restaurant that provides breadsticks so you fill up on breadsticks and have no room for your overpriced meal when it finally arrives.

Liberal minds at work.....

Should the U.S. be committing so much military support to Kosovo?



"Yes, because human rights is an issue that the U.S. should be concerned about."

— Melissa Brown,
Melvin senior



"I think we should mind our own business. It's a really nice thought to help everybody, but when it comes down to it, they need to solve their own problems."

— Melissa Beatty,
Lansing sophomore



"The U.S. has a moral right to intervene to stop a holocaust or ethnic cleansing. The question then becomes how to intervene in a way that is effective, that solves the problem rather than makes things worse."

— Myron Levine
professor of political science



"I don't know if we should send military support or not, but I do think it's kind of ironic that we bomb to make peace."

— Frederick Mooney,
assistant operations manager of the
Kellogg Center



"No and Yes. I'm not sure if it's our place to go in there but if we are going to commit, we should go in there full force."

— Daniel McRitchie,
Birmingham freshman

Albion students help build homes for needy people

Carolyn Temporelli
Staff Writer

Gary Cureton, Detroit senior, steadies himself on the swaying ladder and sinks the screw into the drywall.

"After you get the first one in, it's like riding a bike," said Samuel Talsma, Three Oaks senior.

The two men are working together at the current site for the college's Habitat for Humanity International volunteers. Here piles of drywall, power tools, and 2x4's are stacked inside Ed and Dallie Salicki's home.

The volunteers have been making renovations on the house since the beginning of February 1999. Renovation is not the standard procedure for HFHI, but the Salicki's are in a time of need.

According to Talsma, the Salicki's took out a seven month, \$50,000 construction loan at 18% interest. When the seven months expired, the Salicki's were still renovating and looked for help.

"This project had been bounced around the community leaders for awhile," Talsma said. "By default we took claim to it."

According to the U.S. Affordable Housing Statistics, 14.5 million U.S. households qualify for government aid due to insufficient housing. Of those qualifying, only 4.1 million are receiving aid. This is where HFHI steps in.

HFHI is a Christian organization. The aim



photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity
Student's of Albion College's chapter of Habitat for Humanity: (l-r) Sam Talsma, Three Oaks senior, Jason Kiernan, Watervliet senior, Jeremy Matthei, Livonia junior, Ben Smith, Junction City junior, and Gary Cureton, Detroit senior.

is to work in partnership with those in need to help them gain capital in a dignified manner. HFHI operates for, with and by people of any race, creed, or color. Founded in 1976, HFHI has since built nearly 70,000 homes across the country.

In July 1998, the Salicki's moved into the old farmhouse, which needed major renovations.

"The house was almost condemned," said Jeremy Matthei, Livonia junior. "The structure was good, but almost everything else was bad."

"We've just gutted the house and are re-doing everything," Dallie said. "We re-did the

electrical, most of the plumbing has changed and there is all new heating and windows...There is an all new water system, all new insulation, and ceiling. The big deck on front and the bathtub are new. We even put walls in where there weren't any."

"During the winter months it's hard to keep [HFHI] active," Talsma said. "But this community project has been drawing a wide array of our members."

And anyone can be a member.

"All are welcome," Talsma said. "Construction experience is not a prerequisite, just

enthusiasm and patience."

The volunteers look forward to building an actual home as an HFHI chapter apart from Albion's community chapter.

"We'll be building as a college chapter," Talsma said. "We're going to be more active than before...Looks like our project will probably be on a vacant lot somewhere in Albion."

President Mitchell actively supports this project.

"I have pledged to support Habitat with \$15,000 every two years," Mitchell said. "It would be wonderful to build an Albion College Habitat House every two or three years, using our students as the primary source of labor. This way, every student who graduates can return to reunions and check on 'their house!' [the one they helped build]."

The college chapter house project is planned to begin sometime this month. Until then, the volunteers will be at the Salicki's home.

"This house has got some interesting history to it," Talsma said.

In 1845 the land was settled by Jacob Nichols, who built a hewn log home on the site. He was also the founder of the original school house in Duck Lake when there was still a Potawatomi Indian settlement. In 1870 the current cement structure was built.

