

# Albionisms

Several words and phrases are unique to Albion. Here are some common Albion terms deciphered...



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**ACIS:** Albion College Information System. This is the way to access your student account information online, from your grades, to your transcripts, to class registration.

**Albion's Big Read:** A month-long community reading initiative in October that is meant to bring diverse groups of people together and empower youth through a shared reading experience.

**Albionian:** The College's yearbook. The Albionian is produced by a group of students each year and distributed over the summer.

**The Alley:** The local bowling alley, called University Lanes, located just off of the 124 highway exit at 16653 E Michigan Avenue.

**Baldy:** Baldwin Hall, where the cafeteria is located.

**Blues at the Bohm:** A concert held at the Bohm Theater in downtown Albion where a new band plays every month! After the band plays, individual musicians take the stage and host spontaneous jam sessions. Great sound, great ambiance!

**Bohm:** The movie theatre in downtown Albion where you can see movies as well as speakers, bands, and more!

**Briton Bash:** A fall semester event where ALL the clubs and organizations set up booths on the Quad. You can sign up for new activities, see who is involved in what, and enjoy a big Quad picnic. This is a can't-miss event at the start of every fall semester.

**Campo:** A slang term for "Campus Safety"

**CPO:** Short for Campus Programs and Organizations, the office for all campus activities and clubs. The office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Kellogg Center.

**Eat Shop:** The Eat Shop is a short-order grill on the second floor of the Kellogg Center. The old Eat Shop, located where the Bobbitt Visual Arts Center Annex stands today, was torn down about thirty years ago. Two benches and a table from the original Eat Shop were restored by alumni and are now on the second floor of the Kellogg Center.

**Festival of the Forks:** The city of Albion's big celebration in the fall. The Festival got its name from the "forks" of the Kalamazoo River's east and south branches, the site where Albion's first residents settled. Superior Street is closed for the weekend, and local organizations, food vendors, and shops are open. There is a car show, activities, and other games scheduled throughout the weekend.

# Student Groups & Acronyms

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**BAF:** Build Albion Fellows

**BSA:** Black Student Alliance

**Euphonics:** A student-led musical organization

**IFC:** Interfraternal Council – Fraternities

**ATΩ:** Alpha Tau Omega, called "A-T-O"

**ΔΤΔ:** Delta Tau Delta, called "D-T-D" or "Delt"

**ΔΣΦ:** Delta Sigma Phi, called "Delt-Sig" or "DSP"

**TKE:** Tau Kappa Epsilon, called "TKE" (sounds like "teek")

**ΣΝ:** Sigma Nu, called "Sig Nu"

**ΣΧ:** Sigma Chi, Called "Sig Chi" (sounds like "kye")

**Panhel:** Panhellenic Council – Sororities

**ΑΧΩ:** Alpha Chi Omega, called "Alpha Chi" or "A-Chi-O"

**ΑΞΔ:** Alpha Xi Delta, called "A-Zee-D"

**ΔΓ:** Delta Gamma, called "Dee-Gee"

**ΚΑΘ:** Kappa Alpha Theta, called "Theta"

**ΚΔ:** Kappa Delta, called "Kay-Dee"

**SAAC:** Student Athletic Advisory Council

**SVB:** Student Volunteer Bureau, a student-led organization that is responsible for supporting and supplying services to existing volunteer programs and assisting in developing new ones.

**UB:** Union Board, a student volunteer programming council that works to provide social, recreational, educational and entertainment programs for the student body.

**Cascarelli's\*** 116 S Superior St, Albion, MI 49224

**Charlie's\*** 111 W Porter St, Albion, MI 49224

**Frosty Dan's\*** 1455 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**Full Moon Restaurant\*** 200 B-Drive N, Albion, MI 49224

**Gina's Pizza and Deli\*** 1313 E Michigan Ave, Albion, MI 49224

**Kentucky Fried Chicken** 1317 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**La Casa Mexicana\*** 1510 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**Lopez Taco House\*** 205 N Superior St, Albion, MI 49224

**Little Red Lunch Box Cafe\*** 113 E Michigan Ave, Albion, MI 49224

**Maria's Garden Family Restaurant\*** 1410 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**McDonald's** 1507 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**Pizza Hut** 1435 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**Subway** 104 Erie St, Albion, MI 49224

**Taco Bell** 1440 N Eaton St, Albion, MI 49224

**University Lanes\*** 16653 E Michigan Ave, Albion, MI 49224

\* denotes restaurants that are locally owned and operated

## COMING SOON!

**Albion Malleable Brewing Company**

**Frosty's:** A local ice cream joint more formally known as Frosty Dan's, where you can find delicious frozen treats all year round.

