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## 1998-1999 SGA Executive Board elected

□ With Kim Fields as the new president of SGA, the executive board is looking forward to addressing students' concerns.

by Lisa Zimmerman

On Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, Albright students voted for the 1998-1999 Student Government Association's Executive Board.

Junior Kim Field, who ran uncontested, will be president of SGA during the next academic year. The vice-president position will be filled by Gabrielle Pezdir, '99; Pauline Skiadopoulos, '99, will be SGA recording secretary; Brooke Blair, '99, will be corresponding secretary; and Chris Moy, '00, will be Treasurer.

"There's been nothing more rewarding than being able to serve Albright in this capacity," said Field.

The major issues that Field wants the SGA executive board to tackle next year are guaranteed Greek housing, "swipe" identification cards to be used throughout the campus, and the institution of an alternative (on-campus) provider of alcohol for students 21 years old and older.

Pezdir, who ran against sophomore Mark Blank, said that "communication between students, faculty, and administration" are of high importance to her. "SGA should take steps toward implementing progressive change on campus," said Pezdir.



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The 1998-1999 SGA executive board is all smiles after their election results. From left to right: recording secretary Pauline Skiadopoulos, president Kim Field, vice president Gabrielle Pezdir, corresponding secretary Brooke Blair and treasurer Chris Moy. They will begin their term at the next SGA meeting on Sun, May 10.

Blair, who defeated sophomore Rebecca Noll, agrees with Fields that issues with Greek housing will be of primary concern. The Alpha Chi Rho fraternity will not have a house next year, and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta will be sharing a house.

Blair said this will pose problems with "fraternity and sorority rituals," and "where people will go to party."

Regardless of the issues that will face the new executive board, Blair believes "these positions are just titles--together as a senate we are all equal."

Skiadopoulos, who ran

uncontested, said that she is "excited to serve on SGA for the second time." She believes that attention should be given to the condition of the Albright Woods Apartments.

"They were built to be temporary and are now completely falling apart," said Skiadopoulos.

Moy, who defeated junior John Langhorne, said that he is

"looking forward to working toward a better understanding between administration and students, where students are informed about who's going on with the administration."

The executive board will preside over their first meeting on Sunday, May 10.

Current SGA president Carissa Kolb, '98, anticipates that the new executive board will be successful in their future endeavors. "I've been involved in SGA for four years and it's been a significant part of my Albright experience. Although I'll miss it, I'm satisfied that the new leadership will be both responsible and aware of Albright's needs for the future," said Kolb.

Also elected last week were the eight members-at-large: Maitiu OhEigeartaigh, '01 (Asian American Council), Natasha Harris, '99 (African American Society), Kim Nguyen, '99 (International Students Association), Mark Blank, '00, Lauryn Gardner, '99, Laura Jones, '99, Vinita Sharma, '00, and Kim Vo, '00.

*"There's nothing more rewarding than being able to serve Albright in this capacity."*

Kim Field, '99  
1998-1999 SGA president

## Albright gathers to support Take Back the Night

by Lisa Zimmerman

Monday evening, students, faculty, and administration gathered to participate in Albright's annual Take Back the Night.

A nationally sponsored event, Take Back the Night is in support of survivors of sexual and domestic abuse and also serves as a protest of unsafe environments for women. Albright's women's center has supported and organized Take Back the Night for several years.

Starting off the evening was singer and guitarist Patty Scoboria, who played original and popular pieces, among them what she called an "angry" rendition of "I Will Survive." Two women from Berks Women

In Crisis spoke regarding the serious nature of sexual and domestic violence against women. They stressed that the number of women who are sexually assaulted are higher than many people want to believe (one in every four women is raped). "However, we will move forward and take back the night," said one of the women.

Several students also spoke, either representing organizations or speaking from personal experiences.

A candlelight vigil followed the speak-out, and the group walked around the dorms, collectively speaking-out as they chanted "1, 2, 3, 4--sexual violence no more," and "Women and men unite, sexual violence we must fight."

Take Back the Night was the final event in a week-long process to raise awareness of sexual and domestic violence. Statistics were chalked on the sidewalks of Albright's campus and Berks Women In Crisis hung their t-shirt project in the Campus Center Main Lounge.

Sophomore Marika Horacek, who organized this year's Take Back the Night, was very pleased with the turnout. "I was very pleasantly surprised by the number of people who came out and I hope the support for survivors continues."



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Sophomore Mike Netznik and senior Bob Holliday were among the Pi Kappa Phi participants in PUSH America (People Understanding Severely Handicapped), the fraternity's national philanthropy. "We got a lot of positive feedback," said brother Dan Bingham. The brothers were up on the scaffold Tuesday through Saturday.

# The scoop on the up and coming class of 2002

□ Admissions is excited about next year's class, having admitted 1,146 students thus far, the largest prospective class ever.

by Geoffrey Smith

As the school year draws to a close, students may already be thinking about next year and the new students that will be on campus.

The prospective class for the fall, according to Greg Eichhorn, has been the largest ever admitted to Albright, totalling 1,146 as of April 17. He warned, however, that not all of them have definitely decided to come to Albright as of yet; they have only been accepted.

The majority of these prospective students are from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but there is an increase in New England students, especially those from Connecticut.

"The number of applications from New England has doubled. There has been a concentrated effort by us for the last several years and this year it is paying off very nicely," said Eichhorn.

Of the 1,146 admitted students, only 180 of them have earned Jacob Albright Scholarships and 12 have been offered the Shirk Scholarship. Numbers for the Presidential Scholarships were not available.

These prospective students

showed interest in a variety of majors. Each student has selected a preliminary area of concentration, with 286 of them choosing the Alpha Program. The breakdown for the other majors is as follows:

- 159 students chose biology
- 123 students chose business administration
- 89 students chose psychology
- 40-50 students chose each of the following: crime and justice, computer science, English and accounting
- about 30 students chose each of the following: math, political science, history and environmental science
- 10-20 students chose each of the following: child and family studies, biochemistry, visual and apparel merchandising, textiles and design, chemistry, pre-med, elementary education and education
- less than 10 students chose each of the following: early childhood education, pre-law, pre-veterinary, art, economics, marine science, art history, French, physics, environmental policy, theater, forestry, philosophy, sociology, Spanish and psych/bio

Although every major seems to have been included, one department was not. None of the prospective students selected religious studies as a major.

Virginian Scullion, associate academic dean, added more information about the prospective students.

"At the present time, we have 37 applicants who have documented

... a learning disability... either physical or visual," said Scullion. This number, she explained, is about average for the number of students who enter Albright with learning disabilities every year, but she does foresee an increase in these numbers in the near future.

According to Eichhorn, generally about 35 percent of every incoming class plan to participate on sports teams; the next freshman class will most likely be no different.

About 30 prospectives have shown interest in the music department. Becky Butler, chair of the music department, said that they interviewed a number of "very fine" students considering going into either the choral, instrumental, string or piano sections of the department. Butler feels these new students will greatly benefit the music department and the College as a whole. A large percentage of the music students that are tentatively coming to Albright have been offered

"[The prospective students] are intelligent, on the ball and interested in becoming involved with campus activities."

Rebecca Kern, '00 Student Ambassador

talent grants.

Rebecca Kern, '00, tour guide and coordinator of overnight visits, described the prospective students as "intelligent, on the ball and interested in becoming involved with campus activities."

Various other Ambassadors and overnight host felt that the upcoming class will be an involved, outgoing class as well. We can only hope that the entire Class of 2002 will be like those who have made such a good impression on the hosts, Ambassadors and faculty/administrators.

# Not all in good fun: Vandals strike Greek housing over Spring Fever Weekend

by Adrienne Mitchell

Albright College's annual celebration of "Spring Fever Weekend" came and passed with few major incidents. However, there were a few casualties from the event—two of which were Greek letters, taken on Friday, April 17, belonging to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house and the Sigma Kappa sorority suite in North Hall.

No individual or party was blamed for the incidents. According to Jennifer Fox, Resident Director of North Hall, there were "many fingers pointed initially, out of frustration, but there was never any proof of who did it."

Fox, along with Dan Wrona, the president of Inter-Fraternity Council, spoke with the SAE's president, Andy Coviello, the night the letter was stolen to gather information. Still, no leads as to who was responsible have been uncovered.

According to Robin Smith, senior sister of Sigma Kappa, the Sigma Kappa suite was vandalized

after their formal on Friday night. Smith says the vandalism was "suspicious," because the items that were stolen, liquor and beer, were in places that were not obvious. The screen was also broken, the "K" letter was broken, and the "S" letter was missing.

"I'm very upset. I think it stinks that we can't leave our suite without Albright students vandalizing our property," said junior Lauryn Gardner.

Thus far, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's letter is still missing. Sigma Kappa's letter was seen lying in the field near North Hall, later turning up in the basement of a dormitory in the quad. Yet how it wound up there remains a mystery.

Overall, Spring Fever weekend went well in terms of behavior. Stratton Marmarou, Director of Campus Security, was satisfied with the control of the activities this year. He said this was one of the best conducted Spring Fever Weekends, because of the cooperation between Patty Martinez's office, CCB and all involved.

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# Spring Fever Fun . . .



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The Diaperheads, Matt Becker, Chad Eisenhower, Tom Deja, Jason Howe, Jeff Perry, Mike Husenica, Mandy Eastman, Karen Kanarkowski and Kara Graham, beat the Shii-faced Assholes for first place. Their prize: \$100 and 10 T-shirts!



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Ryan Shutt, Ben Reph, Andrew Scullin and Jason Eberts show off their "skivies" as they make a run from the apartments to the oozeball pit.



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Dirty Rotten Scoundrels: A bunch of the diaperhead winners pose for the camera before hitting the showers.



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Senior Mandy Eastman is all smiles despite the dirt and grime. Maybe she's thinking of how to spend that \$100 prize money!

## You think we have it bad: alcohol is banned in all fraternity and sorority houses on campus of University of Kentucky

After months of discussions with fraternity and sorority leaders, the University of Kentucky's Board of Regents voted last week to ban alcohol in all fraternity and sorority houses on campus.