"Even though it's under construction," Matthei said, "I'd still rather live here than the doms."

For more information, contact Kim Parker at KC box 5535 or extension 1600.

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LIVE FROM ALBION IT'S THURSDAY NIGHT!

Penny Barnes
Staff Editor

What do the names "Goat-Boy" and Joe Pesci have in common? After Thursday's Union Board event, anyone on campus could answer that question.

Host of his own MTV sitcom, "The Jim Breuer Show," host of "Premium Blend," and star of "Half Baked," "Saturday Night Live" cast member Jim Breuer made his way to Albion College Thursday night.

Performing as the board's major spring event, Breuer was chosen in place of the usual concert because, according to Daniel Ferguson, Bothell, Wash. senior and president of the Union Board,

comedy appeals to more students.

"It's a lot easier to find a comedian that a lot of students will find funny than it is to find a band that everyone will be happy with," Ferguson said.

"However," Ferguson continued, "for students who still prefer to have a band, we will be bringing two swing bands to also perform in April [date will be announced later]."

The board decided on Breuer with the help of their agent, Steve Juffe of Steve Juffe and associates, according to Ferguson.

"We discussed how much money we had to spend on the performer and Steve gave us a list of big name comedians that we could afford," Ferguson said. "It was that easy."

Along with Breuer came his opening act, Peter Correale.

"Correale is really big on the college market right now," said Ryan Broccolo, Huntington Beach, CA sophomore and vice-president of performance of the board.

Prior to the show, students spoke of their excitement for the event.

"I'm really excited about him [Breuer] coming to campus," said Ken Panackia, Lake Shores freshman. "I think I would rather go to this than any band that might have been chosen."

"I have never been to any of the spring performances," said Steven Bowers, Quincy junior. "I will definitely go to see this though."

INTERNET SITE REVIEW

A very Brady website

Katie Snyder
Managing Editor

Here's a story ... of a lovely website ... with crazy games and groovy downloads from America's favorite 1960s re-run, "The Brady Bunch."

The Brady site is created by the people from Nick-at-Nite. It is just one of over a dozen links on the site, www.nick-at-nite.com. Other features include "Retrocomercials," and games like "Movin' on up with George and Weezy."

The Brady link, however, is definitely the

best part of the Nick at Nite site. It offers mountains of trivia, downloadable pictures and sounds from some of the more famous episodes.

"Morphing" screensavers are also available from the site. Jan's image, entitled "Jan's Dream," grants her greatest wish, as her face morphs into Marcia's. Peter's picture doesn't change, but his voice does. In less than two seconds, his voice goes from squeak to deep. Mr. Brady morphs through his various hairstyles-- from buzz-cut to sixties shag, back to buzzed again.

Another fun online Brady feature is Marcia Brady's Football Toss. This bizarre little game, where players earn points by lobbing footballs at Marcia's nose, recalls the infamous episode where a football smashes Marcia's perfect nose.

Brady fans can also find snap-shots from

favorite episodes. Browsers can download a picture of Alice, America's favorite maid, in action, or an image of the moment that started it all, Mike and Carol's wedding day.

Brady site users can complete their shrine with sound bites, including the show's theme song and Jan's voice, screaming, "Marcia, Marcia, Marica!"

Of course, even the most devoted Brady fan sometimes needs help remembering his favorite episodes. Fortunately, this site lists one-hundred seventeen episodes, including titles and plot summaries. Bios of the real people behind the characters, and a section that details what the actors did "before they were Bradys" completes the trivia package.

Yes, there is not Brady fact left unlisted on this handy site. It even has a bio for Tiger Brady, the family's mischievous sheep dog!

ON THE WEB

<http://...>

www.nsync.com-- For all the "closet" n'sync fans, this site offers photos, bios and daily updates on the boy band.

www.fitness.com-- Dreading swimsuit season? Firm your flab with diet and exercise tips from top workout gurus.

www.weather.com-- Tired of waiting for the local forecast? Type in 49224 for Albion's weather predictions.

www.muppets.com-- Time to regress! Learn what the Swedish chef is really saying, dress Miss Piggy, visit Gonzo's weird sites, go on Fozzie's virtual comedy tour.

