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## Marathon finances restructured

by Eileen O'Donnell

Friday night at 7:00 p.m. marks the opening of the fifth annual Albright College Marathon Weekend, the culmination of six months of planning, organizing, and headaches on the part of members of the marathon committee.

In its relatively short history, the marathon has risen in both benefits to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and in popularity in both the college and the community. It is the largest youth sponsored fund-raiser in Berks County, and the second largest in the 10 county district. In its first year the marathon raised some \$4,000; in its second year the total reached \$5,000; the third year the

total was about \$7,000; and last year the event raised a surprising \$10,200.

This year the committee is shooting for \$9,500. This figure was arrived at in a rather complicated fashion. The figure is based on last year's total. What SGA has done is fund the marathon committee with \$3,600. \$2,000 of this is a programming fund, to enable the programming committee to hire better entertainment attractions. The other \$1,600 is a loan, to be paid back from the proceeds of the event. The committee must pay SGA 10 percent of whatever the marathon makes, up to \$1,600. So if the marathon takes in \$10,200, as it did last year, it pays back 10 percent, or \$1,020. Subtract this from

\$10,200 and you get \$9,180, rounded up to the nearest half-thousand, gives you \$9,500. Simple, isn't it?

The problem, explained Bob Montani, co-chairperson of the marathon, is that whatever total goes up on the tote board above the stage must go to the MDA, according to MDA rules. So while the event may garner some \$10,000, the MDA can only get 10 percent of that, so that is what will be posted on the tote board.

The donated money comes from three primary sources: booth money, dancer sponsorships, and outside fund-raisers. In the past there have also been private donations added on, which are publicly recognized at the dance. Each of the booths is run by one of the approximately 60 campus organizations; some even have two or three. These organizations also sponsor the dancers for \$100 a couple. In past years some couples have been sponsored by people or organizations located off campus, but this year all the sponsors are on campus.

The dancers' fee has risen over the years from \$25 the first year \$50 in the second and third years, to \$100 last year. This \$100 was divided into two parts: \$75 came

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## RSA formal tickets available

by Amy K. Shannon

"Much planning has gone into what I hope to be the best formal ever," states Jane Schwam, chairperson of the RSA Semi-Formal Dinner Dance. The event will take place Friday, March 2 at the Riveredge. Special features include a professional DJ, American Dance Band, and a cash bar (I.D. required).

The evening is scheduled

to begin at 7:00 with a cocktail hour until 8:00 when dinner will be served. The formal will continue with dancing from 9:00 to 1:30.

This will be the only formal of the year, replacing the traditional individual dorm formals. There is room for 600 people. Tickets are on sale now through February 24 while available.

## Chemistry lab gets equipment

During the past few months, the chemistry department has added some sorely needed modern equipment to Science Hall. The instrumentation became available to the department through grants from the PEW Foundation and the Dreyfus Foundation. The new additions are a Waters high power liquid chromatograph (LC), a Varian nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR), and a Perkin-Elmer infrared spectrophotometer (IR).

Each piece of equipment is a vast improvement upon that which it is replacing. The new liquid chromatograph has been used extensively by Dr. Rapp, as well as students doing research under his supervision. It is superior to the departments older LC in many respects, including increased sensitivity to detect and differentiate chemicals and a computer integrator, which interprets data instantly.

The new IR was used extensively this past January for a research course, taught by Dr. Birdsall. Several research topics were explored that couldn't have been done previously, because of the limited capabilities of the older IR. Also during the Interim students were instructed on the use of the new NMR. Its presence should allow undergrads more use of the older NMR,

while upperclassmen and research students make use of the sophisticated new one.

The new equipment should raise the quality of the instrumental analysis done here at Albright, as well as stimulate new research possibilities. Other additions are also being discussed, including a mass spectrometer, which would be the first one ever at Albright.

## Men's basketball

### Lions top Dickinson

In the most dramatic game of the season, the Lions pulled out an overtime win over Dickinson 67-66. Unfortunately this was missed by most Albright basketball fans as it was played at Dickinson.

At one point during the first half the Lions were down by 16 points, "It was the best comeback of the season," remarked Carey senior co-captain. "We hit the net just before the buzzer at the end of the first and second half of regulation time.

Near the end of regulation time the score was tied at 56. Dickinson scored with six seconds on the

clock. Emil Washko picked up the rebound and took it down the court for a shot, it missed the net but was recovered by Chip Carey who scored the points needed to tie the game, ending regulation time.

The Lions jumped to an early six-point lead in five-minute overtime. Dickinson recovered, and with one more Albright basket, came back to tie the game.

On the tail of the last Dickinson score, Dave Hornberger grabbed the ball and headed down the court for an easy lay-up but was tackled by a Dickinson

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## PHOTO EXTRA



Dave Becker and friends relax in the Campus Center.

Photo by Mark Tafuri

## Special Feature

# Squirrel's-eye view

by The Secret Squirrel

*The picture closes in on a tall tree by Selwyn Pond. At the base of the tree is your typical grey, bouncing, bushy-tailed squirrel. He is cradling and nibbling on an acorn, appearing oblivious to the surrounding activity. Students flowing in streams to and fro pass paying no heed to our little, busy-body friend. As if in retaliation, using the same disregard, he peers purposelessly into space, everything but his tiny jaw motionless. Do we exist in this world? Does he think, feel, ponder? What has he to say?*

—Hi. Um, you dunno me, but you've pro'ly seen me a million times. The name's Ricky. I'm in with this "thriving metropolis" of squirrels you guys call Al-uh-Al-uh-Albright College. Well, I guess I ain't like the others too much 'cause, like, I'm pro'ly the only one who wonders what YOU people are like. Nobody else cares. Anyway, I think I'm gonna check this place out sometime. I wanna see what your racket is anyhow. Uh-oh! Can't talk now. Here comes that crazy guy wit' the glasses. The guy wit' TTB on his shirt. Why's he always chasin' us around for anyhow? He oughta punt—can't catch us. Well, I guess it is fun sometimes.

