

Friday, April 16, 1999



■ Celebrate Earthfest

Speakers, picnics, and music: all a part of Earthfest events that start Tuesday.

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■ Now playing.....

Albion theatre presents four one-act plays at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Herrick Black Box.

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■ Title bound?

The women's tennis team is in the hunt for the an MIAA title.

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Commencement speaker named

Awiakta, a Native American poet, author, and story teller, will speak at graduation

Jen Campbell
Staff Editor

Marilou Awiakta, a Native American poet, author, and story teller, has been announced this year's commencement speaker.

"She is a remarkable woman, deeply committed to issues of justice and spirituality, as well as espousing an interdisciplinary style of learning in her life and in her writing," said Peter Mitchell, president of Albion College.

According to Mitchell, finding a commencement speaker was not easy. The class officers met with Mitchell last spring to discuss possible speakers with the understanding that as president, Mitchell is the one who actually invite the speaker.

"They wouldn't allow us to look for a speaker on our own," said Melissa Brown, Melvin senior and treasurer of the counsel, adding that although the counsel was involved in making suggestions, "the college had to actively pursue it [obtaining the speaker] and we as a counsel could not."

Some students on campus have expressed concern that they were not involved in the process of choosing the speaker. According to Brown, the counsel attempted to involve seniors by sending out flyers with suggestions for possible speakers, hoping those would provide some input as to the wishes of the class.

Brown added that there was also a suggestion box left at the Kellogg Center, but there was "no real response."



According to Mitchell, the counsel met again in September.

"The officers submitted several names. Some were determined by me not be appropriate, others were entertainers with \$50,000 + speaker fees, others were too well known to get in 7-8 months."

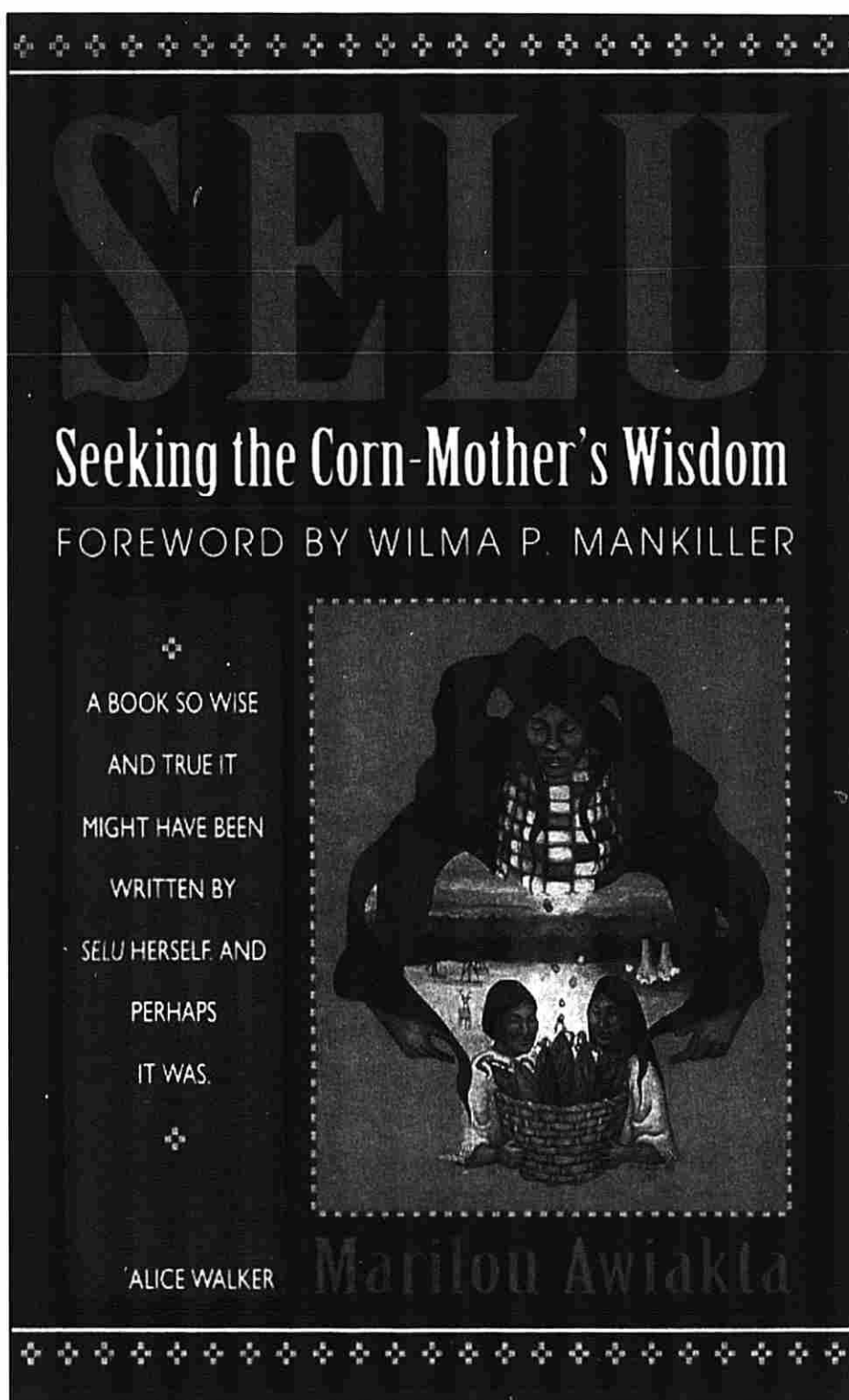
According to Brown, the counsel was interested in finding a speaker who was either a minority or a female because there had seemed to be a lot of white male speakers in the past and the counsel "wanted to see a little more diversity."

Although Mitchell contacted two woman that the counsel proposed, neither was available. Following another failed attempt, Mitchell contacted Awiakta.

"I knew Awiakta from my presidency in Columbia, so I called her," Mitchell said.

"In light of the Vision's emphasis on interdisciplinary study, I felt she would be an excellent choice," Mitchell added.

Brown did some research into Awiakta when she was announced as the speaker, and said that "she seemed



Left: Marilou Awiakta
Above: Awiakta's book cover

like a really good choice."

Brown added that the counsel was seeking a speaker who could provide a "method of encouragement for people who were entering the workforce or graduate school, or wherever a person's life took them after Albion College."

According to the Presidential Memorandum sent out to the students on April 7th, "Awiakta's message will reflect her life, an embodiment of Liberal Arts at Work."

This year's commencement will take place at 11:00 a.m. on May 8th in the quad.

Language courses to be added

Julie Evans
Staff Writer

With a grant from the LUCE Foundation, Albion will hire an Asian specialist to expand Albion's faculty in the area of Asian studies and language courses.

This grant will enable the college to support the faculty member for three years and will allow Albion to start offering Asian language courses next fall.

Samuel Talsma, Three Oaks senior, spent last semester off-campus in Hong Kong. Because there was no Chinese course available, Talsma studied the language in a directed study with Martha O'Kennon, associate professor of mathematics.

Then Talsma took action—he organized a survey designed to help gauge the level of interest in Asian or Middle Eastern language offerings amongst Albion's students.

His survey found that 57 percent of students believe the college should have more language options.

Among that 57 percent are Bibole Ngalumulume, international student from Congo, and John Molenda, Lansing sophomore.

"As our world becomes more and more global, we also need to expand the minds of our students by introducing them to foreign languages other than the European ones we currently have," Ngalumulume said.

"In changing its core curriculum, Albion College is attempting to reinvent itself as the ideal liberal arts college for the 21st century," Molenda said. "The 21st century will be global. For the first time, information and travel links the entire world. To be competitive in almost every field, foreign language is essential. It is important for Albion to expose its students to difference. One must be able to deal with people whose lives are vastly different than one's own."

Currently, Albion offers majors in French, German and Spanish, and introductory courses in Dutch, Russian and Latin.