Starting next year, alcohol will be prohibited in all Greek houses, leaving the Boone Faculty Center the only "wet" establishment on campus. The decision follows a resolution by the board in October to reexamine the school's alcohol policy. The decision was also prompted by the recent drinking-related deaths of two fraternity members at Louisiana State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Fraternity and sorority leaders on campus say the decision leaves them with a much shorter timeline than they had hoped for.

"We had been hoping for the year 2000, which seems to be a trend across the nation, but that's not what

we got," said Marc Glegg, vice president for external relations for the Interfraternity Council. "Some of the enforcement response is coming down on IFC. It's a very sudden change, and we have to cope with it."

Many Greek organizations with chapters at UK had already made independent resolutions to go dry by the year 2000 after a January symposium on stopping alcohol abuse that most of the fraternities and sororities attended. And former IFC President Tony Hayden said he met with several members of the University administration in October to talk about prohibiting alcohol in the Greek houses.

"Chancellor Zinser basically said, 'We're going dry' and tried to get input on how the [Greek] system would adapt," said Hayden. "From my point of view... they had already decided we were going dry."

Hayden said he also thought the timeline for the new policy was

too short.

"If you bring something down that sudden in the first year, you're going to have more violations," he said. "I was for a gradual induction of this system. I knew it was going to come down, I just didn't think it would come down this quickly."

Some student leaders have suggested a neutral site, like the campus' faculty club, be established to allow students over 21 to buy alcohol with identification. They hope that such a move would ease some of the tension expected next fall over the

new policy.

Joel Epstein, attorney at the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, said tension and some resistance is likely.

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**Bill Martin**  
executive director,  
Phi Gamma Delta International

of authority, and the administration telling students 'This is the way it's going to be' doesn't go over real

well."

The decision to go dry at UK seems to follow a national movement to ban alcohol in fraternity houses even among Greek organizations themselves. In October, Phi Gamma Delta International announced it would make all its chapters in the U.S. and Canada dry by the year 2000, which convinced a number of other nationwide fraternities to do the same.

"We believed, when our board of directors made its decision, that we were simply on the front end of a trend among Greek organizations and higher education toward alcohol-free housing as one part of the approach to address problems related with alcohol," said Bill Martin, executive director of Phi Gamma Delta International. He said the University of Kentucky's new policy "is a big help to us, because it contributes to changing the culture that needs to be changed."

--the National Student News Service

# Land mine victim to come to campus, shares story of survival

□ On May 7 at 6:30 in the Campus Center South Lounge, land mine survivor Ken Rutherford will discuss the evolution of land mines as a weapon of war and U.S. policy and the international campaigns to ban land mines. In addition, he will present a slide show of Princess Diana's visit to Bosnia. This is an Experience Event. If you have any questions about the event contact Dr. Angela Halfacre x7570. Here Mr. Rutherford shares with us his story.

Landmine statistics are not well-known to most Americans. Land mines kill and maim long after the wars for which they were deployed for end. In the eight hours it takes for a seminar, more than 22 people will be killed or maimed by a land mine. These indiscriminate weapons kill or maim more than 26,000 people each year, more than 90 percent of whom are civilian. In addition, more children die from land mines after a war than soldiers during the war.

Compounding this tragedy is the economic cost. A single land mine costs \$3, while to take that same land mine out of the ground costs upwards of \$1000. This is because there are no second chances for deminers. A case in point is Kuwait, where an estimated 7 million land mines were laid immediately preceding and during the Gulf War. Within the first week after the war, all five Kuwaiti mine clearance experts were killed clearing mines. This is in addition to the nearly 100 international mine clearance experts who have perished clearing mines since the war ended.

Less well-understood are the ways in which land mines directly affect Americans. Since World War II, a rising percentage of U.S. troops are being killed by land mines. For example, 4.4 percent of U.S. soldiers killed in WWII were attributed to land mines, while in Vietnam one-third of all U.S. Army casualties were caused by mines and by 1969 90 percent of all component parts in mines used against U.S. troops in Vietnam were U.S.-made. In Somalia, 26 percent of all casualties were caused by land mines. In Korea, more U.S. Army mine casualties were caused by U.S. defensive minefields than by enemy mines. In a recent

Advanced War Fighting Exercise at the Army's National Training Center, referees ruled that of the 82 soldiers "killed" by friendly fire, 45 were the victims of their own mines.

Less well-understood also is the personal horror that each victim experiences in the moments after the explosion. Land mines tear off limbs and shoot shrapnel and dirt into the body. Even one's own bones become projectiles. If the eyes are not blinded during an explosion, a victim can see his own body torn, mangled and bleeding.

I could not have imagined this happening to anyone, not even in my worst nightmare. However, now I can imagine it because it happened to me.

On December 16, 1993 my life changed forever. I was in Somalia as a credit union training officer working with recently returned refugee and internally displaced populations by helping to rebuild their economy devastated by years of civil war and drought. As my staff and I were visiting project sites we drove down into a gully when the car suddenly shook and the inside of the cab filled with dust. My next instinct was to get out of the vehicle, but my lower legs were not working. I grabbed the steering wheel to pull myself out. No one else knew how to work the hand-held radio so the unhurt passengers gave it to me to call for help while they put my legs on the driver's seat and tied tourniquets around both my ankles.

Laying on my back, I could see my legs and feet on the edge of the driver's seat. There was a bone sticking out where my right foot used to be. The foot itself was hanging by stretched ligaments and skin toward the knee. Several times I did partial sit-ups so that I could reach the foot and hit it with the back of my hand hoping that the foot would flip up and over onto the protruding bone. But it kept falling off.

Since my accident, I have read training books for evacuating victims out of minefields which stated when an individual sees his or her own body bleeding with torn-off limbs, they will become hysterical and uncontrollable. Well, I can tell you, in the first moments after the explosion were some of the most calm and peaceful moments of my life. I prayed to God, thanking Him for a wonderful life and telling Him that if He would keep me around I would like to marry my fiancé of two months, start a family and become a teacher.

Nearly 20 minutes later, rescue

help arrived. I asked the first rescuer that reached me if he could put my foot back on. I was brought to a Somali hospital that didn't have any pain medicine and was then evacuated on a plane to Nairobi, Kenya where there were better medical facilities. During the 3.5 hour flight to Nairobi, the doctor and nurse gave me direct blood transfusions from their own bodies to mine. That nurse called me more than a year later to tell me that all through the flight I kept asking her if my fiancé would still marry me even though I would not have any legs. Already I had begun to think of my disability.

With in the first day of the accident, I received nearly 16 blood transfusions. Still, I remained in critical condition. My right leg was amputated immediately, and then I was flown in a hospital plane to Geneva, where I had several more operations. I was then evacuated to the United States, where I had a total of seven more operations over the next three years. During one 12-hour surgery the doctors grafted my stomach muscle to the holes in my foot, sewing the blood vessels together.

All land mine experiences are horror stories. Mine is no exception. The result of my accident is not a unique land mine disabled story—two missing legs, years of rehabilitation, numerous surgeries and continual struggle. However, the outcome of my accident is different from that of most land mine victims. I am luckier than most.

Today, I stand on artificial legs costing more than \$30,000. Last year I made the difficult decision to amputate my left leg after undergoing ten surgeries in an attempt to save it. It was the most difficult decision of my life. What really factored into my decision was seeing my 2-year-old son, Hayden, growing up without a father who could play with him. Seeing him walk the front yard made me realize how crippled I really was. I had nightmares about him going into the street and me not being able to catch him before an oncoming car.

Life is hard enough in any

society without one's legs, but I can only imagine how victims, especially parents, in other countries bear the mental pain and stress of providing for themselves and their family. Worse, I cannot imagine the pain that parents of land mine disabled children must experience. I cannot help but think of the courage and strength that they must have to endure, probably wishing to take the pain of their children on themselves. Can you imagine how parents in Rwanda must feel when they send their children out to collect firewood or water, knowing that they might be injured by land mines? Sending their own children into the killing fields is necessary because if they lose a limb it is less economically

devastating to the family than if one of the parents lost a limb.

I am lucky to be living in a country which can provide me with excellent medical care, therapy and prosthetics. More importantly, I live in a society where having one's mind is an important key to economic survival. In most countries, having one's limbs are the only keys to life. For example, I am currently a third-year doctoral student in the Government Department at Georgetown University. Since I began the program I have undergone several surgeries and many more stump infections and blisters that have required me to be in a wheelchair for prolonged periods of time. Georgetown provided me with transport and all the accommodations necessary for me to still compete.

Aside from the physical pain and handicap, there is also psychological pain. A land mine explosion is a random, invisible act. There is no warning; it just happens. The mind of a land mine survivor cannot help but be affected.

I had a dream once, and in that dream, I think back to the first few moments of the accident when I was trying to put my foot back on but it kept falling off. I can hear the sound of the approaching rescue truck. I am thinking to myself that if I can get the foot back on before it arrives, no one will know that the accident has occurred, and everything will be

OK. The sounds from the approaching vehicles get louder just as I think I have the foot on. The rescuers come down the gully by foot to fetch me. Just as they see me, my foot falls off.

I have spoken with hundreds of land mine victims, and none sticks out more in my mind than a middle-aged Cambodian woman I met at a rehabilitation school in Phnom Penh last year. Her legs were amputated near the hips—very high. She told me that since losing her legs to a mine while collecting water, she had wanted to kill herself. When I asked her why, she told me because her husband of 16 years took their three children and left her. This man was her teenaged sweetheart who she had given herself to. Since her abandonment she has neither seen nor heard from her children.

From the moment my vehicle hit the land mine, I found myself in a position that was not familiar to me as an American. I had become a land mine victim. Like many others who have been victimized, I found myself questioning. I have not been bitter or depressed about my condition, but I have worked on an international campaign to ban land mines.

The importance of the international treaty to ban land mines is that it symbolizes the growing role of non-governmental organizations and states working together towards solving transnational problems. It is a potential view into the future of how NGOs and governments can work together. It offers the international community an innovative opportunity to help take steps toward solving the rehabilitative needs of all the world's disabled. The International Campaign to Ban Landmines, a campaign of nearly 1000 NGOs from more than 50 countries won the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for its work banning the mines. The Nobel committee stated that the campaign brought the issue to the forefront of the international agenda and moved it very quickly. This is an example of civil society creating a credible international actor on an issue.