*The scene is later that Friday night. Our friend, Ricky, has come out of his nest in the tree and found his way to the senior house across from Smith Hall. He stalks, nervously still, then scampering from tree to tree. In the back yard he creeps up to the stairs which lead down to the basement. Suddenly, he jumps back as a crowd of people approach:*

—What are all these people doin' goin' down them stairs. It's dark as hell down there. I should hang out to see somebody break their neck goin' down the stairs wit' all that ice and no lights. Man, somebody's gonna wipe out.

What's down there anyhow? I'm gonna check it out.

*The basement, lit only by a few colored lights, is hypnotically dark, with people crowded like trees in a dense, tropical jungle. Red faces, blue faces, grey faces glisten with diminutive beads of sweat. Faces, hair and bodies sag in the humid stale air. The only distinct sound above the tumult is the rock n' roll coughed out of the speakers.*

—Man, look at all them people! How can they breathe? I'm gonna get trampled. Hang out, listen, and take it all in:

: Hi Scott.

: What's up Donna?

: Not much. \$2?

: Yeah, \$2.

*Let's dance. Put on your red shoes and dance the blues...*

: Pam, is Dave gonna be here?

: I hope so. I really hope.

: (low as possible and cautiously) What are ya gonna tell him?

: Believe me Lisa, he'll know what I want. And I want it—big time (with a heavy breath).

: Well, kiddo (grinning wryly), tell ya what, you can have my single. Cool?

: Great! I'm psyched!

*It's a hundred ab-ove, yeah. Hot girls in love. Oh baby I'm in love.*

: Yo Flem! What's up?

: My temper. I've been waiting for beer in this [bleep]ing line for a half-hour.

: I know, it sucks. Who're you after tonight? Anyone in particular?

: Who's that chick in the red behind you? She looks like a dynamo.

: I think she's a Zeta wench.

*The union of the snake is on the climb. Moving up...*

: Phil, what's wrong man? You look bummed.

: Yea, I blew a French exam today.

: Forget it man. Get [bleep]ed up. That's all that counts now.

: Really. I'm gonna drink myself into oblivion.

*Cum on feel the noise! Girls rock your boys! We'll get wild! Wild! Wild!*

: Hi Frank (uninterestedly).

: Hi Linda.

: How are you?

: Fine.

—What a deep conversation.

: That's good.

: Actually, I got a "C" for Interim, I got fined at Jackson's, someone slashed my tires, my girlfriend blew me off—big-time, I got rejected by law school, I got black-balled by a frat, my parents are splitting-up and I've got the runs. Besides that, though, I'm fine.

*... my girlfriend packed her bags and moved out to another town. She couldn't stand the boredom when the video broke down... I'm in state—of confusion.*

—I don't get it. These guys all came out in the cold and risked their lives going down a black, icy stairway just to cram in to a little room so they can be bummed or get drunk or try to capture someone in their little hole in the tree. I'm goin' home.

## Basketball

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player. With no time remaining on the clock, Hornerger was awarded two foul shots for the intentional foul. The first shot missed the hoop, but the second went in and won the game for Albright.

Top scorer for the night was Chip Carey with 18 points, Emil Washko followed with 12, Rick Duney with 10, and Dave Hornerger tallied nine points. The team was helped by solid contributions from Greg Chelak and Mike Chiofalo.

This game was truly one of the highlights in a season which was also plagued with lowlights. Despite the troubles so far this season the team is looking forward to an exciting season finish. The final game will be played tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the Bollman Center.

"Even if we win we will have a losing season. Despite the record, we are not a pushover team." concluded Carey.

## Attention!

There will be an Albrightian staff meeting on Monday at 5 p.m. instead of the usual Sunday night. Stories from next week still must be dropped off Sunday night.

Please note: Some stories that were supposed to go in this week were held over until next week due to lack of space.

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## LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

This weekend was one filled with social activities. One that was especially favored was the party sponsored by Delta Chi. The location was nice, and many people seemed to enjoy themselves.

Unfortunately, some of our more "supposedly responsible" campus figures started a brawl which ended with a great deal of damage. Not only will this hurt the sorority financially, but once again the reputation of Albright students is tarnished. It doesn't seem likely that

those responsible for the damage are going to pay for it. An even worse consequence of this is that there is now another place in the community where students won't be welcomed. This hurts the rest of the student body and limits the possibility of future events.

Isn't it a shame that these same people who are supposedly fighting for improved and increased social events do everything they can to be detrimental to this cause.

Name withheld by request

Dear Editor,

Being a member of Alpha Phi Omega for nearly three years, I have witnessed the rise and fall of my fraternity's reputation with *The Albrightian*. Often we have received favorable treatment with respect to our activities but recently because of misunderstandings between your editor and some of our members, our reputation has dwindled. Your response to Greg Galtere and Lou Cappelli's letter (February 10, 1984) was by far one of the most humorous and idiotic rebutals I have ever read. After all there is just

so much going on at Albright these days *The Albrightian* just can't keep up. Especially when attendance at both the Gong Show and Battle of the Air Bands numbered over 400 each. I find it hard to believe that not one staff member of *The Albrightian* was present at either event. Why not just tell things like they really are and not try to hide behind an obvious mistake on your part along with your obvious prejudices toward A-Phi-O.

David F. Jablonski  
 Treasurer, Alpha Phi Omega

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to a letter written by Brian J. McDevitt in the February 10 issue of *The Albrightian*. At first I wonder why I waste the ink in my pen, but on second thought I don't want anyone to think Brian is right. Brian defines an interview as "a meeting of people, face to face, for the purpose of evaluating an applicant." According to *The*

*Merriam Webster Dictionary* an interview is "a formal consultation." The definition of consult according to the same dictionary is "to ask the advice or opinion of." Therefore, an interview could also be a formal advice session. Brian, there is more than one definition of the word. Besides, even if you didn't realize this, we went to all