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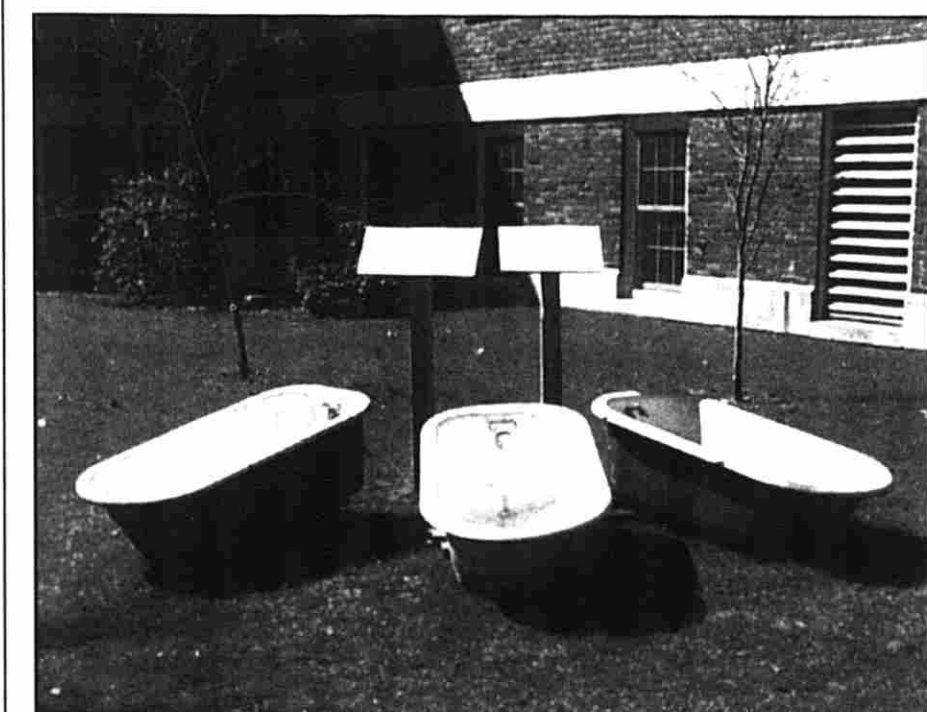


photo by Zack Loeplich

The bathtubs representing domestic violence are on display between Robinson Hall and the Kellogg Center.

Survivors voices embedded in tubs

Katie Snyder
Managing Editor

Three rusted tubs sit on a rotted log in the sun. They are scratched and chipped; there are words written all over them.

No, it's not a scene from the local junkyard. These tubs are the result of the collaborative efforts of faculty, students and 1996 artist in residence, Bradley McCallum.

"Transcending the silence: The Tubs Project," originated in 1996 when this group chose to do a work of art on domestic violence.

But, why use bathtubs?

"Although most people assume the bathtub to be a place of privacy and safety, many victims of domestic violence are actually abused in the bathtub," said Andrea Lindley.

— see 'tubs project' p. 2

NEWSBRIEFS

Help celebrate Earthfest

■ Tuesday, April 20th

Pamela Chiang will be speaking at 8 p.m. in Bobbitt Auditorium on: "Environmental Justice: What can out campus do?"

■ Wednesday, April 21st

The Earthfest picnic will take place on the quad from 5-7 p.m. with live entertainment. Please bring your own plate, cup, and silverware. A washtub will be provided for rinsing eating utensils. Americans annually discard enough paper and plastic ware to feed the world a picnic every other month.

■ Thursday, April 22nd

Earthfest meets Peacefest: Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones and his Blues Band will be performing at 7 p.m. in "the stack" of the Kellogg Center followed by folk guitarist Jim Scott.

■ Friday, April 23rd

The Annual Tree Planting will take place. The time and location will be announced.

Model U.N. delegates awarded for service

Kate Surowiec, Farmington Hills junior, was named Outstanding Delegate at Harvard University World Model United Nations Conference at Cambridge, England. Surowiec was one of only 11 delegates to receive this award.

Nate Piwowarski, McBain freshmen, John Molenda, Albion sophomore, and Kevin Sheehan, Auburn Hills senior, all earned honorable mention. At the '95 WorldMUN conference, Sheehan was recognized as an outstanding delegate.

Albion College was one of 75 colleges from around the globe represented at the conference. Awards were based on active participation in both the formal and informal committee sessions, understanding and maintaining the integrity of national policies, knowledge of topics, and the ability to develop persuasive arguments and create comprehensive solutions to problems facing the world nations.

Get out and vote for the Albion student senators

On Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. outside the Kellogg Center, vote for next years student senators. The voting booth may be moved indoors depending upon weather condition.

'Tubs project'

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Dearborn Heights senior and participant in the Tubs Project.

The tubs were originally installed in the Spring of 1996 in at Victory Park. The exhibit was then vandalized three times, creating its current battered appearance. Lindley explained that the abuse of the tubs only enhanced the effect of the work, relating it even more closely to people who have endured abuse.

The tubs recent re-emergence is due to the efforts of Lindley, as part of her senior honors thesis in visual arts.

"My thesis discussed a brief history of social activist art, and also facts about domestic violence in order to provide a setting for the Tubs Project. Then, my thesis explained the entire process we went through to complete the project," Lindley said.

In order to create the work, the group got approval to place the tubs in Victory Park and to run water through them. They also interviewed three survivors of domestic violence, then sand-blasted excerpts from those interviews onto the bathtubs.

The excerpts are arranged on the insides and edges of the tubs. Circling one of the tub rims are the words, "Keeping it quiet— keeps the abuse going." Inside the same tub the words "it was awful being isolated like that ... I can remember how lonely it was ... it was awful being isolated ... I can remember ..." appear to swirl down the tub towards the drain.

Campus reactions to the tubs have been largely positive.

"This type of collaborative project needs to be supported in more places on this campus. Hopefully we are creating such spaces in our centers and institutes," said Patricia Franzen, di-

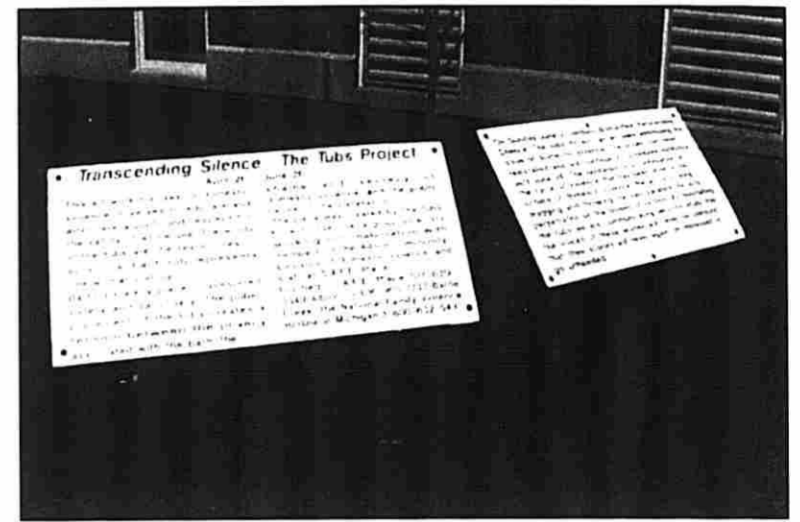


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Above the tubs, these plaques tell the story behind the art work.

rector of the Anna Howard Shaw Center for Women's Studies and Programs.

Observing the tubs, one student commented on the tragedy of domestic abuse: "I think it's pretty tragic what happened to these women but it's good for them that they got out of their relationships when they did. Because if they hadn't, they probably would have died due to spousal abuse," said Quinn Thomas, Lathrup Village sophomore.

It is this kind of thinking that Lindley said she hopes to achieve with the Tubs Project.

"...if this re-display of the sculpture serves to raise awareness of domestic violence, even slightly, then I am overwhelmingly satisfied by bringing it out again!"

'Asian languages'

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There was a time, however, when Albion did offer Asian languages.

In 1985 Albion added Chinese to its foreign language department, and Japanese followed in 1989.