Complete physical renewal may be impossible for mine victims, but psychological renewal begins with the knowledge that increasing numbers of individuals, international organizations and governments are committed to banning land mines and to helping victims. Let us hope that the United States will join the more than 123 countries that have signed the Ottawa Treaty banning land mines.

*"Laying on my back, I could see my legs and feet on the edge of the driver's seat. There was a bone sticking out where my right leg used to be. The foot itself was hanging by stretched ligaments and skin toward the knee."*

Ken Rutherford  
land mine survivor

## Amnesty International announces Human Rights Week 1998

Monday, May 4th: Tuesday, May 5th: Wednesday, May 6th: Thursday, May 7th: Friday, May 8th:

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Coffee House

8 p.m. co-sponsored by the Agon and Amnesty International

# Features

## Roving Reporter

by Pauline Skiadopoulos

### Q. What was the worst part of Spring Fever?

1. Vandalism. --Dan Bellissimo '98
2. Doing the laundry after oozeball. --Chris Moy '00
3. It's over! Go home! --the DJs
4. Getting caught with a keg. --Jason Frame '98
5. No open containers. My water was dumped. --Laura Jones '99
6. The airbands sucked. Actually everything sucked because of a lack of participation. --Kim Yo '00
7. There were no headliner bands. If there isn't one next year, I'm transferring. --Mark Blank '00
8. Having to work security all weekend. --Kim Field '99
9. All the campus center activities and no kegs. --Fabrice Mouret '98
10. This year we rocked to Strat, Carolyn, Ellen, and Patty --J.F. Hamel '98
11. I wasn't here for Spring Fever! --Kim Schwartz '01

## Spring Fever Weekend given a mediocre review

by Kim Field

Spring Fever was lacking this year. Events were not as popular, and old traditions, such as Airbands, went on without much notice. Bands were in the Woods at night Thursday through Saturday, but you would not have known it by the size or sound of the crowd. Everything sort of passed by quietly last weekend.

What the people at Campus Center Board (CCB) want to know is where were Albright students? Where was the spirit and enthusiasm of years past? Okay, there was no big named band, and the policies about open containers were over the line, but so what. There was still good entertainment, and the bands that we had were talented. Those who came out on Thursday to see Winefield may have found the band to be a little on the mellow side, but that is the standard type of act for a Thursday night; after all, you have classes the next day.

Friday night Albright hosted an exceptional band, Burnt Sienna. Unfortunately, because of the poor weather early in the day, the location had to be changed and the concert was held in the campus center main lounge (CCML). That did not stop many students from coming out and enjoying the show. Those that made their way down to the CCML found a great band that could cover just about anything. They had every type of music that students could ever want to hear.

Two DJs and a favorite local band were the entertainment Saturday night. The first DJ played some techno and electronic music. The second DJ focused more on rap and R&B. Finally, Zippy the Weezer Slug played a variety of covers and kept the crowd going. Once the crowd came out and saw what was available the weekend

finally got off to a good start. Unfortunately, it was the last night.

On Sunday, the usual picnic on the soccer field had to be moved inside the gym due to a monsoon that hit Reading early that morning. The event went well, but many students echoed the sentiments that the carnival was much more enjoyable in the sunny weather.

I have a lot of conflicting feelings about the whole Spring Fever idea. I was disappointed not in Security, Residence Life or CCB, but rather in the perennial problem of this school--the apathy of students. This is not to say that the apathy on campus is not warranted. I can understand why students are frustrated. I am frustrated too. I think that students are much more responsible than the administration gives them credit for. What I don't understand is why students do not try to work to change the things they dislike about Albright. Do not feed me the bullshit that efforts go unnoticed. If students collectively work to change the rules or create viable alternatives, the administration will listen. However, in order to make these changes and make Albright a place we all enjoy, we must be respectful and open-minded. We must learn to work within the system if we want to change it. That means we should not give RAs and RDs a hard time when we are drunk and they tell us to dump our drink. Instead we should wait until Monday morning when we are sober to go and talk with them about what we dislike about Albright in a reasonable and respectful manner. By doing it this way, we produce alternatives that show how responsible we can be. I know I am going to catch flak for writing this, but to be honest I think I am ready to hear what you have to say. I want to know how you students feel so I can relay it to the administration.

## Student makes earnest requests for daily changes to help save world

by Judith Otterburn

Spring has arrived, and it is noticeable not only by the blooming trees and the sound of chirping birds but by the pretty skirts, people playing horseshoes and the general happiness that has come since the cold winter clouds have passed and summer is around the corner. So why then if we enjoy the gifts of Mother Earth do we not look after her?



My fellow Albrightians, I am asking each and every one of you to take a step back and ask yourselves if you really care about the world around you. Would you care if the spring trees never bloomed because they were all cut down? Would you care if the birds died off? How would life on Earth be? And how about your fellow humans... do you care about them? I know you have seen Sally Struthers on TV asking you to donate \$12 a month to adopt a child in a third world country. But we must realize that starving children are not only a world away; they are our neighbors. Perhaps they do not live next door, but they do not live far away. Over 30 million fellow Americans are hungry.

Worldwide, 26,000 children under the age of five die every single day from hunger. This is equivalent to 100 jumbo jets, each carrying 260 children, crashing into the earth and killing everyone on board... every day.

I am telling you all of these terrible statistics so that maybe you will feel guilty or perhaps helpless. The American government does

help, but not enough. It has been estimated that if \$20 billion was spent over the next 10 years, 55 million lives could be saved from starvation. However, America chose to spend \$60 billion on the Gulf War.

I know that you do not have control over how much the U.S. government spends on the military, but how did those people making the big decisions get into power? It was by you, the American people, who voted them into their positions.

Change has to occur, but it cannot be done overnight. But I beg of you to change just a few of your behaviors.

For those of you who eat in the cafeteria, take smaller helpings. Do not waste. Last week I weighed 111.5 lbs. of wasted food at lunch time by students alone and 7 gallons of wasted drinks. I saw whole sandwiches, plates and plates of french fries and apples with one bite take out all thrown away. (However, I did also see empty plates, and I applaud those who eat what they take.) Think of this. If you waste less, then the cafeteria will produce less and you will pay less... sound good?

Here are some more simple tips to help make our world a better place:

- walk or use a bicycle instead of driving
- take quicker showers
- run the clothes washer only when it is full
- air dry clothes
- instead of ironing, hang clothes in the bathroom while showering

- use cold water instead of hot whenever possible
- turn off lights when they are not needed and whenever you leave a room
- wear warm clothes and turn your heat down
- reduce your use of air conditioning
- photocopy on both sides of the paper
- press "print" only when the final draft is ready
- eat more vegetarian food (meat makes less efficient use of the land soil, water and energy. Also, cows emit 300 liters of methane per day.)
- bring canvas bags to the store or bring old plastic/paper ones back to use again
- recycle, recycle, recycle, recycle



I know that change may be slow, but if you really care about the environment you will make these small changes. Believe me, it's addictive. When you realize the species are dying daily, the World Bank is saving water as a natural resource and forests are vanishing in the blink of an eye, it makes you wonder what the world is going to be like for our children and generations after them. So as you go outside today, take a walk, breathe in the fresh air and look around. As you eat today, be thankful that you have food. Do not tell me to send the food that you do not want to some starving person in India; take responsibility upon yourself. Love and respect not only the earth but humanity itself. Once this is done, change will occur.



Too squeamish for the real thing, Desmond settled for tattoos of body piercings.

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# Critics Corner

## Movie Review

by Lou Walters and Adam Kreps

### City of Angels

Do you believe in God? This is a question you will find yourself pondering along with Meg Ryan in the new film, *City of Angels*. Nicholas Cage plays an angel named Seth who falls in love with Dr. Maggie Rice (Ryan) as she attempts to resuscitate a patient.

Ryan captivates Cage as she tries to rationalize the inadequacies of medical science and the possibility of a greater being after the patient dies. Seth continues to visit Maggie and allows her to see him. Clouded by his growing love for her, Seth struggles to continue with his angelic duties.

In his constant presence at the hospital, Seth meets Mr. Messinger (played by Dennis Franz), who introduces himself as a former angel. Messinger goes on to explain to Seth that, like humans, angels also have free will. They have the choice to become human if they so desire, but once they decide to do so there is no going back. Seth must choose

between divinity and mortality in the name of love.

*City of Angels* shows a kinder and gentler Nicholas Cage who left the guns and hair extensions at home. Although he gave a respectable performance as one of God's messengers, we wish him Godspeed back to Goodspeed (*The Rock*). And even though Cage's best acting performance was in *Leaving Las Vegas*, for which he won an Academy Award, we think his best action performance was in *Face/Off*.

Meg Ryan returns to her frequent role of a woman who is seeking true love. But Dennis Franz stole the show.

The storyline is sometimes slow and often predictable, but overall, *City of Angels* is a worthwhile surrealist film, especially for a date. The whole conflict between divine immortality versus human mortality is intriguing. And if that is not enough for you, Dennis Franz gets naked.

## Music Review

by Emily Yoder

### Yanni

A few months ago, Greek musician Yanni released his newest album, *Tribute*. This album has hints of traditional Hindu songs based from his travels around the world.

Many other music reviewers say that *Tribute* is great and a true credit to Yanni's life work. I, however, feel that it was rather boring and nothing at all like the Yanni I am most familiar with. Usually I enjoy his work, but this album makes me wonder why I do.

In my opinion, there are really no songs worth mentioning. If you are a devout Yanni fan then you may like this album. Generally, I can take or leave Yanni; after this album I left him. Yanni spoiled us with his *Live from the Acropolis* and *Man in the Mirror*. I love those albums; they touch your soul. If you like the Hindu sound, which, by the way, I

usually enjoy listening to, then you will truly enjoy this new Yanni.

As usual with Yanni, he will soon be touring many countries blasting his new album. Yanni will always play some of his older songs during the concert but with a subtle change.