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# COMMENTARY

## The American media - long on the 'what,' short on the 'why'

The idea of the American free press has been frequently touted by those who perceive the American media to be the best informed, least self-interested, and most unpropagandized in the world. Certainly, when compared to a nation like the Soviet Union and its state-controlled media (*Tass, Pravda*) America can indeed boast of a relatively enlightened media audience and a competitive, unrestricted journalism field. For these reasons, therefore, it is quite disturbing that the print and broadcast media have come under considerable fire in recent years, charged with "liberalism," "anti-Reaganism" and distortion of facts. These attacks persist despite the undeniable reality that the media often do very well by the free enterprise system, that they rarely stray too far from mainstream political and economic analysis (and give considerably more time and space to true right-wing causes than to *true* leftist tenets) and they offer little historical and incisive economic analysis of everyday events. In fact, American journalism usually expects and even requires its reading and viewing public to apply its ideologies and knowledge (or lack thereof) to the supposedly hardcore facts it is swamped with. This phenomenon—the media's reporting and occasional analysis of the news "whats"—at the expense of detailed analysis of underlying causal factors and historical underpinnings—leaves the public largely uninformed and as a result, misinformed. Certainly, as Seymour Hersh writes, the American media has treated President Reagan like a 13-year-old female dys-

lexic; in other words, a president cannot be too harshly criticized and must be veiled in an aura of respectability and nobleness. The American media may indeed be "free" enough to report the facts with laudable accuracy (except, of course, when they are denied access to them, such as the case in Grenada) but they are too embedded in the pleasing of mass audiences and the pressure (economic at that) to remain credible with anything but liberal public to risk going too far in their treatment of controversial and vaguely understood world issues and realities.

A few examples of this assertion that the media concentrate on *effects* rather than *causes*, and that the public, often poorly read and dangerously impressionistic, will elucidate matters. The American press rightfully reports (and with great frequency, by the way) the troubles besetting the Soviet economy and the comparatively shabby standard of living in that Socialist nation. The neglect, however, to inform readers (and viewers) that at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917-1918 Russia was an essentially feudalistic, fractured, and backwards nation, completely devoid of any capitalistic growth deemed necessary and (in its time) acceptable by even Marx. Additionally, Stalin's bloody deeds (done through collectivization, another one of Marx's fears) and the ravages of Nazi Germany are rarely relayed and cited as possible reasons for Soviet economic difficulties. The damage wrought by two world wars (while America prospered) is

without a doubt a justifiable explanation of at least some of the Soviet Union's inefficiencies and labor shortages. But the American media would have the public believe that the pitfalls of socialism and the greatness of capitalism are responsible for the wealth disparity between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Another, more current case reiterates my claim. The media tell us that Nicaragua is struggling to achieve economic progress and that it is being gradually pushed toward the Soviet sphere of influence. It neglects (willfully and/or naively) to point out the following facts: 1) Nicaragua's former American-backed dictator either stole or destroyed most of the nation's financial assets upon his deposition in 1979; 2) CIA assistance to Nicaraguan rebels has helped to cripple the nation's economy, both by leading to the destruction of property and by diverting the nation's resources toward military preparedness; 3) Nicaragua was ravaged by serious earthquakes and floods soon after the Sandinista victory, further draining economic resources; and 4) Nicaragua is one of the only nations in the world that is confident enough to arm its people—El Salvador or Guatemala would hardly do likewise. Many of these arguments can be applied to Cuba as well. The media (and again rightfully so—constantly report of Castro's military adventurism and suppression of dissidents; but they almost never relate the tremendous gains in literacy, health care, housing, nutrition etc. that Cuba has enjoyed since American gambling and sugar interests

were banished some 25 years ago. The American public is led to believe and perceive only *one side* of the revolutionary picture—Castro as war-monger sells better than Castro as provider of economic progress.

Finally, the American media love to devote endless hours to spreading the ugliness and shock of crime on screen and paper. Lead stories of local television news and frontpage exposure are often given to acts of murder, rape, and other violent crime. This is, admittedly, perfectly legitimate and a prime example of the courage and freedom to "tell it like it is" that the American journalism profession usually practices. But crime must be seen as the end effect of many causes—occasionally legal loopholes, sometimes weak deterrents and law enforcement, poverty, alienation, and the pandering of violence by the very same news-reporting media, to name a few. The first two "whys" are splashed into the viewer's (reader's) eyes with gross regularity—the exploitation of a frustrated and potentially victimized audience appeals to the less reasonable and more emotional side of man. The media, however, do not endeavor to fully analyze (maybe it is too complicated; maybe too iconoclastic or myth-shattering) why being poor, bored with a job or from a broken home (the second most common cause of divorce is financial trouble) can be legitimate causes of criminal behavior.

We can safely derive from this propen-

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by Chris Stroffolino

Looking ahead towards the incipient primary season—where the democrats nominate their presidential candidate, it is easy for those of us who are not republicans to become disheartened. This year, for the first time, many of us here can actually *vote* for president (yes, the so-called "youth vote"). We are told that there is no choice, that the democratic race is a moot point, that "Fritz" Mondale's nomination is inevitable, or as *Village Voice* columnist Jack Newfield claims, let's "settle" for him.

Unfortunately, this assumption is fallacious for many, many reasons. First, how can anyone take seriously as a person, yet alone a presidential candidate, anyone who says "I'm experienced, qualified, but more than that, as you know, I'm a real democrat, I am, I am."

Also, as a progressive, (which I'm told means that I'm more liberal than a "liberal," yet not a "left" as, per se, a revolutionary) I have more at stake in politics, than simply defeating Ronald Raygun, Nick Gugia not withstanding. Sure, I agree that an unharnessed Reagan (or, rather—the superstructure behind him) who does not have to acquiesce—even if only slightly (as is the case now) to the scrutiny of negative public opinion (from that vastly undefined "Middle America" which gave him his "mandate" of 26% of the registered voters in the first place). What upsets me (while not "scaring me" as does Reagan) about

Mondale is that he does not offer an alternative to Reagan—only a "less evil" version. Sure, he pays lip service to the great democratic causes (women's rights, etc.), but as Joe Rauh points out, the media concentration on the so-called "front runners" (especially in Reading) has generally drowned out the voices of the other contenders of the day. The democratic party spectrum right now is a narrow one, running from Mondale right to Glenn, rather than from Mondale left to Cranston, Jackson and McGovern.