Due to financial constraints, the administration had problems keeping a part-time faculty member on staff to instruct the Asian language courses.

Japanese came on the scene in the spring of 1989, the course was experiencing problems maintaining an instructor, going through four instructors in four years. The administration's decision to do away with part-time faculty members due to its financial constraints effectively did away with Asian language course offerings.

"Instructing an Asian language is a strong commitment, that's why a full-time position would be ideal," said Ingeborg Baumgartner, professor of the humanities and chair of the foreign language department. "Language isn't something you can offer for just a semester. It requires from the students a commitment of energy and a desire to continue. The rewards aren't visible right away."

With the loss of both Chinese and Japanese language courses by the spring semester of '94, it has been five years since Albion has offered any Asian language course.

But how important is an Asian language to Albion College's liberal arts reputation?

In April 1996, two outside consultants with the AsiaNetwork/LUCE Foundation, an agency that promotes Asian studies, an-

swered this question. Their answer was a clear-cut, *very important*, in a report of their findings.

"The consultants were struck by the lack of an international orientation at Albion College. [There is an] absence of language requirements and a paucity of area studies course offerings. The deficiency of global offerings is not limited to Asia. Teaching about the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America is also minimal."

With this dismal evaluation, it becomes of interest to see how Albion stacks up to other colleges of its caliber.

Albion is the only GLCA college with no language requirement. Albion and Wabash are the only GLCA colleges that don't offer an Asian language.

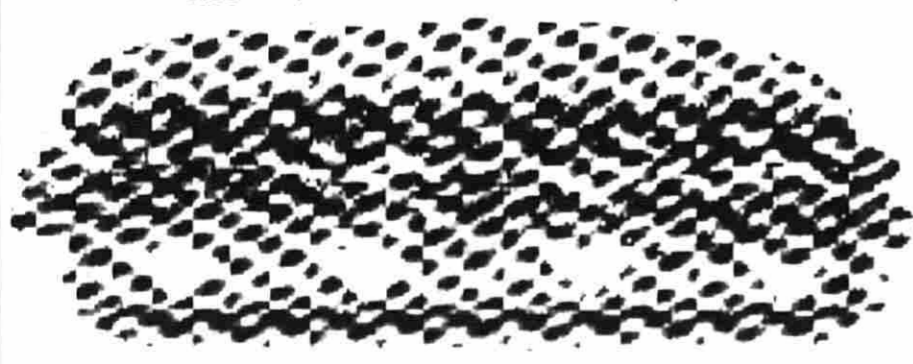
"Albion students are aware that they're not being given the same opportunity," said Yi-Li Wu, assistant professor of history. "I have students whose friends at Kalamazoo and other colleges are taking Chinese or Japanese, and they're aware that we don't offer that here."

Selva Raj, assistant professor of religious studies and Albion's liaison to the Asia Network, says the administration is very supportive of this move towards improving the international orientation at Albion College, both through Asian area studies and Asian languages.

"Language is an important tool in learning another culture," Raj said. "[But we need] a more holistic approach than just focusing on language. Having an Asian language would be the capping off of Asian course offerings."

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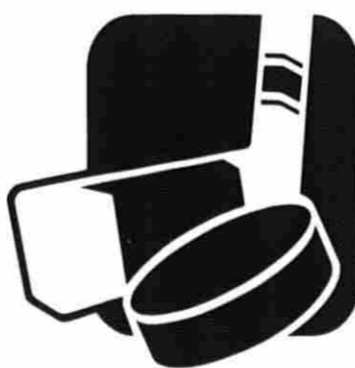
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As We See It

Off-campus living= unity, not division

A letter to the editor last week addressed several concerns regarding Albion's policy on off-campus living. While the letter was written with its own individual intentions and complaints, we at the Pleiad think that it can be used as a springboard for a discussion on the issue.

So, let's cut to the chase: Albion College needs more off-campus housing options. Plain and simple.

We understand that Albion is a residential college, and we respect, recognize and embrace many of the reasons why the college requires, except in rare and/or unusual circumstances, students to live on campus or in college-owned housing. We recognize the vital importance distinguishing our school from a commuter college, where students shuttle in and out after classes each day. There is also something to say for the centralized location of students and the interpersonal interactions that occur because most students live in the close web of residence halls.

But, it's time to look to the future. If the college administration is looking to expand enrollment, something has to give. It might as well be more off-campus housing. Sure, the college could build another "dorm." But, why? There are so many housing options only a few blocks away, in downtown Albion.

What better way to put your "money" where your mouth is on community relations, then to allow students to live in town? The many empty lofts above shops on Superior Street would be perfect alternatives to the restless student.

The college and the town officials (what a novel idea!) should get together and develop a mutually beneficial plan. Students would then be able to pump money into Albion's economy, hopefully helping revitalize downtown in the process, while still being very close to campus. Students wishing to visit friends would head to town, while the core of the academic and extra-curricular environment would remain anchored on campus.

The residential life staff and other members of the administration talk about the importance of campus involvement in the community all the time. With this plan, campus would not be a gated community, but rather the central driving force of a truly diverse, exciting and culturally-enriched community.

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

Kosovo: not out of our hands

Recalling student protest of Vietnam, Cheaib calls for action

To the Editor:

As bombs fall on Kosovo and sanctions continue to ravage Iraq, we students see that the U.S. government uses violence as a diplomatic and "peace-making" tool. The great irony, the great lie, and the great tragedy: bombing to establish peace. This is a contradiction that requires no outside analysis. Another war is being waged in our name. More people will die

around the world tonight, while we in North America sit somewhat speechless on the trigger-end of a loaded pistol. If our government kills 250 children in Iraq today because of sanctions, it is called foreign policy. The fact is that as students, and as the future of America it is our duty to take action upon the situation rather than sitting back and doing nothing. After all, it was students who first protested against the war in Vietnam.

We can make the same difference as our parents did then.

Get more information on how you can help by sending an E-mail to studentinfo@leb.net. Check out our website at <http://leb.net/iac/students.html>, or E-mail mcheaib@alpa.albion.edu.

Mustapha Cheaib, Dearborn freshman

Breuer too graphic for Goodrich

Acoustics out-weigh religious respect, claims Johnson

To the Editor:

Have we no standards left anymore? Last week I attended the Pete Correale/Jim Breuer comedic event. While I know many students, myself included, appreciated Union Board's efforts to bring a well-known comedian to campus. I cannot help but express my disgust at the choice of venue. The Goodrich Chapel is certainly not an appropriate location for such an event. Both comedians used obscene and profane topics and language in their acts. The main themes of their acts were, sexual activity, drinking, and drug use. Humor based on these types of behavior does not belong in a church!

Perhaps the decision was made to host this event in the chapel because it was large enough to hold the number of people expected. However, there are two

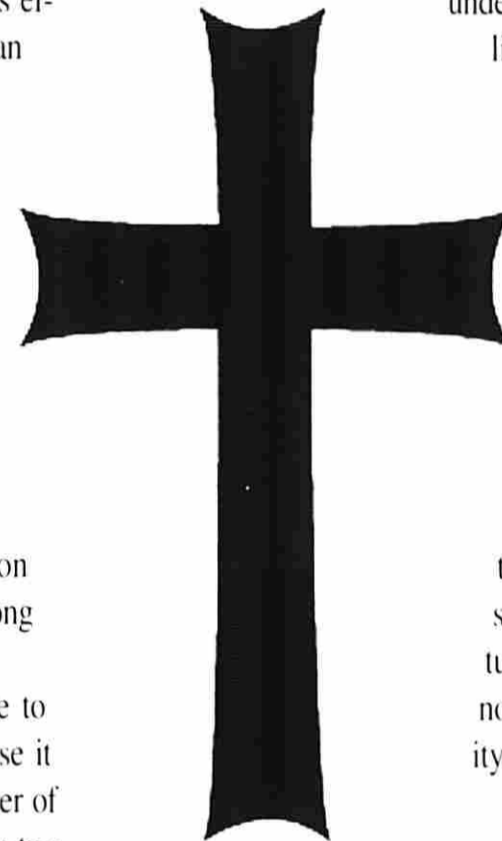
gyms on this campus where the event could have been held. Maybe it was not held in either gym because the acoustics are poor in both, but I didn't find the acoustics

in the chapel to be much better. In fact, many students told me that they had trouble hearing and understanding the comedians. Besides, religious considerations ought to trump acoustic considerations. Further,

while the chapel is certainly used for many non-religious events, these events tend not to contain obscenity and profanity.

