Core proposal could increase requirements

Pleiad staff

A new curriculum is on the drawing board—a curriculum which could mean more Albion students would have to say goodbye to a three unit semester.

On March 31, the Educational Policy Committee proposed to the faculty a preliminary revision of the current core and category requirements that would call for an increase from 31 units to 32 necessary for graduation.

In addition to this change, EPC has proposed adding an international/global studies requirement to the current three category requirements—ethnicity, gender and environmental.

Another facet of the proposal is the actual "core" curriculum. Currently all students are required to take two courses from the humanities, two from the social sciences, two from the natural sciences and mathematics and one from the fine arts. Under the new proposal, these core requirements would be replaced by textual analysis, artistic creation and analysis, scientific analysis, quantitative modeling and analysis and historical and cultural studies. According to the proposal, certain classes would be classified as fulfilling each of these core requirements.

Additionally, students would also still have to fill two courses each in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, as well as one in the fine arts. These requirements would overlap the other requirements, though. For example, a class that filled the scientific analysis requirement would most likely also fill the natural science distribution requirement.

Faculty began discussing the proposal during the April 2 faculty meeting. Faculty members from a broad range of disciplines were vocal about the changes, both for and against, and the meeting was continued the following two Thursday mornings.

Ralph Davis, professor of philosophy, addressed the issue of a 32 unit graduation requirement, which would equate to a four unit semester all eight semesters.

"A three unit semester is an opportunity for those who want to do concentrated work to do it. Thirty-two units may make it difficult to go to Albion and graduate in four years. That's not what we're about."

Another issue raised was that including the freshman seminar,

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Greek life under fire; fraternities face discipline

Martha Huckle

What is happening to the fraternities?

First Sigma Nu became "stance free," then suddenly their black letters disappeared off their house. Now Sigma Chi is appealing the college's sanction that they be substance free.

This seems to be a pattern, not only here, but across the nation.

"The consumption of alcohol will not be allowed on chapter premises," she added. "The removal of recognition of Sigma Nu was a joint action between the college and their national office," Walker said.

Walker said she could not comment on details regarding why they were removed because it is a judicial case. For the same reasons, Walker would not comment on details concerning Sigma Chi.

Michael Derryman, Adrian junior and Sigma Nu president, said the bill has been finalized, but it has not been voted on yet. They will be voting on it this summer.

"The reason Sigma Nu's national is deciding to go dry is because their insurance rates are too high," Derryman said. "I don't think this is right though. If students are 21 they have the right to drink."

Derryman added, "It's more of a risk than drinking in our own rooms."

Derryman said drunk driving has increased in their house because they had to drive home from the bars.

"I know the going dry issue had a strong impact on our punishment from the college. They said if we're going dry in the year 2000 it really shouldn't matter anyway," Derryman said.

Andrew DuShane, director of campus programs and organizations, predicts that between the year 2000 and 2004 fraternities nationally will go substance free in one form or another.

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evaluate critically what they have experience would require students to make creative connections within and among the disciplines. The citydTms are afraid of diversity, according to Tiffany McClellan, Chicago freshman.

As an African-American student, McClellan says she has been frustrated by students whom she feels are afraid to talk to her about diversity and racism issues. Many students were talking privately about diversity several weeks ago, due to the activities of Concerned Black Students, an informal organization of students. CBS was formed after an incident Sunday, March 29 during which black students "were asked to stay in the BSA house and turn down (their) music," said Chemica Brown, Chicago freshman.

"We were upset because campus safety rarely makes an attempt to quiet the noise from the (fraternity) parties that occur every week," wrote Brown in an e-mail response.

CBS devoted a week, March 30-April 6, to expressing their concerns on campus racism. They chalked messages, such as "no more double standards," on sidewalks, had a march for diversity, and put table tents in Baldwin Hall Alumni Center. Their purpose of CBS, according to Brown, is to promote discussion, educate students and make them aware of racial problems on campus. And racial problems certainly exist, as one student shared his experiences with campus racism via e-mail.

"When I first stepped in Baldwin as a freshman... a short white man walked by me and made a quip to his fellow white friends, 'look at that n.... then walked away laughing sinfully loud," wrote Wrenn Moody, Memphis Tenn sophomore.