Laughs online

[Editor's note: these forwards were provided by Brian Smith, Dexter junior. The original authors are unknown.]

Can't remember the last time a smile cracked your lips. Try these silly anecdotes to cure your year-ending blues.

Dorm life ...

On the first day of college, the Dean addressed the students, pointing out some of the rules:

"The female dormitory will be out-of-bounds for all male students, and the male dormitory to the female students. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time." He continued, "Anybody caught



FORWARDING ON



breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$60. Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$180. Are there any questions?

At this point, a male student in the crowd inquired: "How much for a season pass?"

Land of the Golden Arches ...

A German tourist walks into a McDonald's in New York City and orders a beer. The local guy in the line behind him immediately gives him a verbal jab, "They don't serve beer here, you moron!"

The German fellow felt embarrassed, however he turned to the New Yorker with a surprised look on his face and begins to chuckle.

"And what's so funny?" the New Yorker demands. "Oh, nothing really, I just realized how stupid you are. You came here for the food!"

Clinton Remedy ...

Gore and the Clintons are flying on Air Force One. Bill looks at Al, chuckles and says, "You know, I could throw a \$100.00 bill out the window right now and make one person very happy."

Al shrugs his stiff shoulders and says, "Well, I could throw ten \$10.00 bills out the window and make 10 people very happy."

Hillary tosses her perfectly hair-sprayed hair and says, "Of course, I could throw one-hundred \$1.00 bills out the window and make a hundred people very happy."

Chelsea rolls her eyes, looks at all of them and says, "I could throw all of you out the window and make the whole country happy."

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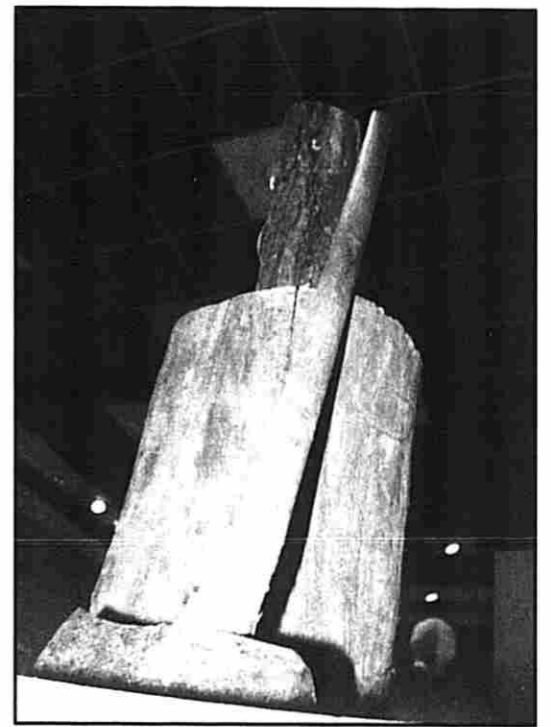
First United Methodist Church, located on campus, is seeking two Building Attendants for SUMMER months.

Please call 629-9425 weekdays between the hours of 8am-Noon or 1-4pm, or pick up an application at the church office, 600 E. Michigan Ave.

Application Deadline:
April 12, 1999



Far left, "Manhattan" by Tamara Jaeger, Sterling Heights senior. Steel sculpture. Left, "She" by Christina Lee Anderson, Fort Gratiot senior. Below, "8" by Matthew Thomas, Richland senior.