The tour already has begun, but it has not hit the states yet. There will, however, be one slight change with the play list at the concert. As many Yanni fans know, he has been dating the former *Dynasty* star, Linda Evans. But they are no longer together. He used to play the song he wrote for her (*One Man's Dream*). Well, maybe he will play it anyway... who knows. And now, after this album, I honestly wonder if anyone cares. So, good luck all you Yanni fans and best wishes with your latest listening.

## Senior Week 1998

- Monday: The Tiki Bar
  - appetizer, dinner, dessert
  - buses leave at 4 p.m.
- Tuesday: Dave & Busters
  - dinner buffet, 5 credit power card
  - times to be announced
- Wednesday: Atlantic City trip to Trump World Fair
  - \$14 in coins for gambling, \$3 food voucher
  - buses leave at noon, return at midnight
- Thursday: Senior Mystery Dinner
  - presented by Lion Dips
  - details to come
- Friday: Senior Brunch
  - 11 a.m. at the Inn at Reading
- Saturday: Family Night at Mulligans
  - bring your friends and family for drinks
  - parents leave at 11 p.m., seniors stay 'till close

Sign up at lunch until Friday, \$25 per person

## Restaurant Review

by Matt Hillman



### Jimmie Kramer's Peanut Bar and Restaurant

**Location:** 323 Penn Street, Reading  
**Atmosphere:** Fine cuisine in a relaxed T.G.I.F-ish atmosphere.

**Hours:** Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to Midnight; reservations suggested (376-8500).

**Parking:** Guard patrolled parking is available behind The Peanut Bar on Cherry Street.

**Note:** Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted

Jimmie Kramer, son of Russian immigrants who came to America in the early 1900s, father and grandfather of the present day owners and operators of The Peanut Bar, began his business career over 70 years ago in the resort community of South Mountain in Wernersville, PA. The year was 1924, the era was Prohibition and the establishment which still stands today was known as the Green Terrace Hotel.

It is unclear just how long Jimmie Kramer operated at the Green Terrace Hotel location or any other of the many locations which his businesses occupied from 1924 until 1933 when he opened at 323 Penn Street. The "drys" would raid and close his place down; yet they could not stop this ambitious man from quickly reopening at another location. With the repeal of Prohibition in August of 1933, Jimmie Kramer's "The Olde Central Cafe" was legally born.

In 1935 the peanuts arrived and were placed at each table. They were a big hit and have since become the

restaurant's trademark. The Kramer family would later rename the restaurant Jimmie Kramer's "Peanut Bar and Restaurant" in his honor. Pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Kramer are hung throughout the restaurant to remind patrons of its long history of being family owned and operated.

On my last trip to this Reading landmark, I ordered the grilled smoked pork chops with a chili, orange barbecue sauce (petite \$11.95, generous \$17.95). Accompanying my meal was a generous salad topped with a homemade mustard balsamic vinaigrette dressing. This knock-out selection comes with one or two hickory smoked pork chops finished on the Hibachi and napped with a tantalizing Mexican inspired sauce. Chef Gary's flavorful cheddar corn mashed potatoes added a nice touch to this well-proportioned selection.

I would also highly recommend the Delmonico steak sandwich ala plancha (\$8.95 with choice of potato). This buttery-tender ribeye is girdled on a cast iron flat top, smothered with onions and melted cheese and served open face on crusty French bread.

For the vegetarian, I suggest sampling the savory oven-roasted eggplant Reggiano with linguini (\$9.95). This entree is made with tender rounds of oven-roasted eggplant, baked and seasoned with basil oil and herbs, layered with Reggiano Parmesan cheese and

Roma plum tomatoes. It is then warmed in the oven and served with a nest of aglio olio pasta and salad.

The French-farmhouse meatloaf with sundried tomato sauce and crispy fried leeks (\$12.95) is out of this world! This yummy dish is made with freshly ground veal, beef and pork seasoned in the style of country bistro, pan seared, oven-roasted and served with new potatoes, seared plum tomatoes, fried leeks and a dinner salad. Definitely worth a try.

Although I am not a friend of the sea, my sources have instructed me that I should give mention to the pineapple mojo sea bass with island rice and beans (\$16.95). This meaty filet of white Chilean sea bass is marinated in a citrus based pineapple cumin sauce, broiled and served with Caribbean rice and beans, choice of a green vegetable and salad.

If you have room for dessert, I would recommend the frozen chocolate covered pretzel pie (\$3.95) or the apple crisp with homemade cinnamon ice cream (\$4.25). If you cannot stomach another bite, try an after-dinner drink.

Without hesitation, I give Jimmie Kramer's "Peanut Bar and Restaurant" my recommendation to all those searching for a friendly, informal, nostalgic restaurant in the heart of downtown Reading serving a wide variety of fun foods ranging from the traditional pub menu to fine cuisine.

## "LAST CALL" Bar Review

by Kristin Angellella & Emily Yoder



### Mad Hatter

It is probably apparent to you readers that we are not the usual bar reviewers. For the sake of this issue we stepped into their place and chose a not-so-mainstream bar to review for you drinkers. We are Kristin and Emily, temporary bar reviewers at your service! For obvious reasons, we will take on the characters of the March Hare (Emily) and the Dormouse (Kristin)... who loves to sleep. We discussed many possible bars to review but chose to fall down the rabbit's hole and go through Reading's looking glass into the relaxed atmosphere of the Mad Hatter restaurant and bar, located at Ninth and Oley streets.

Just as Alice had her confusing escapade, we found our own flip side to write about. Best of all, this isn't your typical drinking haven. Upon entrance into the Mad Hatter, you will view a myriad of hats hanging above your head rather than on it. The variety of hats alone will impress you if nothing else does. One can appreciate the time it must have taken to gather such a collection.

The Mad Hatter is definitely for those who are looking to relieve some weekly stress. However, if you

are at all like the Hatter himself, carrying your pocket watch, you might not want to sit at this tea party because you will find yourself not wanting to leave this friendly realm. The prices are more than reasonable for the beers they have on tap as well as carry-out. A 10-oz. draft will run you \$1.25 and a 15-oz. is only \$.50 more. The home price for a six pack of bottled import is \$8.00; domestic is only \$6.00. Mixed drinks start at around \$2.25 and for you fact-core March Hares, Chad, the usual bar tender, can stir you up a mean Lemon Drop. But for you low-tone Dormouse drinkers, they can and will mix anything you request, providing, of course, that they have the ingredients. You Mad Hatters out there should love that. But keep in mind that on Friday nights you might hear the Hatter saying "No Room!" because it tends to get mighty crowded with friendly city folk.

The Queen of Hearts herself would talk about Mad Hatter's deliciously diverse menu for his wild tea party on Friday and Saturday nights. On these crazy nights you can get good deals on some great tasting surf and turf. Not to mention

the usual menu which has wonderful offers for the rabbits of Reading, inexpensive but not wimpy salads. I, the March Hare, sampled a small salad for \$2.50 and was more than satisfied with the vegetation. Other prices range anywhere from \$3.50 up. But the steal of the year is \$24.95 for an 8-oz. filet mignon and a lobster tail of the same size. The menu not only offers the "usuals" but also offers classic Mexican and Italian cuisines. Owner Rudy Klocker enthusiastically said, "It's the greatest place with the greatest food in Reading, come and try us out if you're interested." The Hatter is the best host for an inexpensive tea party with great-tasting vittles.

We, the March Hare and Dormouse, have decided to create our own rating system for this one review. One tea cup is an "Unhappy, unbirthday experience" but five tea cups is a "Very happy unbirthday." We are giving the Mad Hatter four tea cups, losing one cup for the lack of entertainment. This lack is definitely the Jabberwocky of our tale, but just as in Alice In Wonderland, you too can defeat this dragon using the sword of creativity.

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# SOAP UPDATES

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Brooke told Phoebe she shot Jim. Jake told Dimitri Edmund had a serious infection. Erica let Mike stay overnight. Later, he made a mysterious call requesting "backup." Jack asked Keith to check on isotopes found in Jim's blood. Allie made a decision after overhearing Brooke say it's important not to live a lie. Mateo learned he had more than one brain "incident" during his coma. **Wait To See:** Camille vows to make Adam pay.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Jake asked Vicky for a divorce. Concerned about Carl's behavior, Rachel asked Cass for the name of a doctor. Later, Rachel told Carl she's ready to move away from Bay City with him if that's what he wants. Lila's doctor said it's possible Shane is not the father of her baby. Cass and Felicia suspected Carl of being behind the "Embers" incidents. **Wait To See:** Carl makes another "questionable" move. **AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Julia rescued Jack from the barroom brawl, and later called for help when he collapsed. Hal rejected Barbara's advice and decided to get Carly's side of the story. Meanwhile, John suggested Carly have the insemination done that night to protect her marriage and also her money. David tried to persuade Emily to believe he really loves her. James tried to woo Lucinda with a steamy kiss. **Wait To See:** Hal makes an unsettling discovery.

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL:** Ridge decided to come to dinner at Brooke's place for Rick's sake. But he made it clear to Brooke that although he recognized Rick and Bridget needed him, he had chosen to stay with Taylor and their son Thomas. Later, Katie urged a devastated Brooke to fight for Ridge. **Wait To See:** Macy is upset to see Daria flirting with Thorne.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** Nicole quit

her job at the café to pursue her new modeling career. Hope saw Billie about to take a drink. Kristen set a deadly trap for Marlena. A panicked Kate realized Stefano now owned 49% of Titan stock. Meanwhile, Vivian planned to start her own company and destroy Kate in the process. Stefano began to piece together Vivian's relationship to Jonesy. Susan's message leaves Kristen horrified. **Wait To See:** Eric saves a young woman.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Helena pressured Alexis into taking Tony's case, although Alexis feared it would cause problems for her and Ned. Lucky spotted Luke's listening device on Helena's yacht. After seeing the closeness between Robin and Nikolas, Jason told Luke of his concern about Robin's involvement with the Cassadines. Despite warnings from Bobbie and Jason, Carly blurted out to Lucas that she's his sister. **Wait To See:** Liz finds a clue to her rapist's identity.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Lillian blamed Harley for causing the problems leading up to Carl's murder. As Sean urged Reva not to leave the island, Reva's clone tried to seduce Josh. Buzz wondered why "Reva" (actually the clone) somehow seemed different. Beth told Phillip she knows they'll be together again. Abby told Rick she wants to bring her friend, Serena, home with her. **Wait To See:** Beth and Phillip react to Lillian's admission.

