Kalamazoo College Homecoming

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Land/Sea defended

Dear Editor:

I was a member of K/81 Land/Sea; consequently, I am now a member of, in the words of Priscilla Barrett, "a sub-group within a larger community." Apparently, membership in such a group is not considered complimentary, save to those who just so we could return our two faculty members to campus and just so we could take part in the on-campus program. It is in my opinion that most Land/Sea people would not trade a week in Killarney for much of anything, let alone a rather unnecessary campus orientation.

The fact is, it seems to me that...

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to Priscilla Barrett as a "bystanderization" of the program. In a students have clearly proved themselves, but the issues of the
1985 Yearbook
Yearbook

1989 Yearbook
Winch resigns Land/Sea

By Maggie Cutchick

After 14 years at the Land/Sea program director, Dr. David Winch, a physics professor at "X," has decided to resign from that position. When asked if the three-year reservation wilderness program would be able to continue without him he answered, "I just don't know."

"Land/Sea should be preserved," Winch exclaimed, "but it can't just be me." Winch began directing the program in only its second year running and from that time on he has been the sole responsible and organizer of the program. "There's a born-out leader; responsibilities got to you and you just win your way," he added.

Winch received his training from the Outward Bound leaders and also participated in rock climbing classes in Colorado and Wyoming. The three-week Land/Sea program was modeled after Outward Bound and takes place in Killarney Provincial Park in Ontario. It includes hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, repelling, a two-day solo retreat and sailing on a 60-foot square rigged Brigantine ship in Lake Huron.

This year 35 five-year students participated in the program as well as 13 upperclass leaders. Students pay a fee of $690 to cover expenses and receive one physical education credit.

"The college has to make a reasonable commitment if they want Land/Sea to continue," commented Winch, "they need to find someone and then I would be willing to help with the transition. But they have to want to keep it."
Land/Sea: (land Sea) is a backpacking/sailing program which takes incoming freshmen over land and across the sea, with the ultimate objective of reaching land again.
Extinction Probable for Land/Sea

Maggie Catchick

Applications are now being accepted for Land/Sea student leaders.

According to former leader David Winch the program will end this fall. However this does not mean that the program is over; it may continue. Winch said that it is most likely to be the last year for Land/Sea.

Winch explained, “it’s been up and down.” He informed the readers after the examination had to find someone to take over. Winch has been involved with Land/Sea since its beginning and recently held total responsibility for the program. According to Winch, since the last four months faculty members stopped forward and agreed to take on the project, but at present both have decided.

Believing that there would be someone to take this fall, Winch made the necessary arrangements with Killary Provincial Park and the Beaufort Ship Company, where Land/Sea is usually held. When the faculty members changed their minds, Winch said that he felt obligated to follow the commitments he had made.

“I feel a little sad,” Winch admitted, but he added firmly, “it’s over with as far as I’m concerned.”

Land/Sea is Not Dead; Bresnau Signs Contract for Three-Year Leadership

Land/Sea is not dead. Despite the end of the program, Bresnau has signed a contract for three more years. This decision is a result of the dedication and commitment of the faculty members who have been working on the project for many years.

A program similar to Land/Sea will be part of Orientation Week starting this fall. Students from a past Land/Sea trip pose above in front of one of the houses they traveled on.
Into the Woods, Onto the Water

In 1994, the Land Sea program expanded from previous years to include 38 participants and 14 leaders. Participants were divided into three groups A, B, and C, and all schools included three periods of the program, and one leader. Leaders are typically "A" students that have been on the program as participants, and leaders in the group of the program. Tom Howard from the Stryker Center, Jackie Schildt from the CD Center joined the program this year and Rob Trowbridge of Hamilton returned to his legions for the second year.

Land Sea is a rigorous, challenging outdoor program patterned after the Camper Program. Participants, students alone or in small groups, explore one of four sites in Ontario (Kilmanhui Park, and Killarney Provincial Park), and northern Ontario, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, rappelling, and spending at least 24 hours while doing it. The sites are spent on a frigates called The Voyager which students learn to sail around the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.

This year, most students hiked the Silver Peak trail section, which is characterized by steep sections of white sand. They also crossed through some of the waters near Dead Lake and Island, and in the western sections of the Georgian Bay. The Voyager's passengers enjoyed the experts that led the way.

The Voyager sailed into the Georgian Bay and组 A

Members of Group B paddle for a picture on the water.
“I love cream of wheat, pack as much as you possibly can.”

— Andy
Long-Time Land/Sea Director Plans for Retirement this October

By Terriene Zemere

After many years of working at K, Tom Brown, Director of the Land/Sea program, is retiring at the end of October this year, but he will always remember what K has provided him.

I have been able to create a lot of wonderful opportunities for my own growth and development as well as the leadership development of others while at K over 26 years. I have had a very positive working relationship with the College and will always cherish the decade I have spent at K,” Brown said in an e-mail.

Brown began his career at K in 1979 within the Economics and Business Department. He became a leader for LandSea in 1981.

“I found an experiential leadership model that changed any whole concept of leadership and personal growth,” he said.

For a while, after his serving as a LandSea leader, he found himself teaching in the MBA program at the University of Zimbabwe. Even though, the LandSea program was calling him back.

“I was contacted by the [Director] LandSea director, Prof. Dave Winch, telling me he wanted to know LandSea and would I be interested in the job,” he said.

Brown stated his new job in 1982. He became responsible for the program on a twelve-month basis, including the selection and training of student leaders and risk management, and students’ experiences have reflected his work.

“Tom, I will forever be grateful for everything you did for LandSea and me. The opportunities you and the program have given me have changed my life and have changed me for the better,” said Kristen McManus, a former LandSea participant and member of the “Dear Tom Brown, Thank You For LandSea...” Facebook group that has been established to honor his legacy with the LandSea program.

For Brown, it is time to leave the legacy behind. He said he has a “bucket list.”

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LandSea program finds a new location along with new leaders

First-year Chelsey Shannon looks forward during her LandSea adventure last summer.

By Chelsey Shannon
Staff Writer

The LandSea program has been an integral part of the Kalamazoo College experience for many years. Each August, a large group of incoming first-years head into the wilderness with heavy packs, selves to be reliable and responsible in their collegiate life and love the wilderness and the LS program,” she said.

Although more leaders than ever were selected for next year, selection was difficult because a large number of applicants were eligible for the job. Shoop encour-