Moody went on to describe a similar, more recent experience during which he heard two white students comment, "Why don't we sell them a good laugh?" McClellan said he has experienced more subtle forms of racism from students on campus. "Sometimes you sense that you're not welcome. If it was up to them, you would not be here," she said.

Brown and McClellan, both CBS members, expressed a desire for students to talk to them about their problems with CBS and other diversity issues. But, aside from some students yelling out windows at diversity marchers, very few students have approached CBS members about their concerns, according to Brown. Student conversation on controversial issues usually takes place among small groups of close friends, according to Doshi. The presence of an uninhibited person often ends the conversation, she said.

"People are afraid. They don't want to voice their opinions. They don't want to realize that they may have prejudices," Doshi added.

The Asian Awareness Group recognizes a need for students to share and listen to one another's opinions about campus diversity. The group organized a recent relations discussion, Wednesday, April 15 in the Gerbersteiner House lounge. Close to 45 students attended the two-hour event, facilitated by business and communication associate professor of anthropology and sociology. McCall said the discussion was a positive experience for her. "I was so moved because people volunteered their hands to ask questions! They really do talk!" McCall said.

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Cappuccino experience, four category requirements, five proficiency requirements and seven distribution requirements, students would have a total of 18 requirements to fulfill.

David Seley, assistant professor of physics and a member of EPC, circulated several scenarios showing how various types of students would fit into the new curriculum. The scenarios asserted that there would actually be just 11 requirements, as there would be restrictions among students to share their course.

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Newsman hired

Kim Cox, former city manager of Atlantic Beach, N.C., has been hired as Albion's new city manager, contingent upon approval by the city council. Cox is 41-years-old and holds a masters degree in city management from East Tennessee State University.

Cox was appointed city manager for Atlantic Beach in 1993. The position was vacated several months ago by Larry Steinhoff.

The city manager serves as chief executive of the city and must implement the broad policy goals of the city and act as a part-time representative of the mayor. The city manager must also be able to set the strengths and weaknesses of the city.

A weakness he will have to address in Albion is a lack of revenue in circulation. According to Mayor Kim Tunnell, also director of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service, Albion is running on approximately eight million dollars a year, one of the lowest tax bases in the state of Michigan.

Tunnell explained that the elimination of the sales tax, job creation is very important, but there are certain things that need to be done to make it a desirable environment for job growth, such as infrastructure, a better tax environment, good work ethics, lower crime rates and good housing stocks.

The role which the city hopes Cox will play will work towards improving economic development and working in the college setting.

Art classes will sell pottery

Members of the ceramics classes are organizing a pottery sale featuring their own works. The sale will take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Thursday, April 30 in the Living Zoom Room in the Kendall Center.

Begg wins lo Triumphhe award

Nancy Begg, campus programs and organizations secretary, was honored this week with the lo Triumphhe Award for Staff Excellence. The award was created by Student Senate this year to honor a staff member who demonstrates excellence in his or her service to the college and to the students. Begg has served as CTO secretary for over three years.

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people having to go to the hospital. A negative is that parties will be managed and controlled for those of age, which isn't necessary," Smith said.

The Greek Life Strategic Planning Committee, which consists of presidents from the chapters, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, alumni, faculty and staff, is looking at the future of Greek life at Albion College.

"This is a subject parallel to the whole process of change here," Dunham said. "Since we all want a positive viable Greek life, we are looking at how we can make our campus, but their campus." "It is a very positive committee that is looking into the future," he added.

"Albion has a choice, build fraternities that reinforce positive elements of friendship and leadership, or allow fraternities to set a tone of irresponsible behavior that eradicates the sense of community," Mitchell added.

"Obviously, we see enormous potential for fraternities to be model living communities and will work with the Greek system to instill that sense of pride and responsibility into all fraternity houses."
Inauguration video brings mixed emotions to campus

Filmmakers filming "model" students all over campus were a common sight for many students last week.

With just over a week to go before the inauguration of Albion College’s 18th president, work was being done on a video for the inauguration demonstrating the Vision Statement.

After meetings with various people, the Vision Statement was finalized April 2. The committee then met to edit and clean it up before it was officially ready on April 9.

Mitchell decided to use a video.