**ONELIFETOLIVE:** Kelly and Blair clashed over Cassie's decision to put Dorian on life-support. Todd followed Sam's advice to offer Tea the divorce she wants, while Viki urged him not to give up on her. Georgie took a mysterious phone call and later turned up at Bo's birthday party with a special delivery for some of the guests. Later, Nora saw one of Georgie's incriminating photos and raced to find what she believed were Georgie

and Bo in a compromising position. **Wait To See:** In hell, Dorian faces her biggest fear.

**PORT CHARLES:** Julie was upset when Frank brought Lark home. Bennett sued Kevin for libel. Bennett later threatened to deny Chris the Quartermaine Fellowship. Lucy discovered a disoriented Victor covered in blood. Bennett gave Eve a black eye after she slapped him when he threatened to expose her past as a call-girl if she didn't drop her sexual harassment suit. Later, Kevin learned that the model for his fictional murder victim had been stabbed with a fountain pen through the heart, just as the book described. Lark told Frank she stole some formula from the lab. **Wait To See:** Matt reaches a shocking conclusion.

**SUNSET BEACH:** Vanessa was devastated when her test for Martin's Syndrome proved positive. Ben tried to get Eddie to release him from the warehouse. Later, Eddie confronted Derek about Ben. Derek was unnerved to learn Tim was coming out of his coma. Gregory walked in as Caitlin was telling Sean their parents must never learn the truth about her baby. Variessa went to see Lena at the hospital and found Virginia there. **Wait To See:** Derek plans to use Eddie to get the passwords from Ben.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:** Jill refused to go back to Keith and instead accepted Kay's invitation to stay at the Chancellor mansion. Daniel upset Phyllis by telling her of Chris's plan to live with him and Danny. An angry Nick told Sharon his family must never learn that Cassie is her daughter. Victor upset Diane when he asked for more time with Nikki. Miguel and Veronica struck up a conversation at the Mexican diner. Ashley said yes to Cole's proposal. **Wait To See:** Diane has an unsettling (to say the least) visit with Nikki.

## Design major describes techniques surrounding fashion forecasting

by Marika Horacek

As consumers continue to respond to the spring and summer seasons, fashion designers remain focused on the future.

The only constant in the world of fashion is change. By the time you finish reading this article, designers will have already shown their collections for the fall of 1998. "The Fashion Newsletter" for March does not mention anything about this spring season.

The news for those of us in the design world is not what is currently in stores but what is coming down the runway. This publication only mentions the colors, fabrics, accessories, silhouettes and styles for the fall of 1998. Any information you would want to know about the current spring season could only be found in the September edition of the publication.

It is not impossible to find

magazines that feature articles devoted to the current season. However, fashion designers must remain focused on the season ahead due to the rules of marketing. One of the major assets that our marketing system provides us with is the ability to buy products seasonally.

We want to be able to buy sandals during and throughout the spring and summer months, not in the middle of winter. In order for this seasonal marketing system to work for consumers, designers must always stay at least one season ahead. That is why forecasting has become one of the fastest growing markets.

Forecasting is a combination of many disciplines that involves the study of various fields in order to predict the trends that we will be following in the future. Many industries have already made predictions for the fabrics, colors and styles that will be available in

the 21st century.

Textile companies such as Cotton Incorporated are constantly focusing on the future because it allows them to have their fabrics on the market at the time of peak demand. The forecast must be accurate to insure that the company does not lose money by entering the market with their fabric, color or style too early or too late. Forecasting is not an exact science, but it is one on which the fashion world is beginning to rely.

The Albright faculty in the visual and apparel merchandising and textile design programs are even working to broaden the programs to continually meet the changes in the design world. Students now have the opportunity in this major to take a forecasting class.

The weather forecast may be telling you to watch out for the rain, but the students majoring in this field see nothing but sun coming their way.

## Wild with Wellness "Writing Improves Student Mood"

column submitted by Suzanne Nickeson

The following article was taken from the April 1998 issue of *Student Affairs Today*.

Are your students a little pessimistic? Are their grade point averages sagging? Then make them write.

A study of the physical and emotional health of 122 college freshmen published recently in the journal *Health Psychology* showed that "writing therapy" effectively boosts both health and mood. Three types of writing were studied:

- In disclosure writing, students were asked to describe their feelings.

- In self-regulatory writing, the students were asked to write about their problems and include a coping list.

- In a control group, students were asked to write short descriptions of their daily lives. Students involved in both self-regulatory and disclosure writing had greater reductions in health clinic visits than those in the control group.

Only the self-regulatory writing produced significant psychological benefit among both pessimistic and optimistic students.

Meanwhile, students in disclosure-only writing increased their grade point averages.

## Horoscopes

### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Financial negotiations could get bogged down. Don't let anyone take unfair advantage. With business partners, it's a question of give and take this week.

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A family member doesn't particularly care for a friend of yours. It's not the best week for household guests. However, socializing is accented by week's end. Get out and about.

### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Happiness comes through romance. Despite one pressing family obligation, it's a favorable week for you. Enjoy the companionship of friends and loved one over the weekend.

### LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Your attitude toward money fluctuates. Try to avoid the extremes of extravagance and stinginess. Business and pleasure mix to your advantage this weekend.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Do what you have to do for your career, but don't argue about it. Although company could drop by, you needn't change your plans for going out somewhere special this weekend. In fact, socializing is a plus.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A last-minute idea is a good one career-wise. Partners agree about the joint use of funds. Family is uppermost in your thoughts as the week comes to a close.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Entertainment is accented, but

toward the weekend, your interest turns to career endeavors. Don't squabble with a loved one over money. It's just not worth causing hard feelings.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

There's nothing wrong with the way you express your ideas, but some people aren't listening. Your time is best spent with people you can relate to on an intellectual level in order to avoid frustration.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Keep your financial plans to yourself. The less others know about your business, the better. Tact and diplomacy are necessary qualities this week.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Concentrate on making money rather than spending it. You could come up with some good profit-making ideas. Fad-like purchases should be avoided over the weekend.

### PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

The beginning of the week is best for continuing with that work project or for making business calls. Guard against unnecessary expenditures. Something comes up at home this weekend that requires your attention.

### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

It's certainly a good week for socializing, although there could be some concern over a domestic matter. Luck is with you, but remember to exercise initiative. Your ideas and intuition are good.

**Seniors: Please remember to contribute to the class gift--renovations for Jake's Place. Make checks payable to Albright College.**



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# When no tears remain: a student relates to others the destruction that results from drug addictions

□ *This story is based on the true events of several people that I have known. Although written in the first person point-of-view, it is not based solely on my life. This story was written to inform others about the overwhelming destruction that comes from a life of drug addiction.*

by Emily Yoder

Each and every one of you see me. You all know I exist; yet you all ignore and overlook me. I beg for money, which you heartlessly throw at me. Not to help me, but to silence and distance me. I am reality--not something just to be pushed aside and simply forgotten, but none of that matters now anyway. I have already made my choices, whether or not they are right makes little difference. They are fun, and they take away my pain.

I remember my youth, it was not so long ago, but it feels so unobtainable. I would hurry home to a house seemingly filled with love. I would do my homework and my chores to please everyone. Then, I would silently creep into a world no one else could enter. While I was there, I could not hear the screams of the arguments or the crashing of the walls. All I could hear was the whispering of my dreams to my heart. That sound filled me with freedom and love, both of which were something I did not receive in the world of reality. As the days went on, it became harder and harder for me to enter my private realm. I needed a new out, but I had no idea where to turn.

My salvation found me on a street corner. A perfect stranger showed me the new path to my world. A free taste led me on my way. The inhale of that powerful, freeing smoke sent me sailing to my world faster than I had ever gone before. I floated carelessly, freely--feeling so warm and protected. A feeling I never really knew existed

before. Oh, how I loved my newfound friends. I could hardly wait until morning to get more.

Early the next day I went to seek out my friend. I found him on that same street corner, but this time he wanted money. I had no clue I would ever have to pay for freedom, but with no hesitations I dug into my pocket for the week's lunch money and handed it over. I knew I would have to come up with an explanation for the missing money, so quickly my mind created a bully who cruelly stole it from me. To get me out of their way, my parents obliged my request. I loved them for their ignorance and indifference.

Time went on so quickly. Each day the same process occurred. I would eagerly return to my two friends and just as eagerly lie to my parents. Then one day something happened. Or I guess I should say something did not happen. I took my usual dosage of my drug, but nothing happened. No warmth, no floating, nothing! I had no clue what was going on. I needed my freedom and fast. I got frantic and began shaking. I quickly decided to go to my street corner and find a new path.

I snuck out of bedroom window, never paying attention to the height or the hard ground. And ran all the way to him. I told him what had

happened and with a knowing grin on his face he handed me a little bag filled with white powder. He then told me of all the new places I could go with this stuff. He said how wonderful it would make me feel... how I would not really feel anything at all. This was exactly what I wanted. It was business as usual as far as finances go. The first taste was free but after that payments were a must.

After sneaking back to my room, I sat for a moment on my bed staring at the bag. I was not so sure about this new gateway and how to open it. My friend told me what to do and gave me what I needed, but still I was a bit hesitant. Then I heard that horrid screaming and knew right away what my answer was.

I went into the kitchen to get the spoon and candle as directed. I then walked right past my beloved ignorant parents to my room and closed the door. I lit the candle, took out the needle and prepared for all the good

things that would surely come. Soon enough I found my warm safety blanket, one which I was sure was made of steel. The sickness that came afterward did not matter to me. It was worth it. I needed more right away. All I cared about were my drugs and my world; I was not paying any attention to the crumbling reality around me.