Showing off

Exhibition showcases works of senior art majors

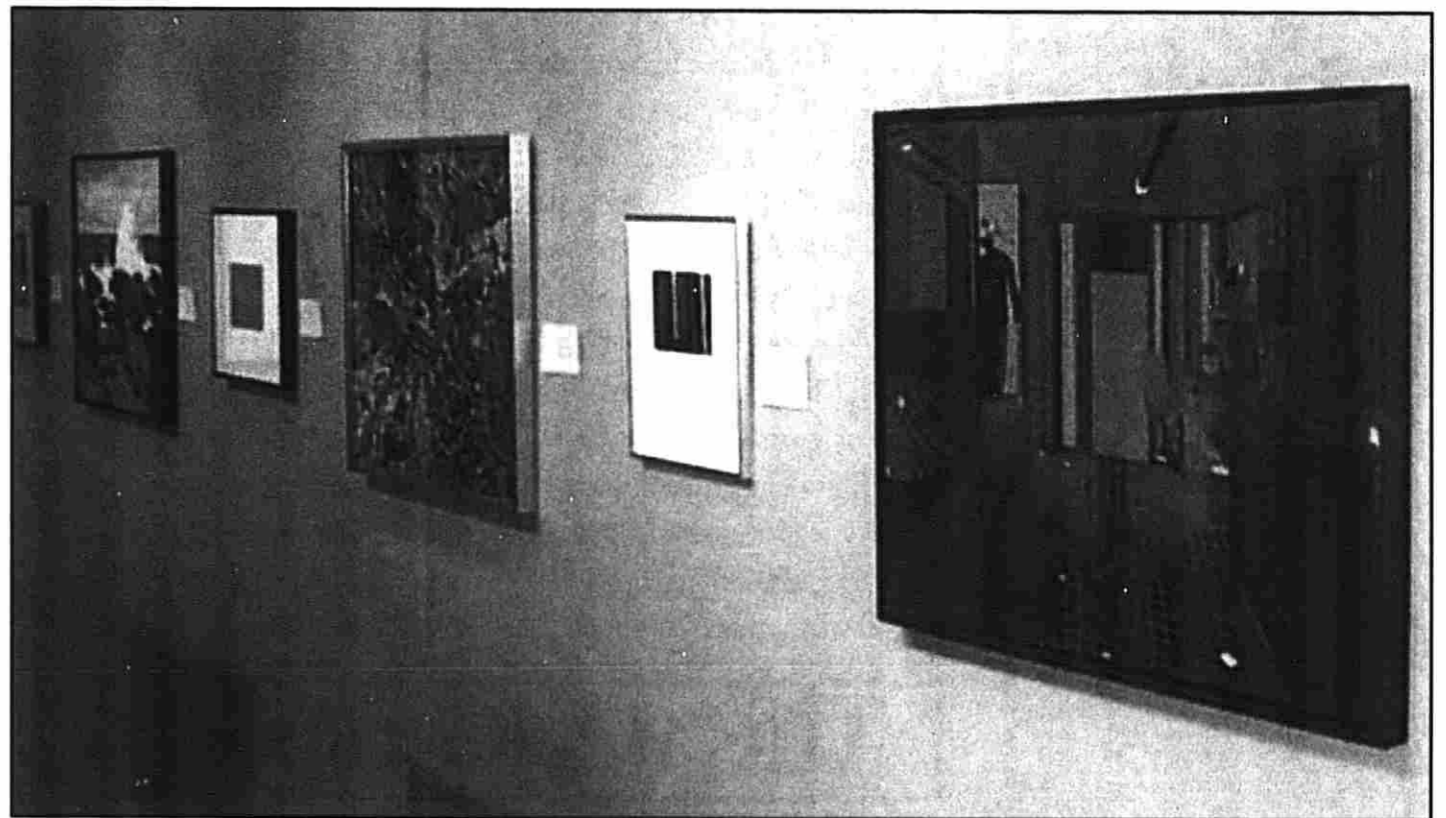
The 1999 Senior Art Majors Exhibition can be seen throughout April at the Bobbitt Visual Art Center. The works of Christina Lee Anderson, Pamela Choate, Courtney Hutto, Tamara Jaeger, Clare L. Pollert, Carolyn Temporelli, and Matthew Thomas will all be a part of the exhibition. The show will end May 2.

There will be an exhibition reception from 2p.m.-4p.m. Sunday at Bobbitt.

Photos by Zack Loeprich



Above, "Untitled" by Pamela Choate, Springport senior. Oil on canvas. Right, an assortment of works by senior art majors adorn the walls at the Bobbitt Visual Arts Center.