"I decided that a short video chronicling two hypothetical students would ‘bring to life’ the dynamism of the Vision."

A film crew from Harper Run Communication Arts in Battle Creek was brought in to do the filming. They filmed in five classrooms and in various other locations on campus.

Since the Vision Statement was not finalized until April 9, and then there was Easter weekend, only two weeks were left to shoot the video and edit it in order to have it ready for showing by the time of the inauguration.

"I would have been impossible for him to do anything until he had the final Vision Statement," said Sally Walker, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. With time being such a big constraint, it was decided to use models, instead of taking college students out of their classes for three days of filming.

Also, since the video is highlighting the Vision for the future of Albion College, it was decided that it shouldn’t focus on two students who are currently here.

Mitchell makes it clear in his voice-overs on the video that the students are not real Albion College students, and that the situations they encounter are hypothetical.

According to Briggs, this only happened in one classroom, and that it was a last minute decision made by the film crew.

"I would like to apologize to those in our campus community who were disrupted by the videotaping that was conducted here on April 13, 15 and 16. There is no question—videotaping is distracting, and since we were shooting to represent the college. However, according to Sarah Briggs, director of communications, all the faculty were e-mailed and made aware that a film crew would be in their classes and why.

Another concern raised by students and faculty was that people were manipulated in their seating arrangements, and since we were trying to accomplish and the video they will understand what it was they are willing to give him some slack.

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As We See It

Video should not be run at inauguration

Most on this campus should be aware by now of the outrage which has arisen over the video filmed last week to be shown at inauguration. The video includes two scenarios of fictional students and how they would progress through Albion College under the guidelines of the new Vision.

In this age of technology and visual aids, a video seems an incredible tool for presenting something as momentous as the Vision. In light of how the video was filmed, though, it would probably be more of a distraction.

Although President Peter Mitchell said it was not his intention for the video to disrupt classes, remove a student from his room or create emotional angst for anyone, the truth is, it did. If this video is shown at the inauguration, a good number of students will be insulted because of what they experienced in the filming.

Another problem with this video is that it creates idealistic situations. Can such "super-students" actually exist? There are very few students at Albion who could come close to such achievements as these characters have.

For these reasons, and for the mere fact that so many students have cried out in protest of the video, we hope Mitchell will not show the characters have. Of how the video was filmed, though, it would probably be more of a distraction.

An issue which should be addressed as well is student reaction to this chain of events. Members of our staff have heard rumors that students, including members of the inaugural procession, are considering walking out if the video is shown. We encourage you not to. Our opposition has already been voiced, and disrupting the ceremony will only cause more tension to all those involved.

This weekend is supposed to be special in the history of Albion College. And as such, we hope that both Mitchell and the student body can be sensitive to the situation. If both of their parts, then the ceremony and the weekend should be a wonderful memory for all of us.

As for the rumored walkout, why waste your time by going to the inauguration simply to walk out if the video is shown, when you won't really make a difference? If it is shown, then it's too late to obviously stop it when it comes to changing Mitchell's mind. Since this is the only time Mitchell plans on using it, then he has already accomplished what he set out to do.

Regarding your voice before it's too late which is why it is unfortunate that more students didn't come to the viewing of the video to talk to Mitchell while he was still deciding whether the video would be shown. Whether the video is used tomorrow at the inauguration, celebrate with the new president for all the effort put into preparing the inauguration and continue to give input where issues arise. No matter what your stance is don't listen to rumors or your friends when it comes to important issues, but seek out the facts for yourself and then make up your mind.

Parking lot issue not for aptmatic minds

To the editor:

I must say I find it rather ironic, but possibly very fitting, that The Pleiad decided to devote a quarter page of last week's edition to the question posed by Jennifer Campbell. To her who has finally decided that it was high time she speak out and let the entire campus know that she simply does not care. While I realize that her feelings are very similar to the majority of the campus, it has always been my understanding that The Pleiad exists for the benefit of those who do care, and are actually concerned about what happens at Albion College.

It is my personal opinion that there are an ungodly number of issues out there that are much more relevant and interesting than the fact that one student does not care, but I will respond directly to the question raised by Jennifer Campbell. In her viewpoint, she asks Pleiad readers to her "know how the whole parking lot deal turns out." Funny she should ask.