Both "front-runners" have already aborted much of the national debate on the issues by accepting Reagan's basic premise: that military expenditures *should be increased*. Because of this and the acknowledgement that unless Reagan's \$200 billion deficit (and it *is* Reagan's) "goes away," there is no realistic possibility of adequately offsetting and, in effect, accept Reagan's other basic premise: that social expenditures have to be cut to meet very real domestic needs.

Less of a factor, although important none the less—is that for all their claim of being a people's party, these "real" democrats—who fall in line like so many dominoes behind Mondale (to wit: Yatron)—desire to gain occupancy of the White House is motivated more by a desire for power and a cushy office in the E.O.B. than by any compassion for the poor, needy, and conviction for a sensible foreign policy. Much of the idea that it is our duty as good democrats to

unite behind Mondale (and that it is divisive to vote for McGovern and Jackson) stems from that.

Isn't it the purpose of the primaries to vote your conscience (and then, maybe, perhaps, later unite behind the eventual nominee?)

But these traditional establishment democrats have been burnt before (in 1968 when McCarthy and Kennedy forced Johnson not to run—and, did so, quite literally. In 1972, when for the first time a Democratic Party elected a non-regular, McGovern—who was a victim of the regulars—who wouldn't support him again only because they no longer controlled the Democratic Party.) But, they finally learned the lesson of the 60's; "Too much democracy." In 1982, the Hunt commission unreformed the party ironically in Philadelphia, of all places.

So, the front runner is more formidable than ever. By the time April 10th rolls around, there may be nothing we in Pennsylvania (or in New Jersey in June) can do about it. But the self-fulfilling prophecy of the press's nice and neat two-man race may not be inevitable (of course, Dr. Bergman and myself would prefer to see an Askew-McGovern race). But if it is—it shows once again, the failure of American "democracy" to provide true choices. Rather, it is an illusion like the "choice" between Coke and Pepsi, McDonald's versus Burger King, etc.

Mondale would get caught in his own overpromising, would be especially vulnerable to Reagan's attacks

## Where do the choices lie?

as a "big democratic spender," would be attacked from both the left and the right (like Carter), and if his campaign is any indication, he would be "wishy washy" on foreign policy. Depending on your orientation, there are, however, viable candidates who would make sensible presidents. Reubin Askew is a better than average representative of the "bowevill" democrats (with his anti-abortion, nuclear freeze stance), but without the connection to big business; a populist. Jesse Jackson is an articulate spokesman for the disenfranchised. My personal choice is George McGovern—with his emphasis on a "common sense" foreign policy and a cut in the military budget (the only way I really see of affordably reinstituting the social programs others talk about). There's always Gary Hart, if you can define a neo-liberal, I can't.

So, it is still possible, working within the Democratic Party at this time, to find a Dr. Pepper (but still no fancy French wine)—but, alas, none of us are from Iowa or New Hampshire.

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# SGA CANDIDATES

The following are the SGA candidates for 1984-85. Each candidate was asked to answer two questions: (1.) Why are you qualified to be a member of the SGA? (2.) The issues that SGA should be dealing with in the near future are:

Meet the Candidates night will be Monday, February 20 in the Campus Center. Elections will be held on Wednesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 23.

## Sotos



I believe I am qualified for SGA because I am a fairly outgoing person. Since I am a member of a fraternal organization, I am usually present on campus most of the day and participate in a variety of activities. I am always open to suggestions on the improvement of campus life and policy. Since I am also a resident of this city, I would also be valuable to SGA as a source of information dealing with any off-campus situations such as fund-raisers, etc.

In the future, I believe that SGA should be dealing with the problem of student apathy to college affairs and should encourage stronger participation. There should also be an attempt to further relations between administration and the student body.

George Sotos '85

## Galtere



Because I am presently a member of SGA, I feel I have the experience necessary to make it an effective organization. I have become aware of many problems and concerns of the students and I feel SGA needs to work in order to help the student body.

Although there are many pertinent issues that need to be dealt with, I feel some of the more important are tuition increase, general studies requirements, student services, including the food service, and Albright's social life. SGA should develop strong com-

munication with the student body in order to meet the needs of the students.

Sandy Galtere '86

## Reynolds



I am presently vice president of Delta Chi Upsilon and was pledge mistress last year. I enjoy being an active participant in an organization. However, I am a junior now and feel that three years at Albright give me a more important qualification for being a member of SGA—time to know what the student body needs. Now, I too would like to take an active part in helping SGA fulfill those expectations.

I feel SGA has done a good job in dealing with the issues that have come up in the past. I can not think of a problem as big as the alcohol policy that needs to be dealt with at present. Through the All Campus Forums though, I am sure SGA will encounter and deal with those issues that are important to the student body and the well-being of the college as a whole.

Karen Reynolds '85

## Webb



Due to my past experience in high school, I feel I have the qualifications to be a member of SGA. During my time spent at Albright, I have come to realize some of the important issues which need to be dealt with. I am a hardworking in-

dividual and I'm willing to spend the time needed to be an effective SGA member.

In my opinion, one of the most prominent issues that the SGA should be dealing with is the increase in tuition as of next year. The students have no idea as to how their money is being spent and they should be informed. Another pressing issue is the social life at Albright. There appears to be a certain amount of apathy among the students which is evident in the lack of student participation in organized events. I feel there needs to be more diversified activities for the upcoming year.

Melissa Webb '87

## Fishman



I have been a member of SGA for two years. I am a very visible member of the Albright community. People can therefore approach me any time with all problems. I know that I can help the next SGA to be successful.

The greatest problem SGA has to deal with is the apathy which runs rampant throughout campus. I would like to see more student involvement in government. A library security system will be another issue with which I will be dealing.

David A. Fishman '85

## Lubba



In order to get the most out of college, I find it necessary to get involved. I am already active in several college groups and committees, which have given me a good idea of what is going on here at Albright. I am now ready and anxious to become an active member of the Albright student body. As a freshman, I feel that I can contribute thoughts and ideas that are fresh and new. Because of my high school experiences as Class

President and as a member of Student Government, I realize problems we encounter as student leaders. I'm open to new ideas and will work to improve various aspects of our campus.