On a campus that claims to be sensitive to various beliefs, I find it hypocritical that the religious beliefs of the Christians on this campus were not taken into consideration in planning this event. Sanctuaries used to worship the Lord should not be subjected to obscenity and profanity. Remember, He's watching.

Corinne Johnson, Iron Mountain senior



Local squirrels are "biting" mad

To the Editor:

At first my friends and I were delighted to find an article that addressed that important and overlooked topic of the out-dated Albion College mascot. However, our joy turned to disgust as we came to the end of the article without finding even one mention of the most obvious and appropriate mascot for this college.

Patrick O'Connell ignored the only unique animal that Albion can claim-- the black squirrel. We squirrels were so outraged that we broke into the Robinson Hall computer lab to type this letter. There are many reasons why a squirrel would make an excellent mascot!

First of all, we beautify this campus; there are many prospective students who decide to attend Albion because of its beautiful, yet mysterious, black squirrels.

Secondly, we may seem doc-

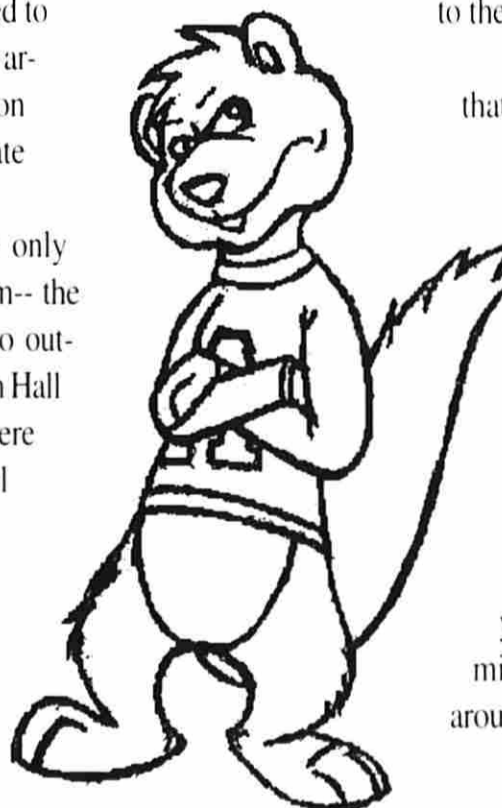
ile to you, but we will attack if someone provokes us. Haven't any of you heard about that student at Eastern who as bitten by a squirrel when she refused to feed it?

That story also proves another point-- we are tenacious! That squirrel at Eastern wouldn't let go to the student's toe without a struggle!

Perhaps the most important attribute that we have is our bravery. In fact, we squirrels are so brave that we don't even drink bottled water-- we drink Albion water, and we're proud of it! How many of you can say that?

So, please don't rule out a black squirrel as your mascot. We squirrels even put our heads together and came up with a mascot for you. We hope you like it, but if you don't, you better keep your eyes peeled for kamikaze squirrels while you're walking around campus!

Written on behalf of the Squirrel Awareness Alliance



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Around the towns...

Schuler's not the best bargain for your dollar, those on budgets beware!

Philip Bracher
Staff Writer

The picture on the crème-colored wall shows two smiling young men in shirt and tie scrutinizing the skinned halves of a cow.

The caption reads: *Hans and Win inspect a new shipment of meat for the restaurants. 1956.*

This is one of the first sights that presents itself to the surprised customer at Schuler's Restaurant, the place for the International House semi-formal dance last Saturday.

Located in the quaint, historic downtown of Marshall, Schuler's enjoys the reputation as one the better restaurants in the area. Mostly known for prime rib, Schuler's other trademark is its appetizer of meatballs in tangy-sweet barbecue sauce.

After the arrival, the International House residents and their guests were led past the colossal picture wall to a colonial-style room that resembled my grandmother's living-room.

The next thing that reminded me of my 93-year old grandmother was the promptness of the waitresses.

After finally being able to order a Gin and Tonic, I had a look around. The small group of

46 people had spread out at eight tables in a cozily plush room with balloons as centerpieces on the tables. The buffet had been set up and punch was ready.

So far, so good.

What turned out as not so good was the cost of the buffet. The Nacho Tray for 46 persons cost \$126—a little too pricey for a heap of nachos on a tray and a blot of sauce on the side. The smoked salmon was a bargain in comparison. However, the shrimp was not smoked, but fresh.

Seeing the salmon (\$1.15) it felt like someone was pouring all the sauce on the salmon in my bowl. The rest of the rest of the menu board.

The amount of Blue cheese (\$80) and the size of the vegetable tray (\$103) made me realize that this would never be enough for all. I felt like slapping the cook on the shoulder and saying to him: "How about I cook tomorrow...?"

Schuler's had prepared a cheesecake (\$90) for dessert. It was rich, very rich. I had difficulties swallowing the dried yellow mass, but the waitress had hobbled next to me and I was ready to order another drink.

To the surprise of my dried-out throat, the

management of Schuler's had spontaneously decided to limit the number of drinks—two per person.

Well, I thought, *it's a good thing. We all know the dangers of binge drinking, and Schuler's is friendly enough to aid all college alcoholics a little in the struggle that has doomed whole nations. Besides, I can order one more.*

When the waitress came back, she slammed the drink down in front of me and roared: "Four fifty! And that's your last one."

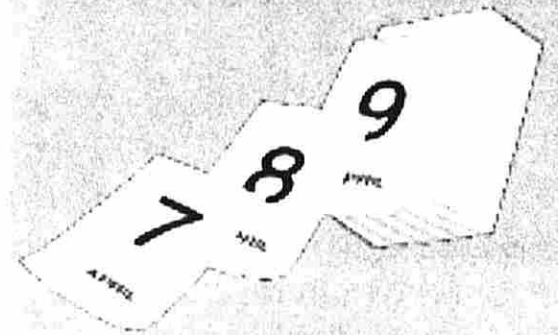
Never have I experienced worse service than that night at Schuler's. The rest of the evening, the waitresses retired and literally hung out at the entrance to check if all the people drinking were over 21.

In the beginning, it felt a little funny being scrutinized while I was eating, drinking and dancing. But then, I had to think of Win and Hans as they were ogling the half of a cow in 1956, and I realized that a good restaurant has to keep an eye both on the quality of the food and on the quality of the customer.

After all, what can a group of customers expect for a total of \$814.48?

Nothing, at Schuler's.

On This Day In History



Masih, Iqbal: Death Anniversary:

On this day in 1995, 12 yr. old Iqbal was shot to death. He had reportedly received death threats after speaking out against Pakistan's child labor practices.

New Moon:

The moon enters the new moon phase at 12:22 a.m. EDT.

National Stress Awareness Day:

Annually, the first day after income taxes are due, this day is set aside to focus public awareness on health related issues. Health-related organizations are encouraged to sponsor stress education programs and events.

Slavery Abolishment Anniversary:

On this day in 1862, slavery was abolished in the District of Columbia by Congress. Money was used to compensate owners of freed slaves and money was also allotted to pay slaves who wished to emigrate outside the U.S.

Apollo 16:

On this day in 1972, Astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke, Jr. and Thomas K. Mattingly II began an 11-day mission which included an in-depth exploration of the moon.

Famous Birthdays:

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (born Lewis Ferdinand Alcindor), 52, basketball player, born 4/16/47.

Jon Cryer, 34, actor ("Pretty in Pink," "Hot Shots!"), born 4/16/65.