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Sports Recap



MEN'S BASEBALL

9-11, 3-3 MIAA

Defeated Kalamazoo, 11-2;
Split with Kalamazoo 7-9/10-6;
lost at Alma 14-6; Split at Alma
6-4/1-3.



WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

9-16, 1-3 MIAA

Split with Defiance 2-5/7-1; Lost
two at Alma, 11-1/2-0.
Tomorrow DH @ Olivet, 1p.m.



MEN'S TRACK

2-1 MIAA

Albion 110, Hope 44

Calvin 91, Albion 62

Albion 138,
Defiance 35



WOMEN'S TRACK

1-2 MIAA

Hope 94, Albion 51

Calvin 101, Albion 42

Albion 104,
Defiance 35



MEN'S TENNIS

1-4, 1-0 MIAA

Albion 9, Defiance 0

Karim Jina, Matthew Brady,
John Thompson, Bryan
Todd, Matthew McQuinlan,
and Don Dimitroff all won
their singles matches.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

4-3, 3-0 MIAA

Albion 9, Defiance 0
Albion 5, Calvin 4

In the match versus Calvin,
Stacey Portenga, Melissa
Hall, and Emily Arend were
singles winners.

No fault about it, men's tennis in full swing

Megan Thomas
Staff Writer

Although the men's tennis team has not had started the season like they had hoped, they still hope to meet the high goals they set for themselves.

Last year the team tied for fourth place with Alma College.

"We beat them in the regular season, but they beat us in the tournament," said Don Dimitroff, Lansing junior and team captain.

They started to have formal practices just after Christmas break.

"I have been taking year round lessons since I was in the fifth grade," said Matthew Brady, Muskegon

freshman. "I am challenged by an opponent who feels that he or she can beat me, which is sometimes proven true."

The practices for right now are six days a week for an hour and a half. On top of that the coach expects the men to run two miles on their own time. The team is having a lot of challenge matches against each other.

"We do this in order to figure out the line up for the season," Dimitroff said.

Their first match in conference was against Defiance be on March 31. Albion swept the meet, 9-0.

"Up to this point in the season our team has made incredible strides. We have improved immensely since the first day of practice," said John Thompson, Marshall freshman. "My

main motivation comes from wanting the team to be respected."

This year's team is very young. There are a lot of freshman and sophomores on the team and no seniors.

"There is a lot of inexperience in terms of match play," Dimitroff said. He also made the point clear that the team is much better than it was last year. "The guys are pushing each other to play better."

The men are anticipating a better season than last year.

"I am only a freshman and I see that we have potential to be a force in the conference," Thompson said.

"As far as team goals, we would like to finish in the top three of the conference. Our ultimate goal is to finish in second place, behind

Kalamazoo," Dimitroff said.

There is a good relationship between the men's and women's tennis teams. They give each other a lot of support and go to each other's matches.

"We would love to have fan support for our home matches and especially for MIAA at the end of April," Dimitroff said.

Over the teams spring break trip, Albion played in four matches, dropping each of them. The team did make a strong showings against Wheaton (4-5) and Western New Mexico (4-5).

Karim Jina, Saint Clares Shores freshmen, has lead the way for the Briton with an undefeated recorded at the number one singles position.

After sixty-six years, it's time for a real mascot

Patrick O'Connell:
Beyond the Box Score

In 1933, Albion College thought that the school needed a name for its athletic teams and adopted the name Britons. Now it is 1999 and there's another team related need: a mascot. After sixty-six years, Albion's current "mascot," our college shield masthead, is not getting the job done in the competitive world of 21st century sports mascots.

Albion needs a little of that liberal arts working on a new creative mascot. I may be crazy, but a shield isn't even the equivalent of a Bulldog or a Scot or even a Dutchman. At least a Dutchman can cause some damage with those clogs.

I'm not complaining about our nickname, the Britons, which I have become quite fond of over the years. It's certainly better than Methodists or the Pink-and-Greens which we used to go by. Britons has got a mysterious uniqueness to it.