Since work was resumed on the parking lot soon after spring break, what was already a disaster area has turned into a dangerous, disruptive, ungodly mess. I urge everyone to head down to the construction site and take a look at what is going on. Instead of solutions in the trees that are still being felled, the contractors have shown a disappointing lacklessness in completing their assignment. In the past couple of weeks we have noticed that not one person walked down to the Nature Center and severed the roots of many of the healthy trees that were originally scheduled to be saved from demolition — there is a good possibility that some trees will be lost. If you want to witness the destruction of trees and continue to give input when is-
A career in retrospect

Charles Schutz: Man, myth, legend

Rebecca Little Staff Writer

"When they made Charlie, they broke the mold." Many who know him would echo this assessment made by Glenn Perusek, chair and professor of political science, about his colleague, Charles Schutz.

The legendary Schutz has retired after 34 years at Albion College, many of them marked by controversy, all of them rather controversial people who don't feel very strongly about him, whether they like him or hate him. Stephen Lathom. Boardman, Ohio senior. "There are very few teachers that intimidated students," Perusek said. "His classes were a marking point in many students' careers-alumni still talk about him."

One such alumnus is Richard Smith, '68, editor in chief of Newsweek. "The Pleiad, he defended into being. I wrote the speech Ford gave at its start," Schutz wrote that "a true liberal arts education has function. Society is the cause for the differences among men." Schutz was referring to the administration of Melvin Vulgamore. There was no love lost between these two men, as evidenced in the November 18, 1994 issue in which Schutz took out a full-page ad to denounce the Republican State Central Committee of Michigan. "I came to know some people from Albion while I was teaching at Wayne State, and I thought, God, I'd like to be there," Schutz said. "The only drawback was that "pay was atrocious."

But the college received a grant to upgrade the faculty, and in 1964 it was appointed as the chair of the political science department and in an article of the liberal arts tradition."

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"I quit high school after the tenth grade. I was just turning seventeen in the beginning of World War II," he said. "I joined the Marine Corps, and I was in the Pacific until I came back in 1945. I was a little screw up after my experience there, and I thought about going back to school-but I just didn't feel like it."

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"We will not be able to replace Charlie," Perusek said. "We will hire someone, but he will not be replaced." Schutz was referring to the administration of Melvin Vulgamore. There was no love lost between these two men, as evidenced in the November 18, 1994 issue in which Schutz took out a full-page ad to denounce the Republican State Central Committee of Michigan. "I came to know some people from Albion while I was teaching at Wayne State, and I thought, God, I'd like to be there," Schutz said. "The only drawback was that "pay was atrocious."

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Kuwait through Webb’s eyes: seeing hope in a war

Ericka Webb, Pocatello, Ida. junior, would like to help U.S. media coverage of recent Middle East conflicts focuses on air strikes, terrorism, weapons and war. Ericka Webb, Pocatello, Ida. junior, would like to help change that.

After serving two years as assistant secretary general of the Michigan chapter of the National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations Model Arab League Program, Webb was chosen as one of eight students nationwide to participate in a ten day tour of Kuwait that began April 28, 1997. Webb talked with Kuwaitis who had lived through terrorism and war. She heard stories not told in popular media.

A member and former president of Albion’s Model United Nations club, Webb said Leonard Berkey, associate professor of anthropology and sociology, first approached her about becoming involved in Model Arab League during her freshman year.

“I’ve always been interested in international politics and feel like these kinds of participatory organizations are one of the best ways for learning more about other countries’ foreign policies,” Webb said.

The Michigan Model Arab League, composed of students from Michigan and Illinois colleges, meets annually at different local colleges for a three-day conference, Webb said. Between 80 and 100 students participated in this year’s conference, held Feb. 26-28 at Grand Valley State University, she said.

During a Model Arab League Conference, delegates from different schools represent “countries” in a simulation of the League of Arab States. Students represent their countries’ official positions in several committees...Each committee works to pass mock resolutions on issues that the League of Arab States is currently dealing with,” she said.

Webb added that the most important thing she brought back from Kuwait was a Kuwaiti plea to the American government that it would not forget its promise to not renew relations with Iraq. This plea, according to Webb, is from the fact that 750 Kuwaitis are still being held in Iraqi prisons.