Martin Lawrence, actor, ("Bad Boys"), born 4/16/65.

Lack of involvement, call for action

Viewpoint

Jen Campbell
Staff Editor

Sometimes I feel like people just don't care.

While working on the photo-op for this week's *Pleiad*, I was surprised and appalled to discover just how many seniors had no idea who their commencement speaker was. For this, one of the most significant days in their lives, many seniors never bothered to read the memo placed in their mailboxes.

Now I realize that there are often an abundance of letters placed in our KC boxes, and a lot of the time, we prefer to toss them into the recycling bins rather than read them, but shouldn't graduation be in the forefront of the minds of our seniors?

Although some students seemed concerned that they had no say in the process of choosing the speaker, flyers were, in fact, sent to every senior asking for their opinion on some speakers and allowing for their input if they had any suggestions.

I was told that there was little or no response to these and that the suggestion box

that was left in the Kellogg Center also yielded minimal results.

This is not the only example. I recently got an e-mail from the director of the Ford Institute asking that we Fordies apply for positions on the student senate as not enough students had run for positions.

It is beginning to look as though we all talk big about wanting to be involved in the decisions made on this campus, but nobody is willing to do any of the dirty work. How can we expect the senate to represent the opinions of the student body if everybody who runs becomes a member by default?

We trust the senate to represent the majority of the students and this cannot happen when the democratic process is not effective due to a general lack of interest.

In general, the student body is allowing every decision to be made by the few who care enough to speak up and pay attention to what is going on around campus. I am imploring students to take part in the college community.

Don't sit back and complain when things don't go your way. Become involved and become part of the solution instead of just wishing that things were different.



The Whine List

It's time to whine...

— When people write letters complaining about the *Pleiad* but will not let us print them.

— When students don't read the memos placed in their mailboxes and consequently don't know who the commencement speaker is.

— When people talk about things that they have no knowledge of.

— When all-nighters become so common that when you have a chance to go to bed early, you toss and turn and can't fall asleep.

Liberal minds at work...

How do you feel about the selection of this year's commencement speaker?



"In the past it seems the seniors have always had a say in who the commencement speaker would be, and although I am excited about this year's speaker, I wish we would have been made part of the decision making process."
— Rebecca Grady,
Royal Oak senior



"I'm very comfortable with the Native American woman speaker for my college commencement."
— Eddie Ward,
Detroit senior



"I think the seniors should have had a chance to vote on the commencement speaker. I would have preferred an Albion graduate or a more famous person."
— Corinne Johnson,
Iron Mountain senior



"I'm happy with the selection because I think it gives us a diverse perspective and will cover an issue [the environment] that is important to not only our class, but society as a whole."
— Dennis Anthony,
Battle Creek senior



"I feel that the speaker will be great in that we may be exposed to another culture and perspective. I'm looking forward to hearing what she has to say."
— Melissa Nummy,
East Lansing senior

When it's all said and done...

by Zack Loeprich,
Editor-in-chief

This is what I give myself, one page, one opportunity, to express myself for the Albion College community. Here it is, my graduation speech, my grand farewell, my "old soldiers never die, they just fade away" speech. To spare you all, I'm going to skip over the same old song and dance that you'll hear at graduation, if not this year, in years that will soon come. You won't hear things like, "I love you all," because I don't. I also can't express the sentiment "I'll miss you all," because I won't and because frankly, I'm just happy I won't have to see some of you ever again. It has been fun. It has been tough. In the years spent here at Albion, each of you has or will experience what will accumulate to a roller coaster of emotions. Degrees and expressions will vary, but on the whole, we all built the same structure. So what is this, a page of rambles? Yes. My page, some memories, some advice, some observations. Read it, don't read, I won't know, won't care, but here it is...

I planned on starting this piece with my advice to students representing the various majors in the graduating class. Something like: to the English majors, soon one chapter of your life will be ending and you will begin another. You see, chapters, English, pretty clever. Or to the chemistry majors, as you end this great experiment called college, take the knowledge you've gained and apply it to your next great experiment. Or, to the mathematics majors, $2+2=4$ years wasted on that dead end major. You see what I was getting at? But I decided against that.

What I have fallen on are my rambles, valuable lessons I've learned, and advice I've been given.

Lessons:

Two animal rights protesters were protesting at the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn. Suddenly the pigs, all two thousand of them, escaped through a broken fence and stampeded, trampling the two hapless protesters to death. Lesson: Don't expect to receive thanks from those that you fight for.

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the seals were released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later they were both eaten by a killer whale. Lesson: Success can be momentary event.

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find an ill man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had. Lesson: Don't go just sticking your hose into any hole.

My little rambles:

I've learned to appreciate the simpler items that life presents to me: a good song, a quiet night, a thrilling game, a funny comic strip, a canceled class, a handy pen, an extra dollar, a good, yet cheap, cigar, a funny joke, a cold drink, a warm vacation....I

could go on, as could you. Maybe what makes those items so great is that we need not strive to find them, they just seem to be there when needed most. On how many occasions have you needed a good story or a long laugh, and found it in what seemed to be the most unlikely spot. I'm truly thankful for those spots.

The greatest moments in my Albion College experience have either been the simplest moments or those moments so unexpected that I forget that I was a part of that very moment. Sega tournaments till 3 a.m., watching back-to-back-to-back-to-back episodes of Sportscenter, two person water fights erupting into hall water fights, watching Jaws at 8, 10, and 12 on a quiet Friday night, receiving an above average grade on an exam you supposedly "boomed," checking your e-mail to find you have 14 new messages and none of them are forwards or from Union Board, expecting to walk out into the cold morning air and discovering it's warm, finding the keys or the ID you thought you lost, recalling high school memories with your buddies....Once again, this list goes on.

In four years, each person will

develop what accumulates to volumes of memories. Express those memories, apply those memories whenever, wherever. Create with those memories, teach with those memories, for the memories you leave Albion with are not all good, but in the same regard, they are not all bad. They have the ability to guide. As long as you have memories to refer to, you have lessons, tales, poems, plays, and epics.

I have learned twice as much from experience in the past four years than I did from my courses. Of course, I could have experienced only two things and that would still be true, but none the less, Albion College has gone beyond the classroom and has taught be about me, about living, about failure, about victory, and most importantly, Albion has taught me about people and life and amazingly enough, no words sum up what I learned better than the Dilbert saying: "Sometimes your the pigeon, and sometimes your the statue."

Some Advice:

Here's some of what I know: always hold doors, always look the person in the eye, smile, sometimes

all you need to say is a simple "thank you," wear sunscreen (wait, has that been mentioned yet?), be early and be late because in the end, it'll all even out, take pictures, write anything, brush up on your simple math equation for you won't always have a calculator handy, draw anything, enjoy all food for what fun is it avoiding junk food for the two extra years you've added to your life, remember that movies and music are not the only forms of entertainment, call you mom...she's waiting, be adventurous, be cautious, fish at least once a year, frustrate yourself with a crossword at least once a month, listen to Bob Seger, remember that the Olive Garden isn't real Italian food, eat real Italian food, remember that pro wrestlers and cheerleaders are the only people that consider pro wrestling and cheerleading sports, swear at the TV, argue with your car engine, never be a guest of Jerry Springer, enjoy what you have and remember, it will only get better as long as you want it to.
Thank you.

Kosovo: a noble intervention or poor diplomacy?