Student Government Association should be involved in any issue that concerns the student; SGA is set up for the use of the student and for the benefit of the student. I think that the principle issue right now is establishing a better community between the students and SGA. Let the students know that they can and are encouraged to voice their opinions about Albright College. SGA needs to work on improving itself, as well as dealing with such issues as social life, alcohol policy, and financial aid. In order to better Albright College, there needs to be an active, well-organized SGA, made up of students ready and willing to devote the time and energy necessary. I am willing to do just that.

Debra Sue Lubba '87

## Stroffolino



Not necessarily "mad as hell, not gonna take it anymore," but mildly concerned, I submit myself, oh Albright, in hopes of your vote as the candidate of those who believe we really can make Albright a "better place" to those who care enough to read this. The institution of student government, while constitutionally defined as the "legislative, executive and judicial" body of Albright is vis-a-vis the administration essentially powerless in such substantive issues as enrollment, curriculum, Albright's image, faculty recruitment, etc.

They can get away with almost anything, since SGA has no institutionally formalized arrangement for holding the administration in check. We need to strengthen SGA as a vociferous advocate of students. If elected, I will (1) stand-up for student rights in any grievance you may have over Adm. policies (grades, housing, meal plan, probation, etc.). Second, I will support funding for the arts and other activities. Third, I will work to strengthen students' rights (4) will challenge Adm. monopoly in certain sectors (meal plan, bookstore, etc.) and lastly, I will fight unfairness (firing of faculty members without student input—to wit: Dr. Everett—in policy. Mostly, however, I will listen... to those who have concerns and maintain an open mind to any suggestion that can make Albright a better place for US.

Chris Stroffolino '85

## Dady



Getting involved in school activities and playing an active role in student government have always been very important to me. I was class president for four years in high school and was also a member of the SGA Student Life Committee. Perhaps even more important than past experiences, I am willing to work hard and devote the necessary time to make SGA as efficient and fair as possible. I would sincerely like to help, and if given the chance would do so with enthusiasm.

It is crucial for SGA to deal with the issues that the majority of students deem important. In my opinion, these include food service, campus and fraternity housing, and increasing the number of campus activities. Students also seem to be very concerned with the allocation of SGA funds. This system should be reviewed and improved wherever possible.

Sarah J. Dady '87

## Race



A qualified member of SGA most needs an understanding of his responsibilities. Understanding gained through experience that entails representative and decision making activities. My experience is solid, for example—I was a district representative to the executive board of the Philadelphia region of the world's largest youth organization. Essentially the same job of an SGA rep; I budgeted money to organizations, and did committee work for policies that affected these organizations. In addition, I have attended nearly every SGA meeting since September, and have a solid knowledge of how SGA works. Thus, my under-

# SGA CANDIDATES

standing is solid, and I know how to use it.

The issues, policy, and budgeting remain basically the same, from year to year. The important issue facing the next SGA is its ability to get closer to the students that it aids. By reaching a better understanding SGA can work more effectively for all concerned.

Stuart Race '86

## Stock



Roberto P. Stock '85

## Gehris



During my three years at Albright my involvement in campus life has included the MDA Marathon, Cabaret Night, Student Life Committee and academically-related clubs. However, the experience which best qualifies me for membership on SGA is the presidency of the Resident Student As-

sociation. Previously, I had been vice president of the Walton Dorm Council and secretary of RSA but being president entails much greater responsibility and dedication including administrative work, interaction with faculty and administration and, most importantly, contact with and representation of students and their needs. My understanding of and experience in so many facets of our campus will enable me to add to SGA decisions from many different viewpoints.

In working for ALL students during the next year, SGA priorities should include improving the SGA itself—its internal operation and effective representation of students, evaluation and alteration of the budgeting process, coordination of campus organizations and improvement of relations between them and analysis of Albright's social life and student involvement campus-wide.

Melinda Gehris (Mindy) '85

## Pottieger



My greatest qualification to be a member of SGA is that I am currently on SGA. Because of this, I am knowledgeable in all things that SGA deals with. I am involved in several other organizations and am active on campus which has helped me when bringing across the students' viewpoint to faculty and administration.

SGA should obviously deal with the students' interests. Some of the more pressing issues which should be dealt with are the tuition, social life and the alcohol policy; the latter two having a

great effect on each other. Because of the current alcohol policy more of the social life is going off-campus, which should not have to be the case. I also feel that the organizations on campus should be improved, rather than creating new groups or committees every time something comes up. I would like to expound further, but my 150 words are about up.

Steve Pottieger '86

## Kubereit



Christopher Kubereit '85

## Lins



I am an active, enthusiastic student who sincerely cares about Albright College. I have always been involved with the SGA and varied campus organizations and activities. I was given the opportunity

to serve the Student Life Committee and the sub-committee of campus organizations because of my motivation and experience. Dedication and devotion are necessary to achieve and progress; I have already put time and effort into working for the students and would be proud to continue my concern and involvement as a member of SGA.

...the organization and communication between the SGA committees, SGA, and the student body. Student body meetings should be called in an effort to keep students informed and involved. A budget should be devised for SGA and distributed to the students. Communication is of major importance, and student involvement is essential for a successful SGA. SGA is capable of accomplishing so much with student support and open communication.

Vicki Lins '86

## Godfrey



As regional vice president for a large youth group I gained many of the leadership skills needed in SGA. I had to work with many different people ranging from friends to administrators. A big part of this job was communication. I also helped with the supervision of funds, in deciding where the money went and organizing programs to fit a budget. Also having attended almost every SGA meeting this year I now have a full understanding of what SGA does, how it runs and what I will be required to do as an SGA member.

SGA has had many conflicts

with campus organizations and students. I feel that these misunderstandings can be avoided by improving communication. I also feel that SGA tries to handle too much by themselves. Learning to better work with committees and student organizations to handle some of these responsibilities would allow SGA to do a better job on their most important responsibilities.

Betsy Godfrey '87

## Olson



Through my involvement in other campus organizations, I understand the way in which the Albright community functions. As a resident assistant I feel I can easily recognize and become alert to the needs of students. With these qualifications I have established myself as a student leader and continue to display my leadership capabilities as a staff member for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils.