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“Groups of only men or only women ‘will go to a coffee-house or restaurant where they know that large groups of the opposite sex will be...they will sit in the restaurant and call each other on their cellular phones so they can talk and get to know each other without breaking the tabous about dating,” Webb said.

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Webb added that a two-day presentation on Islam was another important element of the tour. Students visited a Mosque and participated in Islamic classes.

“We definitely had an opportunity to immerse ourselves in every aspect of Kuwaiti society,” Webb said.

Hands-on experience enriches education program

Did you know that students are able to get a feel for the workforce, while still having the college experience? Everyone enrolled in the education program student teaches for a semester. Currently seven students are student teaching in area schools. Michael Swisher, Charleston, S.C. senior, is getting hands-on experience in the Jackson Northwest High School and Junior High School.

“I chose to student teach this semester, my last semester at Albion, because it gave me the best opportunity to prepare for my student teaching through the completion of my classes and extra work on the necessary skills to teach,” Swisher said.

Swisher said he finds two aspects of his student teaching equally rewarding.

“First, is the feeling I get when one of my classes really performs well. It is a great sense of accomplishment to see how much work we have put in, and how far we have come.”

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“It feels like I’ve already graduated and have a real job.”

“You get to find out what it’s really all about. My kids are counting on me to be there everyday, whether I feel like it or not,” Sanchez said.

Sanchez is teaching K-12 music in Eaton Rapids this semester.

“It is very rewarding to watch the little one’s faces light up when they sing. This whole experience emphasizes this is what I want to do,” Sanchez said.

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Celebrating the '60s
Tonight 8 p.m., Goodrich Chapel

A concert in honor of Peter Mitchell will include selections from the era of Mitchell's student days at Albion. Students, faculty and staff will all perform in a mixed media performance including dance, vocals, band and orchestra. The final act will be The Contours, a popular '60s band.

EarthFest Picnic
Saturday 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Quad

Eco Club's annual picnic will now be an inaugural event! Music will be provided by "Giant," from Detroit, and "Abba da Funk," a local band. Non-board students can purchase meal tickets for $5 from Eco Club until Saturday. Rain location is inside Kresge Gymnasium.

Inauguration
Saturday 5 p.m., the Dow

Our 14th president Peter T. Mitchell will be inaugurated in the Dow center. A reception will follow in the Kellogg Center.

The Goodrich Club celebrates 65 years of community

Emily Betz
Staff Writer

The Goodrich Club is in its 65th year and celebrating a past as rich and memorable as Clubby Mike Callahan's vegetarian lasagna. For Callahan, Coloma senior, making an Italian feast for the ten house members and the handful of guests who always seem to trickle in right around six o'clock is a reminder of the long history of Goodrich.

"At Goodrich you have control over how you live and a real investment in caring for the house," said Robert Jageman, Finleyville, Penn. senior. "We are solely responsible for the quality of our living conditions and the longevity of the organization."

The Goodrich Club has been a living alternative to the dorms and fraternities for Albion men since the '30s, when Professor N.J. Weiss established the cooperative as a way to cut college costs for his seminary students during the Depression. Even today, the men and one woman living in the blue Victorian at 402 E. Porter enjoy the money they save by living independently from the college.

According to Daniel Haar, Rochester Hills junior, the clubbies each pay $1,650 per semester for a single in the house and all living expenses. With regular room and board at $4,980 per year, the members pay $1,680 less than students who live in the dorms.

"When I lived in the dorms, I didn't feel like I was on my own," said Anush Kapadia, Arthur Bragg, Jason Rea.

"Living in a house is a much more natural environment to get to know each other," said Thomas O'Brien, Oak Park 111. senior and John King, Fenton Junior. "This is the first time in Goodrich's history."

"Only for the better," Callahan added. According to O'Brien, the atmosphere in the house is very laid-back and relaxed. Their parties, which often include both their Albion neighbors and students from campus, show they certainly know how to have a good time.

But what people may not know is that Goodrich Club is very academically oriented, with a 3.8 house average GPA. "Although we like to have social events, we are committed to academics and a genuine feeling of cooperation," Jageman said. "We're not just slapping each other on the back and drinking beer—we're a real community."