But a shield for a mascot? I know Albion is conservative and all, but where's the fun in that? I know defense wins games, but isn't a pas-

sive symbol like the shield a bit on the weak side? "O.K., attack us, we'll fend you off with our SHIELD."

Albion can do so much better. I mean we're the Britons, people from Britain or England. I can think of a lot of exciting mascots that we can adopt instead of just a lame shield.

First there is the obvious, yet uninspiring choice of the British redcoat. The British Eighth marching band wears the costume, yet there's something about an American college taking so much pride in something British. Who would you rather cheer for, the Yankees or the redcoats? That's what I thought.

Animals are always popular choices for mascots. Everybody loves to see a goofy creature costume at sporting events. While America has the eagle, the closest thing that England has to a national animal is the lion.

Now here's an idea I might be able to get excited about, because this might be the mascot option with the closest connection to the college. If you're really astute then you know that the lion shows up around campus frequently.

One of the elaborate insignias

in the Kellogg Center living room has one, certain napkins have lions on it, and specialty trays in Baldwin have the lion-shield masthead, a rare sign of good luck to eaters. Why not incorporate the lion as our official mascot? The gold feline goes well with school colors while providing a ferocious attitude.

Of course there's always Mary Poppins. Equipped with awesome imagination powers, the skill to fly, and that deadly umbrella, the lady who suggested we have a spoon full of sugar might not be all that much of a longshot if you think about it.

Then there is a wealth of historical selections. It might not be a bad idea to reflect upon the past and pick a mascot close to our Britons roots.

Perhaps someone like Beowulf might be a potential candidate. But the hero of the great English epic turns out to be Geatish, and no one can pronounce that, so he's out.

There's Oliver Cromwell, the nasty lord protector who took over Parliament in the mid-1600s. But he's got a real bad reputation that wouldn't be too great for recruiting.

That leaves a couple of more

well-known figures, one historical and the other famously mythological. Richard the Lion-hearted would go great with the lion theme and his battle skills during the crusades might be enviable, but perhaps oppressive.

Finally, there's always Robin Hood. Most people know him, and his rebellious outlaw tactics would be perfect as a mascot. Teams would have the added benefit as referring to themselves as the "Merry Men," but that might cause complications with the women's teams.

But regardless of whether you like any of these options, Albion still needs to get a real mascot. The shield facade is just a cover for the weakness that no one has taken the time to think up a real one.

Just think of the fun, not to mention the money that would come with a mascot. Teams could put a little insignia on jerseys and equipment and the bookstore could sell everything imaginable with the new mascot on it. The college would be rolling in dough when everyone comes in for the new Lion sweatshirt or the Mary Poppins cap or the Richard the Lion-hearted boxers.

I can hear the cash registers now.

This week in sports

Friday

Baseball vs. Adrian, 4p.m.
Tennis: GLCA Championships, Men @ Kalamazoo,
Women @ Oberlin, Ohio

Tuesday

Baseball
home vs. Siena Heights, 4p.m.
Softball
home vs. Hope, 3:30p.m.

Saturday

Men's & Women's
Tennis

GLCA Championships

Baseball

home for doubleheader vs.
Adrian, 1p.m.

Softball

Doubleheader @
Olivet, 1p.m.

Wednesday

Men's & Women's
Track

Olivet with St. Mary's,
home, 2:30p.m.

Men's & Women's
Tennis

Men: home vs. Adrian, 3p.m.
Women: @ Hope, 3p.m.

Thursday

Softball: vs. Adrian, 3:30p.m.
Men's tennis: @ Hope, 3p.m.



ALBION COLLEGE ATHLETES

Players of the week



Ryan Strother
SPORT: Baseball

In a doubleheader split against Kalamazoo, Strother had two hits in game one and a stolen base. In game two, Strother connected for three hits and four stolen bases. Of those five steals, Strother stole home twice.



Kacy Davidson
SPORT: Softball

In a softball doubleheader split against Defiance, Davidson recorded six hits and also recorded two RBI's in the 7-1 game two victory. The victory helped boost the Briton record to 9-14 overall.