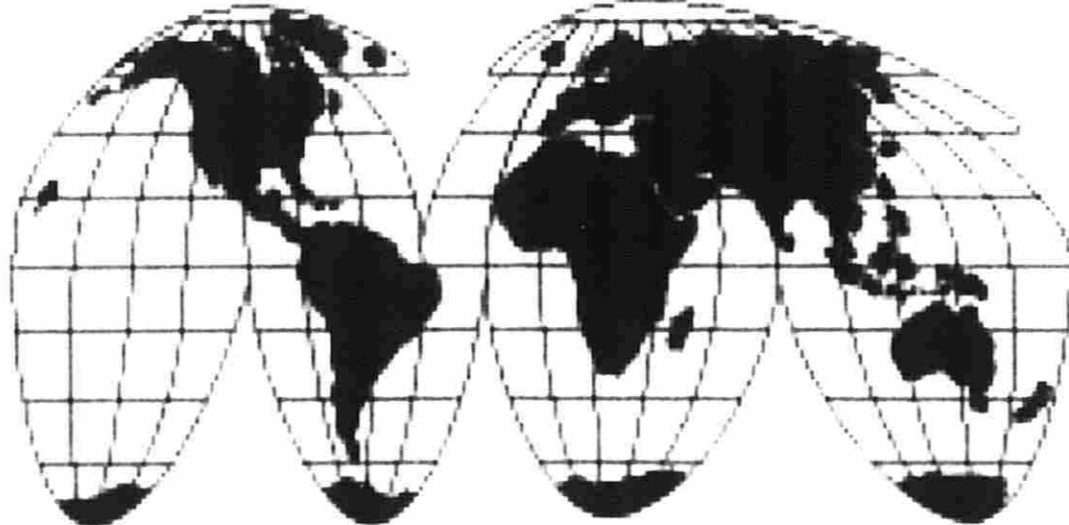
VIEWPOINT: Steve Pontoni
Staff Writer

O.K. everyone start flying your American flags and putting yellow ribbons on your car: America has sent troops to a foreign country to protect another foreign country. In what seems to be an act of humanity by NATO to protect the Ethnic Albanians the result of numerous bombings on Serbia has lead to American lives being put at risk.

Obviously, when you send your military into a hostile environment it is expected that they might die. However, embassy workers, reporters, and American citizens are at risk now. Riots in Russia, Canada and Eastern Europe have erupted in protest against NATO's actions.

This whole situation reminds me of the days back in elementary school. Some little kid would tattle on the bully to a teacher. The teacher would reprimand the bully and the bully would retaliate the next day.

As we continue to drop bombs on Serbia, atrocities against ethic Albanians have increased, almost to the point of spiting NATO's efforts.



The major problem with the bombing is the fact that all diplomacy has ended, and has divided the world again. Classic lines in the sand have been redrawn as Russia has taken a stand against NATO.

Even though diplomatic attempts to sway NATO's attacks through talks and through the UN have failed, Russia has remained nonviolent. They appear to be setting an example to NATO on how to deal with the bully, by practicing diplomacy. However, Russia has moved weapons around, and rightfully so, for when your traditional enemy moves within a few miles of your boarder, defense preparations

become logical.

How much longer will NATO continue to put craters in Serbia, and how much longer will Milosevic disobey NATO?

NATO appears to be in a precarious situation. They have a tiger by the tail, they don't want to be in this situation anymore, but they can't let go of the tail. If they stop bombing, Milosevic will only gain support of his people as he has defended his country from the most powerful nations in the world. No American propaganda will sway those votes.

NATO needs to cut their loses, and return to diplomacy, bombing will not solve the prob-

lem. Milosevic needs to be dealt with on a personal basis, through talks and diplomatic means, and NATO will need to deal with the pride involved in stopping the bombing.

The U.S., which has taken the role as the world's strongest power (and that can be up for contention), plays the part well. We have picked and chosen our battles according to what advantages it offers us.

The U.S. has stayed as far away from Central Africa, which has been ignited for well over forty years. The issue in the Congo is similar to that of Kosovo, but why has the U.S. elected to deal with Kosovo instead of the Congo?

Because Kosovo has gotten more press, and threatens bigger nations, even though more people are dying in Africa, and has the potential to be just as explosive, if not more.

For the next few weeks, the U.S. will continue to bomb Serbia with NATO consent and guidance. Meanwhile, people in Somalia will still be starving, citizens in Afghanistan will still be dying, human rights violations will continue in China, and Mozambique will struggle to survive as a nation. Yet, where are the American planes in those countries?



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Four tales told by students

Zack Loeprich
Editor-in-Chief

For today and tomorrow, the Albion College theatre will present four tales directed and performed by students.

From previously published plays, each director: Claire Walton, Plymouth senior, Rael Will, Chesterfield senior, Jennifer Austin, Lake Bluff junior, and Ian Kesler, Birmingham senior, chose one act from the piece, cast it, and directed it.

The four one-act plays began performances on Wednesday and will conclude tomorrow. The shows begin at 8 p.m. at the Herrick Black Box.

Medusa's Tale

by Carol S. Lashof

Will directs this play recalling the serpent-haired monster's mortal

childhood past. Rebecca Grady, Royal Oak senior, plays Medusa while Christopher Martinson, Albion sophomore, plays the hero Perseus. This play also features Meghan Gilmore, Lathrup Village sophomore, Gregory Bogaert, Dearborn Heights senior, and Sarah Greko, West Bloomfield freshmen.

For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls

by Christopher Durang

This play parodies Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*. According to Walton, "he [Durang] forces us to realize the dysfunction that is evident within the family structure." This play features Katy Mulcrone, Des Plaines, Ill., junior, Herb Lentz, Beulah junior, Matthew Corona, Grosse Point Woods senior,

and Kelli Konkle, Ann Arbor freshmen.

Feeding the Moonfish

by Barbara Wiechmann

Austin directs this play which confronts the relationship between two adolescents, Martin and Eden. This play features Adam Southard, Wyoming freshmen, and Kathleen Schmalz, Homewood, Ill., sophomore.

Date with a Stranger

by Cherie Vogelstein

Kesler directs this play that explores a relationship for what it is or often can be: chaotic. The couple, played by Richard Jack, Aberdeen, Scotland senior, and Anna Rizzi, Milford sophomore, experience all these pains and discoveries in this 20-minute presentation.

INTERNET SITE REVIEW

Melmac or bust?

Zack Loeprich
Editor-in-Chief

"Right now I could walk to that refrigerator over there, you know, take out a couple of slices of white bread, a little mayo, and slap together a B.L.T. That's a bacon, Lucky, and tomato."

From 1986 to 1990, the world got to know a cat-hungry, orange little alien named ALF.

ALF was an NBC television series about an alien from the planet Melmac whose spaceship crashed into the garage of the Tanner's: Willie, Kate, Lynn, and Brian.

To the surprise of many critics, the television show became a hit. In the years that

followed, phrases like "no problem," "I kill me," and "Yo Willie," became embedded into an entire generation's vocabulary.

The little orange alien was a hit.

The show's plot lines were simple and always seemed to include ALF eating ungodly amounts of food, breaking all the Tanner's possessions, and ALF terrorizing Mrs. Ockmonic and the family cat, Lucky.

"Yo, Willie. Burn the cat."

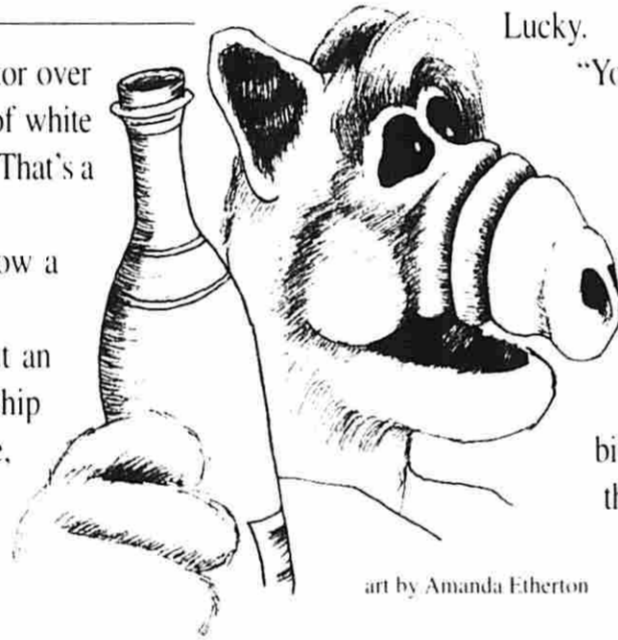
"Hey Willie, let's throw the cat on the barbi!"