"As a former [Delta Tau Delta], I find this environment much more conducive to studying and doing well," Haar said. "This image that we're hippies and beatniks," Bragg said. "But that's changed."

"We've still open minded, but more civic-oriented and scholastic," Callahan said.

The Art Café they are hosting at 6 p.m. Sunday demonstrates both their campus connection and global awareness. Student art, poetry and music will be showcased, with proceeds benefiting black South African university students.

The Goodrich Club invites those interested in their type of independent living to come down to the house to fill out an application.

"We have an open door policy," Callahan said. "Come down for lunch or dinner anytime.

You may even get to taste his unbelievable lasagna.
MIAA track championship at Albion May 1-2

Martha Huckle
Staff Writer

The men’s and women’s track teams were off to a running start this season. They both had successful training sessions over spring break.

On the way home the teams participated in two meets.

“We had a good spring break, other than losing one meet in New Orleans. The team also competed in Alabama and did well,” said David Egnatuk, associate professor of physical education, who has coached track at Albion for 24 years.

At the beginning of the season the teams had high hopes for capturing the MIAA title.

“The last title we captured was in 1994 and we’ve been second since then,” Egnatuk said.

Next weekend the men are in the position to bring home the title.

The men’s team has three members who qualified last year for the NCAA Championships. Eddie Lampton, Virgil Petty, Okemos junior.

“Our goals are to prepotently win the MIAA and hopefully from there go to the National Championships. My goals are to place first in every event I participate and to beat the 100 meter school record,” Petty said.

Egnatuk says the men did quite well in an invitational at Defiance College on March 28.

“Currently there are a couple of men injured, so hopefully we will get them back,” Egnatuk said.

According to Egnatuk, it’s a big meet this weekend at Calvin and then we will host the MIAA Championship May 1-2.

“We have a great group of young men and we’ll take it as far as we can. We have a great freshmen class and a strong group of seniors,” Egnatuk said.

Amy Wolfgang, who has coached women’s track for three years at Albion, said their training session over spring break was very productive.

Their first meet was in Alabama on their way home from Florida.

“Everyone did well for their first meet,” Wolfgang said.

“We did set a couple school records. Susan Milver [Albion sophomore], set the record in the 10,000 meter run and Rebekah Schultz, [Henlock freshman], set the record in the 3,000 steeple chase,” Wolfgang said.

Wolfgang said the team’s goal this season is to place third in the League Championships. The league includes Hope, Alma, Calvin, Olivet, Adrian, Defiance and St. Mary’s.

One of the team’s standouts, Denise Routhier, Flashing junior has her goals set for the season.

“I definitely want to place in the top three in the long and triple jump at the league meet,” said Routhier. “Hopefully, I’ll break my school record in the triple jump this season.”

Routhier has broken this record with a triple jump of 33-6.5.

“Currently we have had three wins and two losses. We have won against Olivet, St. Mary’s and Defiance,” Wolfgang said.

“We lose a few high scoring seniors last year, but we’ve already seen improvements this season.”

“We have a widely talented group of girls.”

The MIAA Championships will start at 3 p.m. May 1, beginning with the preliminaries and some field event finals.

Field event finals will continue at 10 a.m. May 2 and all running event finals will begin at 2 p.m.

**Once-cut team member brings excellent leadership**

Clifton Foster
Staff Writer

With a 17-7 record, the men’s baseball team will enter a tough series against Defiance today and tomorrow.

“In sports a great series is based on the fact that they have a very strong pitching staff and in my mind we have the best hitters in the league,” said Timothy Crzemecki, Rochester Hills sophomore.

The season is coming to a close and Albion is currently ranked second in league standings, with a league record of 9-4.

“If we play the way we’re capable of playing, we have a legit shot at winning the MIAA title,” said Coach James Conway.

Although there are only three seniors, Conway said leadership has been great.

“The players took it upon themselves to work hard in the off season in preparation for the spring,” Conway said.

“Leadership is excellent,” said Ryan Strother, Jackson sophomore.

“They’ll pick you up when you make a mistake and they’ll stand behind you when you do good things.”

Conway also discussed the team’s cohesiveness.

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