Somewhere in between one of my hits, my father left. My mother had no legal skills to speak of. It did not take long for our landlord to throw us out on the street... my

streets. Mother quickly found herself a new man to take care of her, providing of course that she did not have any children. So I was left alone. I turned to the only friend I had--my dealer. He agreed to let me stay with the understanding that I would sell drugs for him. We got along fine. I did not steal from him and he did not hurt me. I knew the rules and my limits. He provided me with a warm place to hit up, some occasional food and, most importantly, my drugs. It was going well until I got arrested. Of course, I had no money for bail and no one who cared enough to come and bail me out. In jail, with no visitors, all I did was think. I would cry so much, but never understood why I was crying.

Then with one week left to my sentence, I realized I had no tears left to shed. I felt so sad and alone, but I did not have one damn tear left in me. That is when I realized I had hit bottom. I looked down at my once silken arms to see bruised reminders of my lost world. I looked at my body--the one which I had destroyed. I did not want my world anymore--now I wanted a pleasant reality. I wanted to be clean. I needed help now more than ever.

So finally, I spoke up at one of my last group sessions. That was the beginning of one of the most beautiful sunrises I had ever seen. That dawn, which lovingly covered my soul, was the start of my new life.

It is hard and it takes all my strength, but each day I survive. Most importantly, I survive without the help of drugs. I am a person now. And now I have tears to shed, but they are not wasted. They are my reminders of past mistakes--ones which I will never make again.

I feel things now. I live now. I am myself now. I am free from the help and addiction of my little world. Freedom feels so wonderful. I am so grateful that I can actually feel it.

*"I had no clue I'd ever have to pay for freedom, but with no hesitations I dug into my pocket for the week's lunch money and handed it over."*

Emily Yoder '99

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# Editorials/Opinions

## Professor criticizes President Hurwitz's response to political cartoons

Dear Editor:

I find President Ellen Hurwitz's criticisms of the political cartoons floating around campus as uncivil (*Albrightian*, April 8), well, funny. Her plea for "civility, respect and graciousness," has historically been the last refuge of cornered scoundrels and autocrats worldwide.

What is uncivil, disrespectful and ungracious, President Hurwitz, is the reckless abuse of power by your administration. It is uncivil to appoint as vice president for finance a person you pledged would not be a candidate for the position. It is disrespectful of academic civility to appoint as academic dean a home grown lap dog after pledging a national search, which you perhaps feared might throw up a candidate who might overshadow your incompetence. It is ungracious to abuse and intimidate staff and colleagues, which an overly

compensated bully like Paul Gazzero has been doing for years.

What is uncivil, President Hurwitz, is the spoils and patronage system that administrative warlords has introduced to co-opt and bribe faculty members to support their venal policies. What is uncivil, President Hurwitz, is the glaring financial abuse in faculty and administrative salaries whereby the chief financial officer receives the fourth highest compensation among all private liberal arts colleges in this country.

Mr. Gazzero, who, unlike most of his peers, does not even hold a Ph.D., draws a 20 percent higher salary than the college president and makes more money than the vice presidents of finance at colleges that have substantially higher budgets, such as Amherst, Bard, Bucknell, Colgate, Drew, Franklin & Marshall, Lewis & Clark, Macalester, Oberlin, Radcliffe, Reed, Smith, Swarthmore,

Wheaton or Williams. He earns even more money than financial officers at such doctoral institutions as Baylor or Denver, or dozens of comprehensive universities, such as Farleigh Dickinson, La Salle, Rider, Dayton, Villanova, etc. That, President Hurwitz, not a bunch of hilarious cartoons, is uncivil, disrespectful and ungracious.

What is uncivil, President Hurwitz, is that your administration rewards two faculty members, one without a Ph.D. and another who had been denied tenure earlier, with the highest salary among all faculty members, thanks to administrative cushions you created for them. What is ungracious is that the director of the college's food service, which also happens to buy food from a trustee company, receives a higher salary than all but two faculty members at the college. And what is disrespectful of all ethical norms is that the college's board of trustees

is chaired by a trustee who once headed the company that holds a second mortgage on the college's assets and that the law firm of another trustee serves as the college's counsel.

What is uncivil and disrespectful and ungracious, President Hurwitz, is that you are putting this college on hold for a year, lying about your intentions of staying through May 1999 while shopping for jobs and exaggerating claims in your vita about the amount of money (\$15 million!) that you raised for the college.

If you were genuine in your hollow aspirations for "an excellent, church related, liberal arts college" you would not be denigrating those who seek to expose the destruction wrought by your reckless administration and the ineptness of the board of trustees. You might instead join those who find the cartoons not just funny but right on

target.

Sorry, President Hurwitz, inept, incompetent and reckless administrators deserve to be denigrated. And to the extent it causes these administrators any pain, their negativity truly helps in giving them an appreciation for the pain they have inflicted upon the college community. So read the cartoons again, President Hurwitz, perhaps with your boss Paul Gazzero in tow. If you can share their humor with the college community this time around, they will have helped you. If you still find them painful, your grief will have helped the college.

I must confess, much as I would like to stake a claim for having delivered to you the awareness or the college's shared grief, alas they exceed my talents.

Sincerely,  
Achal Mehra  
Communications Program

## Student frustrated with financial aid, late loan payments

Dear Editor:

As a junior, I have dealt with the financial aid office for two years now, and previously the employers have been more than accommodating. This year, however, some problems arose.

At the conclusion of the 1996-97 school year, the director of financial aid, Joyce Ballaban, gave her notice of departure, leaving the office without a replacement director. Her departure left only one person, Judith Rile, qualified to process the PLUS loan and the federal Stafford loan. Other persons working in the office were not allowed to process these loans without proper training. Yet no one else was trained. I know students who work in the financial aid office who were willing to be trained. One student employee lives in Reading and worked in the financial aid office over the summer, but she was not trained. Processing over 900 student loan applications is too great a burden for one person so I do not harbor any ill-will against

Judy Rile; she did as much as she could. But more than 10 percent of Albright students who are recipients of either of these loans did not have their money dispersed into their accounts until March. That's six months past the scheduled deadline. Normally, upperclassmen receive their money just prior to the beginning of each semester. (Freshmen often take a little longer.) For the first semester students are supposed to have their loan money by the end of August or early September.

I am one of over 100 students who did not receive their loan money for the first semester until March. What problems would this raise for the average students? Well, students are not aware of their account balances. Estimations can be made to ascertain an expected balance, but until the money comes in and is subtracted, the student does not know how much money he or she needs. More importantly, some families are denied the PLUS loan. When this happens, these students usually apply for an

unsubsidized Stafford loan. But this year the families of some students did not find out whether they were approved for the PLUS loan until February or March. This is extremely late to be filling out a Stafford loan application that was supposed to be filled out in September. The odds of being approved drop drastically.

During the interim between financial aid directors when Judy Rile was the only person qualified to process loans, students and their families were being told that everything was running smoothly and on time as usual. The office deliberately kept everyone in the dark about the situation. A student who was working in the office during this fiasco told me that the financial aid employees were supposed to make unfulfilled promises to students and parents. The office was told to lie to salary paying families as to the whereabouts and status of their money. The standard line given was: "Your loans should be in in about two weeks."

By November 1997 students and their parents were beginning to wonder what was really going on. At this time a consultant firm was hired to help with the processing of applications. From May to November the office had only one person processing applications. Then, when the financial aid cover up was beginning to unravel, a consultant firm was hired. Why wasn't the firm hired in May when it was first needed? Why wait for six months to go by? Didn't a red flag go up? Didn't financial aid realize more staff was needed? And whose executive decision was to lie to over 100 students and their families about the status of their loans?

Paul Gazzero released a letter to those 100 or so students stating that they were being given an extension to pay the balance on their accounts and that they would still be able to register for spring semester classes. Well, prior to my date for registration I went to the business office everyday for about two weeks. However, this was to no

avail; I was not cleared to register for my classes until four days after the date on which I was entitled to register. Consequently, a class I needed was filled. I have talked to about a dozen students who experienced this same problem, and I am sure there are more.

A new financial aid director has been hired. Mrs. Duffy has been in charge of the office since January. She is conscientious, sincere and a student-oriented person. The financial aid office has a friendly and concerned staff, overall. This leads me to believe that the school was too cheap to hire the consultant firm when they should have. Instead the firm was brought in an emergency out of sheer necessity. I also believe that administration personnel in high positions decreed to the subordinate financial aid office personnel that it would be in the best interest of the College to keep families and students unaware of the situation concerning the federal Stafford and PLUS loans. Sincerely,  
Nathaniel Carey, '99

## Editor's Angle: Greek activities appropriate during Spring Fever?

I heard a lot of criticisms about Spring Fever Weekend, and I must admit that I agree with those criticisms. As a senior, I have watched Spring Fever Weekend become less and less fun and more and more "policed" every year. I wish I had a solution for how to return Spring Fever to the great weekend it used to be, but I don't. Sure, we can all wish for new policies allowing kegs and open containers, but that will never happen.

I do, however, have one suggestion for all you underclassmen who have more Spring Fevers in your future. This year I would have liked to have seen no Greek activities during this weekend. Hang on. Relax. No, I am

not anti-Greek so, please, do not even think about getting defensive or putting words in my mouth. I am simply saying that the band can suck and the kegs can be banned, but if we are all partying in the same relative area we should be able to turn it into a great weekend, despite the obstacles.

This is impossible to do when everyone is dispersed because of segregated activities. With one sorority and their dates off-campus because of a formal and several other Greek organizations enjoying mixers together, a large portion of the campus "partiers" is missing. Those that are left, both Greeks and independents, must try to continue the Spring Fever spirit on their own. This is hard to do.

The whole purpose of Spring Fever is to have one weekend when the whole student body can party together. Often the places we choose to party are Greek houses, and for that I say thanks. But can't Greek organizations refrain from having separate social activities just those three nights and join the rest of the campus so that we can all party together?

Again, I realize that this does not rectify many of the criticisms against Spring Fever. However, if it could make the next Spring Fever even a little bit better wouldn't it be worth it. We've all heard the saying "The more, the merrier." I think in this case it could work!  
Dana Peterson, Editor-in-Chief

## Letter from the Board of Trustees

Dear Albrightians:

I am pleased to share with you some preliminary information about our plans for presidential transition at the College.