"The only good cat, is a stir-fried cat."

Unfortunately, since the show went off the air in 1990, reruns are hard to come by. But, devoted ALF fans can fill their void through the website www.tvshow.de/alf.

This site includes ALF video clips, sound bites, trivia, pictures, facts, quotes, and a where are they now of the TV shows cast.

This site also lists all the episodes and contains a brief summary of each episode.



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Lights out

[Editor's note: This forward was provided by Meredith Thompson, Marshall junior. The original author is unknown.]

Subject: How many college students does it take to change a light bulb??

-At Michigan it takes two. One to change the bulb and one more to brag how they did it every bit as well as any Ivy League School.

-At Michigan State it takes two thousand. One to

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change the bulb, and the other one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine to riot and set it on fire.

-At Grand Valley State it takes ten, one to change the bulb and the other nine to sit around and watch because it is the big entertainment of the evening.

-At Ferris it takes zero. They are all too drunk from the night before to care whether or not the lights are on.

-At Central it takes eight. One to screw it in and

seven to throw a party over it.

-At Western it takes twelve, two to figure out how to screw it in and ten to find an ugly enough lamp shade to match their school colors.

-At Adrian it takes zero. There is no electricity in Adrian, only cows and corn (or Albion, for that matter).

-At Northern it takes five. Four to strap on snow shoes and hike 10 miles to the nearest store to get the new bulb and one to screw it in.

-At Michigan Tech it takes twenty. One to change the bulb and the other nineteen to find a new way to engineer it so it never has to be changed again.

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Open for business

Tennis teams consider new facility an asset

Jamelah Earle
Staff Writer

It may have cost a lot of money, but the tennis teams sure think it's worth it.

The new tennis facility, that is.

While it certainly wasn't finished on schedule, the tennis teams have been practicing there, and what they have to say is nothing but positive.

"I personally love the new facility," said Ryan Broccoli, Huntington Beach, Cal., sophomore.

Before the construction of the facility, the teams had to go to facilities in Battle Creek or Jackson to practice, but now, "I just walk a few steps and I'm there," Broccoli added.

What's so great about having a place to play tennis indoors? Protection from the weather seemed big with most everyone. Indoors, there is "no wind, sun in your face, rain, or [any] other pesky elements," said Erica Bachman, Troy sophomore.

"It allows our team to practice rain or shine," Bachman continued. "Other teams without such a facility would just have to not practice on bad weather days."

Kalamazoo College, year after year one of the nations top Division III tennis powers, also has an indoor tennis facility. According to the players, their indoor facility just doesn't compare.

"I played in the Kalamazoo facility last year and it is nothing compared to ours," said Tracy Gray, Sterling Heights sophomore. "The ceiling is too low and the viewing is terrible. The courts are dimly lit also. Ours is far superior."

And when it comes to having a competitive edge, overwhelmingly, the tennis players feel that the facility will be instrumental.

"In order to be competitive with Kalamazoo and Hope we need to play year round," said Bryan Todd, Coldwater junior. "We are one of only three schools in the MIAA with indoor tennis courts."

Besides having no bathrooms or drinking fountains, people seem to have no complaints.

According to the tennis teams, the new tennis facility will be a tremendous asset to the college.

"It will enable our school to attract better high school players," said Matt McQuillan, Jackson sophomore.

"It helps tremendously in recruitment," said Mike Boehm, Bloomfield Hills sophomore. "The building should bring in more quality players and enhance the level of Albion College tennis."

"When you are in there, it doesn't feel like you are actually at Albion," said Melissa Hall, West Lafayette, Ind., sophomore. "You would have never imagined that we would actually have our own tennis facility."

Making a major league mistake

Plan to put ads on players' sleeves just doesn't make "cents"

Patrick O'Connell:
Beyond the Box Score

"Now batting for the Tigers, number 45, first baseman Tony Clark. Sponsored by Kmart."

Sponsored by Kmart?

Baseball fans may soon be hearing such an introduction for their favorite players sooner than you may think, as Major League baseball has decided to let corporations advertise on players' uniforms.

These advertisements will begin showing up later this season and will most probably be seen in the form of an arm patch on the players' sleeves. If the scheme proceeds as planned, individual companies can choose to sponsor individual players. That means that Tony Clark can have a Kmart logo on his jersey while Tigers' pitcher Brian Moeller can be sponsored by a rival company like Wal-Mart.

Which leaves me to ponder how Mike Illich would feel if one of his player's was sponsored by Pizza Hut.

The first time I heard this zany idea my jaw dropped and I almost fell off my chair. Baseball, the sacred, hallowed American tradition was allowing itself to be bought out by the

conglomerates of the 21st century?

Apparently so. And if this wasn't enough, there has been a lot of talk that these arm patches will only be the first step toward "uniform advertising." In the future whole teams' uniforms may be dominated by the colors and logos of a particular company, not their team get-up, much like garb of many European soccer teams.



Art by Amanda Etherton

Does this precedent mean that in five years Albion players are going to be sponsored too? I can picture it now. Our left-fielder with an Anna's House of Flowers patch on the sleeve. The catcher with Wolf's Auto embroidered on his ass.

Now pitching for the Britons and Cascarelli's...

I for one am mad. If it wasn't bad enough that the actual game is suffering because of the huge schism of talent between the teams that can buy good players and those that can't, baseball might just become one big commercial.

In fact, if it wasn't for the greediness and cockiness of NBA players, I might say that Major League baseball is becoming the Henry F. Potter of professional sports.

Back in the glory days of the 40s and 50s, baseball was played in the metaphorical Bedford Falls. But now as we head to the year 2000, it seems more like the Pottersville of George Bailey's nightmare.

Baseball desperately needs the Bailey Building and Loan.

Yet, as far as I can tell, there's no Clarence in sight for baseball. In other words, baseball has no guardian angel to remind it how good the game was before corporations began taking over. Sure, the owners and players of yesteryear all wanted to make a buck, but there always seemed to be a greater goal: playing the game to win.

No, uniform advertising isn't going to inherently change the way the game is played. Only abolishing the designated hitter, which would actually be a good move for the game, would accomplish that. Still, this whole advertising scheme just takes away the purity and naturalism of the game.

Baseball has always been a game unaffected by time. Unlike the other major sports, baseball is the same game now that it was 100 years ago.

But when I hear, "Now batting for the Britons, number 5, third-baseman, Rex Thomas. Sponsored by Kmart." I'll know for sure that the purity and sacredness of baseball have been sent to the bench.

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Sports Recap

MEN'S BASEBALL

Split a DH vs. Adrian April 10, losing 5-2, but winning 5-4. Defeated the Bulldogs 3-2 on April 11. Defeated non-conference foe Siena Heights Tuesday in a slugfest, 21-14.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Lost to Hope 8-1 and 3-1 Tuesday.

Lost two games @ Olivet April 10, by scores of 3-1 and 6-4.

MEN'S TRACK

MIAA Standings

	W	L
Calvin	3	0
Adrian	3	1
Albion	2	1
Alma	2	1
Hope	2	2
Olivet	1	2
Defiance	0	6

WOMEN'S TRACK

MIAA Standings

	W	L
Hope	5	0
Calvin	4	0
Alma	3	1
Adrian	3	2
Albion	1	2
Defiance	1	5
Olivet	0	3
Saint Mary's	0	4

MEN'S TENNIS

MIAA Standings

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

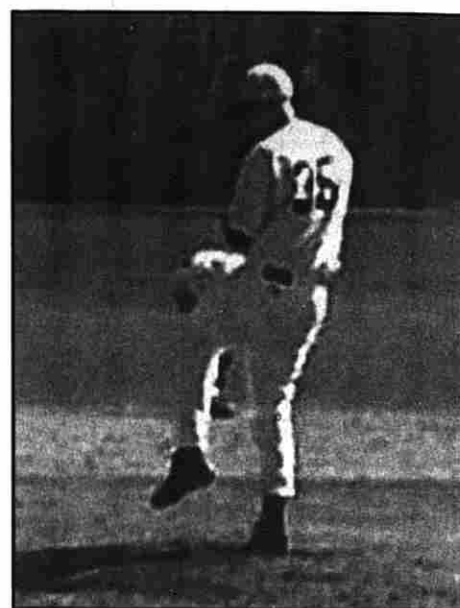
WOMEN'S TENNIS

MIAA Standings

	W	L
Hope	4	0
Albion	3	0
St. Mary's	4	1
Kalamazoo	1	1
Calvin	2	2
Alma	2	3
Olivet	0	1
Adrian	0	4
Defiance	0	4



photos by Zack Loeprich



Left, Briton hitter Daniel Dreyer, Metamora freshman, at bat in Tuesday's Albion win over Siena Heights. Above, Jason Westphal, Livonia junior, started the game and pitched three scoreless innings while striking out four.