Among the issues with which the Student Government Association must deal I feel strongly that SGA promote more time to effective representation from the student body. In the past there has been little community between the members of SGA and the Albright students themselves. Ideally, representation from the students can only maximize the efforts of the Association when dealing with other prominent issues, such as curriculum, social life and increased communication with the board of trustees.

Natalie Olson '85

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Spotlight

Jamie Faust: Adding up to success



by M. Beth Norz

"Making the numbers work is like a puzzle to me and, until they do so, I am not satisfied" was the comment made by Jamie Faust during a discussion centering around her involvement as treasurer in many of Albright College's student organizations. Jamie is noted for keeping absolutely accurate books and is unquestionably a "Scrooge" where keeping records of all those pennies, nickles, and dimes is concerned. Certainly not resembling the famous Dickens character, Miss Faust has also been recognized for her artistic and scholastic achievements.

Jamie's first introduction

unknowingly became involved in a program that would, ironically, bring her to Reading for the Pennsylvania State Finalist competition.

"Believe it or not, I had absolutely no idea that Albright even existed while I was in town!" Miss Faust said. The county and state pageants consist of five sections: personal interview with the judges; creative arts (Jamie did a bit of singing, piano playing and discussing the piano as her friend); poise and appearance; and scholastic achievement. Having graduated valedictorian of her high school class, it was no surprise that at the end of the pageant Miss Faust was presented the "Scholastic Merit" award. To her pleasure and great honor, Jamie was also granted the "Creative Arts" award for her rendition of "My Piano as My Friend." Miss Faust recalled the close friendships that developed among the girls in the Greater Carbon County competition and felt rather dismayed to find that sense of comradery disappear once she progressed to the state finals here in Reading.

The state pageant was scheduled to be held during Thanksgiving week so the participants would miss minimal amounts of school. Jamie, having lived in a small town and describing herself as a homebody, was taken aback by the size of Reading and the competition itself. Though she did not become Miss Pennsylvania Junior Miss for 1979, Jamie Faust emerged from her pageant experience as a more mature and confident young woman.

Four years after the Junior Miss Pageant, Jamie is now a senior living at Albright Woods and uses in her apartment many of the free gifts she received through the competition with fond remembrance. Jamie, with the aid of scholarships and grants, is rightfully proud of

"having put myself through school," and feels that having done so she more fully appreciates her college education. Last year Miss Faust held three on-campus jobs. Through working in the dining hall Jamie claims to have been able to, "recognize many people by name, even if they didn't know me because I looked at their face and meal card once or twice a day." Jamie was also a Resident Assistant in Crowell Hall last year. Miss Faust opted not to maintain these two positions in her senior year because she feels that she no longer has the time or need to properly devote to them. She has, however, kept her position as the Accounting Department assistant. In this capacity Jamie must teach classes, run problem sessions, and tutor underclassmen having accounting difficulties. Jamie misses no longer being in direct contact with the underclassmen, but she has engaged herself in other activities to compensate for the loss.

Jamie was elected a member of the Albright College Homecoming court for 1983 and enjoyed what she referred to as an "unexpected pleasure." Miss Faust is also treasurer for the Dorm Council at Albright Woods and the Accounting and Business Association. Since all of this activity is not sufficient to keep Jamie's time fully accounted for, she has also undertaken for the last two years "my largest project"—the Muscular Distrophy Dance Marathon. Jamie is in charge of finances for MDA weekend and is responsible for much more than simply "paying the bills." Due to the insufficient accounting records kept the year before her administration, Jamie faced many budgetary challenges. In the last two years Jamie has essentially restructured and organized the books for the MDA weekend. One of the largest problems Jamie is tackling this year with the dance mara-

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to the position of treasurer was in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship, holding that position for five terms and sitting as president in her senior year. "We were involved in youth rallies, retreats, and all sorts of marathons," recalled Miss Faust. It appears that Jamie began her illustrious career of finance (and marathons) through her early experiences with her church youth group.

In discussing her past achievements, Miss Faust remembers her participation in the 1979 Junior Miss Pageant as "one of my greatest learning experiences." And that it was! Jamie made the decision to participate in the pageant at the last moment, in May of her junior year. Miss Faust

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sity a general rule of news reporting: "Don't confuse the audience with complicated and sometimes controversial supporting facts. Play on your audience's emotions and patriotic tendencies. And exploit your audience's often weak historical and economic perspectives." The initial impact of the "what" can be so influential that whatever "why" support that follows tends to be ignored, disputed, rationalized, or worse yet, nonexistent. The American media, as free and unbiased as they might genuinely strive to be, play into the hands of those who promulgate simplistic, nationalistic and shallow explanations for intellectually and ideologically-debatable occurrences.

When the writers of the Constitution put "freedom of the press" in the top billing they did so without knowing the eventual power of and dependence upon the media, especially the then-unknown audio-visual variety. American traditions and beliefs, though clear and strongly

identified, lacked the support of time, experimentation, and legitimization that they know garner—colonial leaders didn't have to worry about the "communist menace", capitalism's unpleasant side-effects, and the public's naive retarding alternative political and economic systems, since virtually none existed. Two hundred years of history and values reinforcement have altered matters considerably, however. Being "free" (a vague term at best and one that has widely-varying connotations, depending upon the beholder's social and economic standing) to report analysis that at least occasionally strays from the generally mainstream (i.e. safe) and sometimes conservative (a la *Reading Eagle* and many other local newspapers) slants which many popular media sources undertake. Perspective and self-interest will arise in any situation in which a story is to be communicated—it would be foolish to expect either perfect objectivity or omniscient reporting capabilities. But as Will Rogers once said, "I only know what I read in

the newspapers." This axiom applies to the majority of Americans who lack the time, opportunity, ability, or initiative to learn all sides of today's issues.