While President Hurwitz completes her seventh and final year leading the College, we will search for her successor. The Trustees will begin the process at the May Board meeting with a discussion of how we can build upon the successes of the current presidency, identify necessary characteristics in a successor and plan for the reception of new leadership.

Representatives from all constituencies of the College will be invited to participate in this dialogue at the Trustees' dinner on Friday, May 8.

As Chair, I will work with the Board to appoint a presidential search committee that represents key constituencies of the College. Immediately after Commencement,

search committee membership will be announced. The search committee will select an executive search firm to assist in identifying and screening candidates for the position.

It is the Board's expectation that a new president will be named by spring 1999 and will begin his or her duties after Commencement 1999.

On behalf of the Board, I extend our thanks for your sustained devotion to our College and urge you to continue to focus on meeting the goals of our strategic plan.

The Board commends the President for her outstanding achievements and are confident that she will lead us through an effective transition, working with all constituencies to sustain the momentum critical to our continued success.

—John F. Horrigan  
Chair, Board of Trustees

# Personals

Thanks to Maribeth, Angie, Jen, Holly, Heather and Meg for a great year. And next year our suite will be great. Luv, Des

Corky-- What happened to your pants?

B-- I know you left that message... why deny it? --M

Brad-- All I want for graduation is to know that you are mine.

Green Machine-- I'm sorry about Spring Fever Weekend. I said some stupid things in my drunken state... I hope we can still share a blizzard together sometime....  
Love, Green Machine #2  
P.S. Are you sure there is such a cereal called Product 19?

Who were those naked guys running around the woods?

This was by far the worst Spring Fever Weekend in the history of Spring Fever Weekends. Can I get a witness?

Hummel-- Paybacks are a bitch! --L

Congratulations to the new brothers of Alpha Phi Omega!

Robin-- Next time we have a pretzel battle, YOU are the target... Okay? Love, Jara  
P.S. What's wrong with those people?

Witness.

Brooke-- Where are my pants? Probably at ChiChi's. --P-Dog

Claire and Heather-- I give you flips a perfect 10. Next time make sure there are no innocent bystanders around.

Who likes long, circular things in their BRA?

I'm so happy that C-1 is the Zeta's headquarters.

Gardner-- This weekend... a Crab Relaxer and a smoke. What do you say???

Seeing Mike Moffa again, if only for that fleeting moment, made this Spring Fever Weekend worthwhile

No one is tougher than Jason Alexander.

Nature walk....

Did my alarm go off at 6 a.m.? No, it was Donnie and his whistle.

Maybe Joe Viti is tougher, but just a little.

Manny and F306, I ain't mad at 'cha.

Hey Wreskass-- What spice are you again? Love Coa-coa spice

Stratz-- Your cleaning almost made up for the bottle of wine you owe me. But almost doesn't count. --the other psycho

Skins-- Hang out more you pole ass punk.

What's wrong with those people??

G-- Easy on the vodka champ. PV reunion party is coming up. You bring the tunes, I'll bring the tequila. --the girl without the wallet

I ain't 'bout yo Cafenova, he and Romeo ain't never been friends...

Pauly-- Can I get my pants back? --love your secret admirer:-)

D-- We're almost there buddy.... Keep on going, just a few more weeks.... Love, J

Security-- Great job during Spring Fever Weekend. You made sure no one had fun. --the students

Charlene-- I would've been your date. Darren didn't sucker you guys into Beirut did he? --love P-Dog

Dani-- Whether or not we watch Winnie the Pooh ever again, I will always be there for you. --Moy

Hunter-- So how many times did you get thrown in the pool?

Gwyne and Kernan-- Have you talked to "Stat" lately?

Virgins-- Next time we'll choreograph a little better.

R and H-- How about a sippy-sip from the beer slushy? --J

Todd-- How's Gretchen?

Shadeboys-- It's April and I haven't sleazed up on any of you yet. We don't have a lot of time. Let's get moving.

D-- Just when we thought it was safe to answer the phone.... By the way, what's wrong with those people??

Hey Phi Delt! Let's get married! Thanks for a crazy mixer! --Ruggers

Who's that girl with the cute, short hair?

B-- I think it's about time for another game of spin the bottle. There. I said it. --S

Gwyne-- Don't talk to me. Just don't talk to me! (Yeah Baby)

Corky and Zeld-- It's funny how pants just seem to disappear, huh?

Zetas-- I want my finger back. --Judi

Thanks to all those who supported the Pie Mafia.

Troy-- I had a very erotic dream about you last night. --Skidoflop

Drew-- Summertime, what?!

Put a fork in you. You're done.

Alyssa-- What the deal-ee-o? --P-Dog

Who would have thought that the Zetas knew how to clean. Thanks guys! --C-1

Beamer-- All of my apologies....

Elsie-- Where's that ghost? --Lu Lu

My pastor never told me that styrofoam upset the Baby Jesus... just when was this discovered?!

Next time you're lactose, Kernan, don't fart near us!

Hey Gilmore, can we call you on the speakerphone again?

D and H-- We would have won airbands, hands down.... If only we had taped our performance in the department. Love, J

Rear and Abha, LIVE IT UP! we only have 25 days left.

Dawn-- What I took from Thursday night is this--Screw grad school... CDL here I come! --K

Penna-- He doesn't know baseball from his elbow or another piece of his anatomy.

Ruggers-- Look at those tiny little eyes!

Danny-- How wast that chocolate bunny from Easter??? We know you ate it all down.

Mean D--  
If you see the nice D, tell her I'm going to miss this...and her.

Yet another year without getting arrested. I love it.

Like the new look, Becky... hope you don't look like Lever 2000.

Hey D, why not just chill for a bit... we paid to hear Prof. Traves, not you. Signed, a classmate

Bridget-- How did you do in that Shag contest? I bet it was the most fun! --Carson

BF-- You are everything to me. It will take a lot more than distance for me to give you up. xoxoxo

Hey sista soldier. You better back off my baby. If you're planning on having a battle of the wits, I'd expect you to be better armed. What the hell does the word Editor-in-Chief mean to you?? Try turning in quality work next time, and maybe Traves will pay attention to you. Peace out, yo, yo. Keep it real. --the College Game

To all the SAE seniors: You guys are smelly good riddance. Just kidding.

Mel, Sappho and Lil' India, (oh yeah, and Republican Ann)... It's been a great 3 years... KEEP HOPE ALIVE! Love, Aymer (Woooh Hooh & Heeb Chew!)

D-- Next time we'll cut you off so you don't pass out at 10:00! --J,H and R

How 'bout it. We got through Spring Fever with no lawsuits. Paul and President Hurwitz must be breathing a big sigh of relief.

L-- Yeah, we can't make fools out of ourselves. Night! --H(A)

If you know why she left then why don't you follow suit?

Albright Baseball:  
I guess there's only one thing left to do. Win the whole !@#%\$^ thing.

Jimmy D-- Please throw that shirt away.

Classmate-- Sweetheart, why don't you spend less time worrying about the fact that I'm talking and more time listening to what I'm saying. By the looks of things, you've got more to learn than I do. --D  
P.S. Why don't you sign your shit next time... it's not like I can't figure out who you are.

I'll never drink again...for me, it's a Valium for breakfast, another for lunch and a fast food dinner.

Moo Hoo!

Tommy-- I think you're straight. Love (in a masculine way, a platonic way), Scull-Dog

Spring Fever??? I felt like I was in a Vietnamese POW camp.

Bullis-- Nice try pukin' out the window.

Bird-- Blue wing!!!

Stop throwing things at me--it's not very nice.

Dear Scullin-- The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon wish that when you defecate from now on, you wipe. Please.

Josh-- Nice C in your lesson. You suck. Love, Skins

LLMJ and G-- I get to go to the next formal!

Thank you, John, for all of your help and for late night Wal-Mart runs!!! --Dana, Lisa and everyone else

Ferlick-- I still think your mole is sexy!!

K-- I think I lost the bet. The worst part is I don't even know what the stakes were. --D

D-- I for one appreciate your feedback--at least you have the balls to say what you think to people's faces. --L

J-- Congratulations on your new job. I'll miss you, but I'm really proud. Love, L

BWH-- Exclamation: I looovve you!

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# Men's golf battles the elements at 1998 MAC tournament

by Emily Wagner

The Albright golf team wrapped up its season recently at the MAC tournament. The Lions, winners of two out of three looked to carry that momentum into the playoffs.

In a four team match in their regular season finale, the Lions defeated Beaver College and Eastern College, but fell to Delaware Valley.

Using the season-ending quad meet for a stepping stone, the Lions travelled to the Shawnee Resort in the Poconos for the two-day MAC championship competition. Fourteen teams competed in the meet.

At the end of the first day of competition, the Lions were in eighth place.

"This was encouraging," said Coach Ray Mest, "because we were leading teams that had beaten us before during the regular season."

The second day, however, was not so kind to the Lions. The weather was not cooperating, and the team got caught in a heavy downpour. "This hurt our scores," said Coach Mest. "By the end, our guys could hardly hold their clubs."

In addition, the teams which began the day behind the Lions got a head start on the second day and were able to beat the heavy rain. This gave them an advantage over the Lions who hit the majority of the bad weather.

"It was a tough, disappointing way to end," commented Coach Mest, "but they never gave up. I'm proud of them because they battled and never gave up."

One positive to come out of the tournament was the performance of senior Geoff Foytack. Foytack shot the lowest score of the Lions' competitors, shooting 205 for 45 holes. His scores should be, "respectable in the overall tournament" according to Coach Mest. "It was wonderful to see him score so well."

At press-time, the official results of the MAC tournament had not been released. Despite the conditions, the Lions put forth their best effort and ended the season with a strong and commendable finish. This year's experience should be an excellent building block for next year.



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Freshman Ryan Gallatig (6-2) mows down the opposing hitters . . .



Albrightian/DANA PETERSON

. . . while battery-mate Dave Miller provides the offensive firepower.

## Albright baseball team beats Widener to win Commonwealth title, reaches MAC playoffs

by Dana Peterson

The baseball team swept Widener April 25 to clinch the MAC Commonwealth title for the second time in three years.