**ICA:** Is the acronym for the Office of Intercultural Affairs, located on committed to social justice and parity. ICA partners with the campus and larger community to increase cultural awareness, cultivate diversity, promote social justice, and create substantive intergroup partnerships.

**The Io (pronounced "yo"):** This is the abbreviation for "Io Triumphe," a yell written by the Class of 1900. Some phrases were taken from other college yells, some from a Greek play that had been presented on campus during that period, and others were borrowed from the poems of the Roman writer, Horace. It goes like this...

*Io Triumphe! Io Triumphe!  
Haben Swaben Rebecca le animor  
Whoop te whoop te sheller de-verve  
De-boom de ral de-i de-pa-  
Hooneka Henaka whack a whack  
A-hob dob balde bora bolde bara  
Con slomade hob dob Rah!  
Al-bi-on Rah!*

*Io Triumphe!* is also the name of the alumni magazine, as voted on by the alumni in 1936.

**Family Fare:** The local grocery store, located a short drive from campus on Eaton Street.

**Ismon House:** A local banquet hall located at 300 S. Clinton Street where many receptions are held.

**KC Box:** Your mailbox. Everyone has a mailbox in the KC, which you will keep the whole time you are at Albion—so your mailing address will stay the same all four years.

**Kresge Commons:** The big room in the basement of Wesley Hall, not to be confused with Kresge Gymnasium or the Science Complex's Kresge Hall.

**KC:** The Kellogg Center, Albion's equivalent to a student union.

**KC Living Room:** Short for the Langbo Living Room, the lounge located on the first floor of the Kellogg Center. The Living Room is a popular spot for meetings, receptions, and just hanging out. You can practice tickling the ivories if you are a piano player, or enjoy a warm fire in the fireplace during the winter.

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**Loft:** Also in the Kellogg Center, on the fourth floor. It's a perfect spot for quiet studying or hosting an event.

**The Mae:** The newest apartments on campus, officially the Mae Harrison Karro Residential Village. The Mae was erected in 2001 in memory of alumna Mae Harrison Karro of the class of '31. This popular residence houses 56 lucky seniors.

**Mary Sykes Room:** Located in Baldwin Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, along with the Albion Room, Briton Room.

**Norris 101:** The large lecture hall located in the Norris Science Complex, immediately left of the main entrance. It is also formally known as "Towsley Auditorium."

**Off-Campus Programs:** Albion vernacular for the Center for International Education, the office which coordinates off-campus study opportunities both in the United States and abroad. The Center is located in Vulgamore Hall.

**Pleiad:** The school newspaper. The Pleiad is Albion College's student news source. The Pleiad is published online and in print and can be viewed at their website, [www.albionpleiad.com](http://www.albionpleiad.com). In Greek mythology, the Pleiades are the seven daughters of Atlas, placed in heaven by Zeus. Six of the Pleiades are a bright cluster of stars in the constellation Taurus. In 1882, Albion students named the newspaper after the seventh "Lost Pleiad."

**Quad:** Most of Albion's academic buildings surround a park-like patch of earth nicknamed "the Quad," short for its official name, the Quadrangle. The Quad is the scene of pick-up Frisbee and football matches, outdoor classes on warm weather days, and graduation each May. If you had attended Albion during the 1880's, you would have headed to the Quad to watch the football team play.

**The Recorder:** The local Albion newspaper, published every Thursday.

**'Reli's:** An easier way to refer to Cascarelli's, a bar and restaurant downtown.

**The Rock:** A rock at the northeast corner of the Quad that gets painted almost daily. It was a graduation gift of the class of 1899, so just how big is the rock under all that paint?

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**Stack:** Short for "Gerstacker Commons," the Stack is on the second floor of the KC. The third floor overlooks this commons area, a popular place for concerts, comedians, dances, eating, and lectures. The area with the wooden floor and balcony was originally the College's Chapel, before Goodrich Chapel was built.

**The "S.E.E." (pronounced "sea"):** Another lounge/study area in the Kellogg Center, located on the second floor opposite the Eat Shop.

**Tiers:** The six floors of shelves in Stockwell where all the bound periodicals are located. Stockwell originally was designed as a "closed stack" library, meaning that the stacks (tiers) were closed to the public. In those days, you would have asked a librarian for the book you wanted, and he or she would have gone into the tiers and retrieved it for you. If you find yourself getting lost in the tiers one day, remember that they were not built for easy access by the average mortal. They are a wonderful spot to seek quiet isolation for studying!

**Twin:** The residence hall renamed Mitchell Towers in 2008, located behind Baldwin.

**Upper Baldwin:** The large banquet hall located in Baldwin Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**WLBN:** The student-run radio station that can be heard on Channel 6 on the College's cable TV system.