A combination of reporting only the "whats," coupled with ingrained political beliefs and educational deficiencies leads to a subjective and poorly-wrought "why" being formulated by the media audience, rather than being objectively supplied by intelligent, fair, and comprehensive news analysis. Granted, there exist a number of periodicals and news programs devoted to this type of detail; the majority, unfortunately, are either blatantly subjective or to general, popular, and middle-of-the-road in nature. The American media, far contrary that from criticism that they are liberal or anti-establishment, are the establishment—big business, public opinion molders, anti-Left forums, etc. They, in general neglect (or avoid) supplying their readers, listeners, and viewers with vital information that can only be learned by reading a few hard-to-find journals or

studying under certain professors. In short, then, the cause-and-effect world means a "why" exists for every "what"; some are disputable, unpleasant, unpopular or evasive, but they do exist. Our usually un(blatantly)-biased media have a moral duty, in the name of enlightenment and intellectualism, to pass along fair and complete treatment of these underlying causal forces, especially since they (the forces) will go overlooked or avoided otherwise. And finally, remember: To everything there is a reason—some just simply aren't black and white, rooted in traditional American political/economic ideology, or transmittable through emotional or "as-we-see-things" means—a grave mistake of such of our seemingly unrestricted journalism. The restrictions aren't governmental in nature, however—they're either self-willed or ideologically-determined.

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## 'Pink Eye': Still potentially serious

by Thomas Behrendt, M.D.  
Thomas Jefferson University

Make-up, bacteria, a smoke filled room, a physical blow—any number of irritants can cause conjunctivitis or "pink eye." In fact, the condition is one of the most prevalent eye problems seen today, according to ophthalmologist Thomas Behrendt, M.D.

"Conjunctivitis is an inflammation or swelling of the blood vessels in the lining of the interior part of the eye," said Dr. Behrendt, professor of ophthalmology and an associate surgeon at Wills Eye Hospital, a TJU affiliate.

"The lining of the eyelid, called the conjunctiva, covers

the white of the eye and the inside of the lid," he said. When that is irritated, the eye feels gritty and burns, especially when moving the eye or blinking.

"Any significant discomfort of that kind should be called to the attention of your physician," advised Dr. Behrendt. "There is no need to panic, but neither should you ignore the situation."

Treatment of conjunctivitis is aimed at identifying the general cause and removing it. For example, "Chemicals splashed into the eye can produce severe inflammation, as can the irritating presence of an eyelash or other foreign body; these may be rinsed out of the eye. Antibiotic

eyedrops are usually prescribed when bacterial infection is thought to be the cause of the inflammation," he said.

Bacterial infections can cause pus to form, and a thick discharge runs from the eye. Often the eyelids are crusted over and "glued" shut upon awakening. Before the advent of antibiotics, many people with infectious conjunctivitis faced losing their sight or even their lives. "Unchecked, the inflammation may progress to the cornea, causing scars that hinder vision, or through to the brain," Dr. Behrendt said.

Today, such complications are rare, but still a possibility. Conjunctivitis caused by

bacterial infection is highly contagious. Practicing good hygiene, discarding tissues and segregating towels might lessen the risk of spreading the infection.

In some cases, the inflammation recurs frequently, becoming a chronic condition. This is sometimes the case with viral infections; but most often is the result of an allergy. "The conjunctiva can be sensitive to certain cosmetics or to an allergen in the air, such as pollen," he said.

Dr. Behrendt recommends avoiding exposure to the allergen, if at all possible. "This may be impossible if the allergen is in the air, so we may treat the condition by trying to get the body to

react less strongly to the substance," he said. Eye drops, an astringent, or possibly an anti-inflammatory agent may be prescribed.

"Although the symptoms may seem merely irritating, any eye pain or problem with vision should be reported to your physician, since they are all potentially serious," said Dr. Behrendt.

He further cautions against self treatment. "You should never use any medication not specifically indicated and prescribed for you by your doctor," he said, "especially those containing an antibiotic, such as neomycin, or a steroid, such as cortisone."

## RA's relieved of desk jobs

by Rebecca Adams

The resident assistants at Albright College have many responsibilities that go along with their jobs, but soon one of these responsibilities will be changed. The resident assistants will be relieved of the responsibility of working as desk receptionists in their dormitories.

These rules have been changed a few times already this year. In the fall semester it was decided to have the resident assistants work at the desks three times a week from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The rules were again changed in Interim so that the resident assistants would work six times a week from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. These changes came about when the resident assistants decided that they were not able to do their jobs of monitoring their halls as well as was expected of them. They took their complaints to Pam Brewer, director of residence

life, Dale Vandersall, dean of students, and David Ruffer, president of Albright College, to discuss possible solutions.

"We decided that changes were necessary because there were too many complications with the way it was," according to Pam Brewer, "but the major drawback is the finance." The changes that have been suggested are two new desk receptionists for each dormitory to replace the resident assistants. This will give each dormitory seven receptionists with an increase in hours and pay, instead of the ten desk receptionists from previous years. "None of this is finalized yet," stated Pam Brewer, "it must all be approved by the Financial Aid Office. By March 1 the changes should be posted."

The main purpose for having the resident assistants work at the desk was for visibility. "We hoped that the resident assistants would become known by all the students in the dormitory and

the students would feel free to discuss a problem with any of the resident assistants," explained Pam Brewer. The resident assistants agree that visibility is an advantage for working as desk receptionists, but the disadvantages outnumber the advantages. Cara Romasco, resident assistant of Basement Krause, stated that "working as a desk receptionist took away from our jobs. We can't monitor our halls, it's practically impossible to counsel a student in the lounge with everybody around, and it's hard to get homework done." She said she "was glad to see the college respond to the needs of the resident assistants."

By March 1 the new schedules will be posted to show the new changes in the job of desk receptionists, but one thing is certain, the resident assistants will not be working as desk receptionists anymore.

## Career Concepts

by Kathy Stensland

*Every week the Career Planning and Placement Center will publish an article about a specific career to enable the Albright community to become more aware of job possibilities. If a certain area is of interest to you, stop in and see what other material is available.*

Technical writers, also called communication specialists, industrial writers, or material developers, use their abilities and scientific expertise to put technical, scientific information into language that can be understood.

Some writers specialize in presenting material in non-scientific terms for the general public, and others present material in great detail for specialists on the field.

Technical writing is used in many fields including medicine, mathematics, and engineering. In fact, any field with a scientific background needs a technical writer to prepare manuals, brochures, news releases, and technical correspondence.

