

photo by Kimberley McGee

Scholarship winners Catherine Booth (left) and Michael Leonard with Jennifer Gamby.

## Pledges accept scholarships with pride

by Kimberley McGee

Catherine Booth and Michael Leonard have a lot to be proud of. They were chosen out of their pledge class to receive scholarships donated by members of the sororities and fraternities on campus.

The Snowball Dance, "Pledge Presents," was hosted last semester to make money for a scholarship fund for two pledges that were deemed the best of the class.

"We felt the dance was a way for pledges to meet other fraternities and sororities and to bond within their own pledge class," said Jennifer Gamby, vice president of Internal Programming.

A committee was put together by Gamby which contained one member of each sorority. This committee planned the dance so pledges and members could "bond."

"Our biggest concern was the scholarships," Gamby said. A \$5 cover charge, collected at the door, raised almost \$800. Catherine Booth of Delta Zeta was "shocked" to find she had received the scholarship. Booth, a freshman, said that this is her first year and she is new to everything.

"It made me feel welcome, it was a good first impression," Booth said. "I am proud of my sisters."

Michael Leonard, a sophomore in Kappa Sigma, was "surprised and overwhelmed" at the realization that his brothers had voted him the best pledge of his class.

"I couldn't have got it without my brothers," Leonard said. "It brings more confidence to myself."

Appointments are made by fraternity and sorority members for the recipients of the scholarships. Each chapter selects a pledge without the pledge's knowledge. Winners are based on their involvement within the pledge class, academic and extracurricular activities along with community involvement.

## Former hostage back in classroom

Albion, Mich. (CPS)—
Former hostage Alann Steen is back in the classroom this semester, teaching an advanced news writing class at Albion College.

On Jan. 13, Steen told his students about news writing and editing, but ended his first lecture with anecdotes about Beirut University College and his experiences while being held hostage for five years by Shiite Muslim extremists.

Steen's captors released him Dec. 3.

Steen will spend the semester teaching photojournalism and advanced expository writing as well as news writing.

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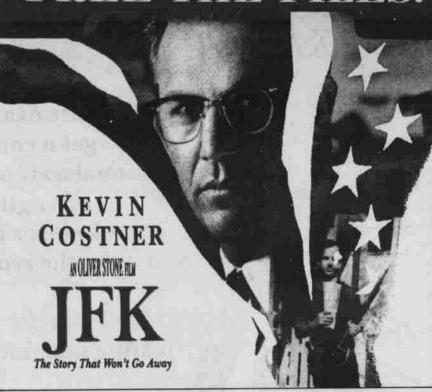


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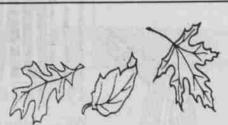
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