"The bucket of ice water felt as good as the first one two years ago," said head coach Stan Hyman.

The men knew going into the game that they would have to win one game in order to clinch a playoff and both games in order to clinch a title. They also knew this would be a challenge, considering Albright

baseball has not beaten Widener at Widener since 1955. However, the men were confident that they could finish what they set out to do.

"Winning the league title was our goal going into the season,"

said senior co-captain Chris Farley. "We knew we'd be devastated if we didn't do it."

On April 18 the men lost two league games to Elizabethtown. According to Farley, those losses hurt their confidence, although they lost no ground as far as the playoffs were concerned. However, the seniors helped the team put the losses behind them.

"We regrouped and played together against Scranton [April 24] the way we were capable, [beating them 14-4]. This helped get us back on track," Farley said.

The following day the men traveled to Widener with confidence. Freshman pitcher Shawn Wettig (10-0) pitched the first game, breaking the record for the most wins in a season. A seven-run fifth inning high-

by a three-run double from freshman Frank Puleo and a two-run homer from senior Chris Rickards helped secure the team's 10-2 victory.

With a win and a playoff spot under their belts, the men entered the second game more relaxed. Freshman pitcher Ryan Gallatig recorded his sixth win of the season, and Clint Williamson hit his 11th homerun of the season. With a .405 batting average, Williamson leads the team in both categories, as well as RBIs (45).

"I was elated when we won the title a couple of years ago, but I am probably more so now mainly because of the 12 seniors on the team," said Hyman. "They have put in a lot of time, hard work and effort to get to where we are.

I have the utmost respect for them and their leadership. I am also greatly impressed with the contributions from the freshmen pitchers. Collectively, they have 19 wins, 4 losses and 6 saves, which is unheard of."

Albright (26-10) will face Allentown (23-8-1) on Wednesday, April 29 for the first game of the playoffs. The game will take place on Kelchner Field at 2:30. Delaware Valley (26-8) will face Juniata (20-16) at this time. Let it be noted that Albright has beaten both Delaware Valley and Juniata this year.

Hyman is confident that the men are ready to play. He said that the Lions will need to play their best baseball for nine innings every game, and pitching will be key.

"In double elimination tournaments such as this, usually the teams with the deepest pitching staff win," he said. According to Hyman, Allentown and Albright have the deepest pitching staff.

The men are not only hoping to win the MAC title, they are hoping to receive Albright's first bid to the NCAA regionals.

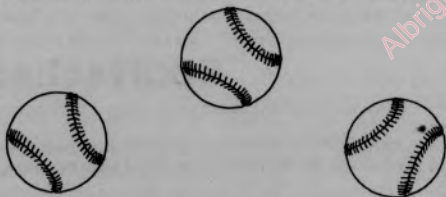
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Stan Hyman  
Head baseball coach

*"We want to go to regionals with the big boys where we belong."*

Chris Farley  
Senior co-captain



### Quotes of the Year

From basketball season:

Ref: "22 Red . . . with the body."

A fan: "Yeah ref . . . tell us something we don't know."

From baseball season:

Anonymous player: "Oh my god, did you see that? The bat just threw DelRussa into the dugout and it ran to first!"

After a baseball player received a ticket recently, a teammate quipped: "He's a cop? Isn't that like appointing Marion Berry to a drug task force?"



**Be sure to come out and support the baseball team today at 2:30 in their first step toward the MAC Championship!**

# Sports

## From where I stand...

Tick tock tick tock... the time is quickly running out. Things done, things still undone... graduation is getting nearer. Along with graduation comes the end of many things which I have come to hold dear.

It's funny to think that I have this opportunity for basically an open forum every other week. It makes me laugh because I'm reminded of something that someone said once, "God help you for giving me a live mic with the mood I'm in!"

I guess I've felt that way a few times. I've been mad, I've been disappointed, but most of all I've been happy. Happy to see the success of those around me. MAC titles for football, basketball and tennis, and baseball is within our grasp. Maybe that happiness hasn't always come through. Maybe it's gotten lost in the cynicism that four years here has bred in me. If it has, I apologize. So let me set the record straight:

What I have had the pleasure of relating to you over the past six months are my feelings and my viewpoints (thus, from where I stand). Maybe you could relate to what I had to say, maybe you couldn't. Maybe you liked what I said, maybe you didn't. Maybe I persuaded you, maybe I didn't.

Point... who cares where I stand? It only matters where you stand. That's all college is. In between the classes, the practices and the parties, there is life. Life is about finding out who you are and what's important to you. I've learned a lot about what is important to me during my tour of duty. If you stay here long enough, you will too.

With the next issue of the *Albrightian* comes the next sports editor. Her name is Emily Wagner and I'm proud to say that she's a friend of mine. She's going to need help next year - writers, pollsters and the such. I'm confident that she'll do a fine job. Who knows? Maybe she'll even tell you where she stands...

When you read this, I'll probably be on my way out to my customary position between second and third. At 2:30 on Wednesday, we host a playoff game against Allentown. Hopefully, I'll see some of you out there.

There, now I have at least mentioned sports. Now I feel a little better about taking up this space. Who am I kidding? For a final time, it is MY space, and I'm taking full advantage.

If I've made you laugh, if I've made you smile, if I've at least made you think... it has been my utmost pleasure. Best of luck Albright... I'll miss you.

Kurt Krebs  
Class of '98

**Congrats to tennis for winning the MAC Championships!**  
**Congrats to baseball for clinching the league title.**



## Men's tennis wins MAC Championship

by Emily Wagner

According to the MAC preseason predictions, the "experts" picked the Albright men's tennis team to finish at the bottom of the league standings. The Lions shocked the critics by not only winning the MAC Commonwealth title, but advancing to the league finals.

On April 27, the Lions battle Elizabethtown for the MAC Championship. The team enters the match undefeated at 16-0. The 16 victories breaks the Albright record for wins in a season which was previously 14.

The record for team victories was not the only record broken by the tennis team this season. Freshmen Matt Matlack and Keene Turner are currently tied for the most individual wins in a season with 16 each.

In addition, John Fatopolas and Mike Zinn also remain undefeated.

With so much talent in the lineup, it is easy to understand why the Lions are having such an amazing season. What makes the season even more amazing, however, is the score of the recent MAC semi-final match versus Scranton.

The Lions defeated Scranton by a score of 6-0. Normally, six singles and three doubles matches comprise a full tennis match. After Albright swept the singles matches and had the match wrapped up, however, the doubles matches were omitted.

Looking ahead to the MAC finals, the team has confidence entering their showdown with Elizabethtown. They have already defeated the Jays once this season, and after their commanding victory over Scranton, the momentum is in Albright's court.

An extra incentive for the team comes from Coach Dale Yoder. Since an MAC title would be the first in coach Yoder's long and illustrious career, he has promised the team that he will shave his head if they capture the crown.

After Monday's MAC championship match, the team may still have hope for an extension to

their season. "We are hoping to be selected for nationals," said Turner, "but it all depends on how the other teams look."

Even if the team does not reach the national finals, the MAC singles and doubles tournaments begin the first weekend in May. Tentative

plans have Turner and Matlack representing the Lions in singles competition, and Zinn will pair with Bill Flegler and Fatopolas will team with John Shapel for the two doubles



*\*After this story went to press, the Lions defeated Elizabethtown to win the MAC men's championship. True to his word, Doc Yoder did indeed shave his head following the victory. Be sure to stop by and congratulate him in person... it's worth it. Look for full details of both close shaves in the next Albrightian. Congratulations guys!*

## Demarest leads women's softball

by Kurt Krebs

The Lions approached this season in the context of a rebuilding year. While the season has not been a successful one in terms of wins and losses, the original goal of laying a foundation remains in tact. Hopefully, the program can be built around this foundation, and the success will translate into W's for the women.

Albright is emerging from the toughest part of its schedule. During a 10 game stretch, the Lions faced only 2 teams with sub .500 records. That is pretty much the story of the entire season. The Lions have struggled to pick up wins, but they have battled the toughest teams

that the MAC and the Centennial league have to offer. The higher level play has forced the Lions to raise their level of play.

One player in particular who has raised her level of play has been Liz Demarest. Demarest leads the Lions in virtually every offensive category. In addition to her offensive numbers, her performance behind the plate should earn her serious consideration for the all-MAC team. A pleasant surprise for the Lions has been the hitting of Ellen Terrible. A recent tear has pushed her average to near .400, and her on base percentage is over .500.

Jaime Eisenhower and Kelli Bracken have also brought a solid combination of power and speed to the lineup. They will provide

Demarest with some protection in the order next season.

Abbey Draper, though winless this season, continues to improve as a pitcher. She has cut her walks in half, and significantly lowered her e.r.a.. Already a leader on the club, Draper continues to mature with each trip to the mound.

The Lions record is certainly not indicative of the team's overall performance. The Lions are a much improved team over last season, especially defensively. Coach Jim Campbell predicted that it would take a little longer for the bats to adjust to college ball, and that has been the case. Albright is, and will remain next season a very young team. The prospects for the future remain good.

## Sportschat

### Baseball

It may be the House that Ruth built, but remember...Babe Ruth was a ball player, not an architect. I don't care who wins the NL West...just as long as Mike Piazza is not on the roster.

### NBA

Has anyone seen all of the people who were doubting the Bulls about 5 months ago? The Sixers should have another good pick this year...are there any 7'6" dopic centers who have made themselves eligible for the draft.

### NHL

Don't worry Flyers fans. A month from now, the Flyers will still be playing...golf.

### NASCAR

The Firehouse has a NASCAR promotion Sunday afternoon, thus proving that one would have to be impaired to watch cars go around in a circle for three hours.

### WCW/WWF/ECW

...and the new WCW U.S. Heavyweight Champion - Bill Goldberg!

Chris Candido and Lance Storm, the ECW tag team champions are beating the crap out of each other, all over Sunny? I can see that.

Match of the Year - Sable vs. Luna from Unforgiven (runner-up LOD 2000 w/Sunny vs. New Age Outlaws). I wonder why WWF is so popular?

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