Hovering at .500, baseball looks for surge

Patrick O'Connell
Senior Editor

At the end of the game, the final score looked like it belonged more on the Sprinkle-Sprandel Stadium scoreboard than the one at Frank Joranko Field.

But there it was beyond right-centerfield: Albion 21, Siena Heights 14.

No, the Britons did not score three touchdowns and three extra points, but rather five runs in the first

inning, two in the second, one in the fourth, eleven in the sixth, and one more for good measure in the eighth.

With the non-conference win, the Britons evened their overall record to 12-12 on the year and head into this weekend's three game series at Hope with a 5-4 MIAA mark and a three game winning streak. In quite a contrast to Tuesday's game, the Britons took two of three low scoring games from Adrian over April 10-11.

But against the Saints, pitching was not in either team's vocabulary. The Britons sent 17 men to the plate

in their 11 run sixth which was highlighted by a three-run homer by Adam Goss, Okemos sophomore.

Goss and Nathan Keskes, Flint junior, each had two hits apiece in the inning. Goss added a double while Keskes tripled and singled.

Albion rapped out 22 hits, while the Saints knocked out 14 hits of their own. Lost in all of the offense was the pitching (yes, pitching!) performance of Jason Westphal, Livonia junior, who threw three innings of two-hit, scoreless ball before further bombardments ensued after he was

safely in the dugout.

Brian Mulder, Grand Rapids senior, the Britons leading pitcher (4-2, 2.95 era), said that while the team can outwit some teams, the defense is what really wins games.

"When we play solid defense, we can play with any team," he said. "It's when we commit errors that we get in trouble."

The Britons are right in the thick of the MIAA race, and with the exception of Alma, can control their own destiny in the race for the conference crown.

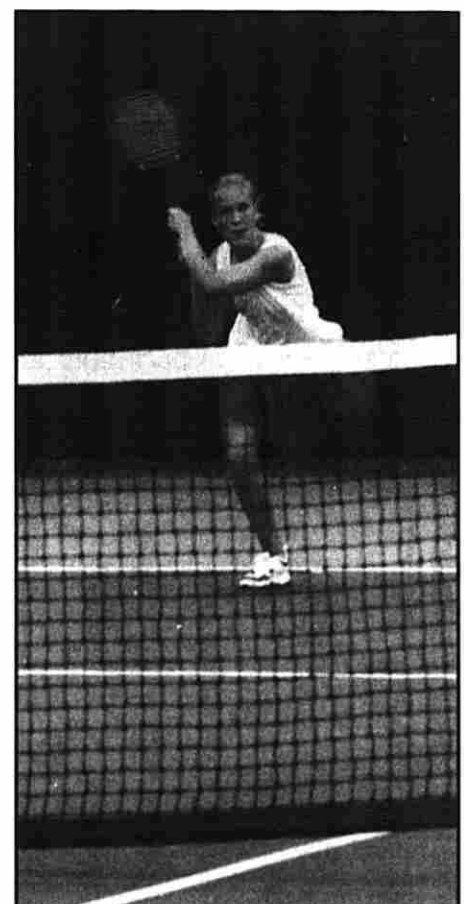


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Holly Mann returns a baseline volley in a recent home match.

Women's tennis off to torrid start

Carolyn Temporelli
Staff Writer

Relax. Breathe in through your nose, breathe out through your mouth. Now you're ready to play tennis according to Jack Groppe, a popular tennis instructor.

This breathing technique could prove useful for those found on the opposite side of the net from Emily Arend, Grass Lake freshman.

"I love the feeling," Arend said, "of hitting the ball just right so that it makes a loud smacking sound and no one can get to it."

With access to the new tennis facility, developing and improving that

perfect shot just got better for the tennis teams.

With this in mind, Robert Adkins, women's and men's tennis coach, said, "It just adds up that they're going to get a little better. And that's what we're trying to accomplish—to be one of the best teams in the MIAA."

"I am looking forward to having a strong, competitive team in the MIAA," said Tracy Gray, Sterling Heights sophomore. "We have scouted the other teams and some are better than last year and some are 'down' on players. I think we will be more competitive with them this year."

The Britons have been more than

simply competitive, they've been extremely solid. Albion is 3-0 in MIAA play, shutting out Alma and Defiance by identical scores of 9-0 while knocking off Calvin in a close duel, 5-4.

The team also fared well at the GLCA Championships in Oberlin, Ohio, April 9-10, where the team defeated Denison 5-4 and beat Hope 6-3 before getting blanked by Denison.

"We felt confident about winning," said Holly Mann, Battle Creek junior, about the Alma and Defiance wins. "We just wanted to send a message to the rest of the conference."

The squad will travel to Olivet this afternoon before returning home Tuesday to take on Adrian at 3 p.m.

NCAA THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

FRIDAY

Women's Tennis

@ Olivet, 3 p.m.

Baseball

@ Hope, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

Softball

@ St. Mary's, 4:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Home vs. Adrian, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Men's & Women's Track

Home vs. Adrian with Alma, 12:30 p.m.

Baseball

@ Hope (DH) noon

Men's Tennis

@ Calvin, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men's & Women's Track

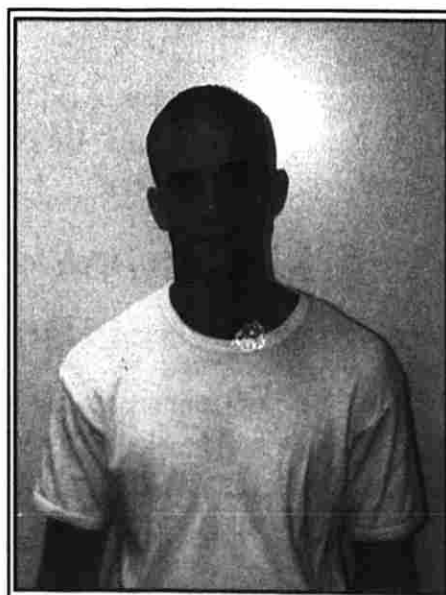
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Women's Tennis

Home vs. St. Mary's 3 p.m.

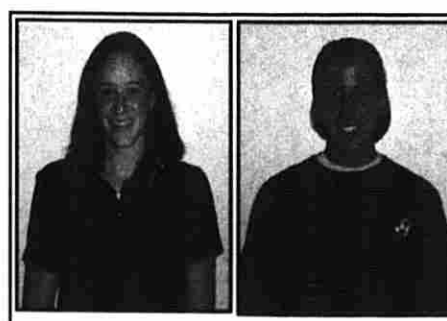
ALBION COLLEGE ATHLETES

Players of the week



John Bennick
SPORT: Men's Track

Bennick, Coopersville freshman, qualified for the NCAAs by turning in a season best time of 53.7 seconds in the 400 hurdles at Calvin April 6.



Stacey Portenga
SPORT: Women's Tennis

Melissa Hall
SPORT: Women's Tennis

Hall, West Lafayette, IN, sophomore, and Portenga, Traverse City senior, each won two matches vs. Defiance and Hope at the GLCA Tourney.