The educational background a writer needs depends upon the company for which he or she works. Some companies require a major degree in a scientific field and a minor in English or communications, whereas others prefer the reverse and still some want a writer with a liberal arts background, who has had coursework in the desired field.

Some colleges and universities offer programs in technical writing, but most have only a few specific courses. For more information on Technical Writing, or for other careers, stop in the Career Planning and Placement Center. We are glad to help you.

## Dance Marathon

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from organization sponsorship and \$25 came from the organization's booth proceeds. Anything the booth made above this went to the booth total. This year the money comes solely from the organization, the booth totals are separate. The organization is, however, refunded for its initial expenses.

It is up to the dancers to find their own sponsors, which they usually do in September. Most on-campus organizations have a special MDA fund, which they fill through fundraisers held throughout the year. This money is used for paying the dancers' fee, laying out initial booth expenses, and, in some cases, a direct donation. Just about all the campus organizations participate. This year there will be

53 couples dancing, up from the 48 last year, 42 the third year, 23 the second year, and a big 13 in the first year. In recent years, the committee has had to limit the number of couples.

Prizes are awarded to the two booths that raise the most money, and assuming they're still standing, to their sponsored couples. The first place booth receives a plaque with the organizations name and the year engraved on it. Second place wins a letter of recognition. The first place couple receives his and her Jerry Lewis watches and a \$25 gift certificate for each dancer. The second place couple wins a gift coupon for a meal at a local restaurant.

Opening ceremonies take place at 7:00 p.m. Friday night. Present will be Reading Mayor Karen Miller, Repre-

sentative Paul Angstadt, MDA District Representative Debra Gober, who is co-advisor of the marathon committee with Albright's Charlotte March, and Albright's President, David Ruffer. Master of Ceremonies for both the opening and closing ceremonies is Dr. Tim Ring, who will be wearing a tuxedo this time instead of that white suit.

Attractions include D.J. John Ryan of Y-102, who is donating his time, after enjoying himself so much last year. Other entertainment will be provided by two bands: "Rivendell" and "Tomorrow's Sunshine," and square dance caller Mr. Flatt. All are invited to participate in the dancing and activities, but are asked to stay out of the roped-off dancers' area. Booths are open until midnight Friday and

Saturday. Admission is free except Saturday night from 8:30 p.m. to an unspecified time, when anyone walking into the campus center will be asked to pay 25 cents. This is because the bands will be performing during this

time.

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## WXAC advances tabled

by Kim Hodgson

Controversy has evolved from the possible power boost and phone system for WXAC. Lack of funds has been the primary obstacle preventing these improvements.

In reference to the funding problems, Dean Pappas, station manager, stressed, "We don't blame SGA. There will be an almost definite power boost."

The power boost will put the station up to 219.5 watts which should reach Lancaster. The final decision, which will be reached by March 1, is pending the approval of SGA and the administration.

A minimum of \$4,000 is needed for the power boost. This includes one amplifier, a double turn generator (required by law), and rehauling the 10 watt generator. Pappas stated, "SGA, WXAC, and the administration are working together to make sure the power boost comes along as smoothly as possible."

Changes expected to take place due to the power boost involve keeping a closer watch on the equipment and

taking part in the emergency broadcast system.

A two-tone generator is used for the emergency broadcast system to provide a test warning signal which should be heard about once a month. However, the format will remain the same and non-commercial. By August 1, the "new station" will be in working order and will only broadcast when school's in session.

It is necessary for WXAC to increase their power because of a 1979 ruling of the FCC stating 10 watt stations could not be relicensed. This ruling was due to overcrowding in the non-commercial educational range. The only other alternative left was to conduct a frequency search above 92FM where the big stations would overpower them.

Tony Shepps, program director, states, "The power increase is long overdue. It should have taken place three years ago."

"The telephone system, due to the priority of the power boost, has been put on hold indefinitely," comments Shepps.

Pappas phrased it, "SGA

has put the phone system on hold so many times that we lost interest." Again, he emphasized, "We don't blame SGA."

The much publicized, but never begun talk shows required a special phone system whose main feature was a tape delay that would prevent broadcast of possible obscenity. Instead, special talk shows will be conducted that involve special presentations by SGA and organizations.

Because of the impending power boost WXAC enforced a stricter policy and emphasized a need for professionalism. Shepps stated "Over the past two years the staff has improved. Before, the staff didn't take WXAC seriously." Also, dead air time has decreased and expulsion and fines have been enforced for missing a show without prior permission.

The biggest areas that need to be improved are quality of announcing, the record library, and equipment. In the meantime, WXAC will take one thing at a time.

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the trouble of explaining the purpose of the interview. "The purpose of the interview is to familiarize candidates with SGA and its responsibilities." This causes me to ask, why do you think we are evaluating applicants? Although I didn't check the dictionary, I don't think familiarize and evaluate mean the same thing.

Another thing I have to question is how we got to the point that SGA was deciding who will be an SGA member. Don't get so. ex-

cited, Brian. SGA isn't doing that. Personally, I feel SGA should be elected by the student body. You had Logic class with me last semester. Let's apply what we learned when we make arguments about something.

My final point is that we do need more qualified SGA members. No one is prepared for SGA when they take office. The object of these amendments is to help them prepare.

Thank you,  
Greg Galtere

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tion is providing meals for the thirty people who are dancers but are not on Albright's meal plan. "Mr. Jackson has been very helpful and I feel he has given us as many breaks as possible under the circumstances." For Jamie, the most exciting part of her involvement with marathon finances is being the first person to know how much money is being raised and which organizations are winning prizes. Jamie has begun paving the road for future budgetary ease by creating an accurate system of accounting out of what was essentially a book-keeping vacuum.

Miss Faust's future in accounting appears to be well established and running a smooth course to success. She hopes to attain her CPA and plans to take the Certified Public Accountants' exam in early May. She already has accepted a position with the firm Reinsel, Pacific, Langdon, Houck and Beaver in Wyoming beginning in June.

Jamie Faust is truly a talented young woman and her future, if based upon her past, will be full of success and pleasure.

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