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Welcome back to...Car Stereo Thefts

Sheila Berninger
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As of Friday, Sept. 5, more than 100 freshmen had already registered their cars through Albright Safety and Security. What exactly does this mean? Besides the obvious fact that this year's freshman class is the biggest ever at Albright, it means that at least 100 cars could become new targets for car break-ins this year.

Since the semester began only two weeks ago, approximately ten car break-ins have taken place on campus. In all the cases, after-market stereos, compact discs, and even loose change were stolen. This is a fairly substantial number of car break-ins to occur so soon in the semester, according to Lieutenant Michael L. Gross of Safety and Security. Lt. Gross added that most of the break-ins happened on Albright's surrounding streets such as 13th, Bern, and Richmond.

Currently, nothing has been stolen from cars parked in parking lots on campus.

As most returning students know, car break-ins are not unique to Albright College. They happen all over the city of Reading. The Reading police are aware of this and help out by increasing patrol near campus, according to Lt. Gross. But the police are not the only people who can help out with the car stereo robbery situation.

"Community involvement helps," Lt. Gross said. Recently, an Albright employee (whose name was not given) was leaving a night class on campus when she noticed a suspicious vehicle. The driver and passengers of this vehicle seemed to be looking in parked cars and noting license plates. The Albright employee reported this to Security and they patrolled the area, searching

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New Science Building is on the Way for Albright College

Kate Hodge
The Albrightian

Science Hall can be seen beautifully illuminated when driving through the Albright campus at night. For any science major, the large brick building characterized by the white columns, feels like a second home. This year however, ground will break on a new science building. Plans for the new science building have been underway for four years. Dr. Karen Campbell, Chair of the Biology Department, found planning an exciting process as the professors looked at programming and their curriculum to see what and how they teach. They were forced to look into the future of science in order to design a science building that will be useful fifty years from now.

Following the college's push for interdisciplinary studies, the building will allow for the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics departments to

interact. It will also allow for faster collaboration between the departments. The new building will contain modern labs to house the up-to-date equipment already found in Science Hall. Lab space will be dedicated for students to do independent research. Social spaces will also be available for students and faculty alike to interact during down time between classes.

The new building is set to be built along 13th Street, which will also provide space for receptions for events held in the chapel. Albright has been working with the Lord Aeck and Sargent architecture firm based in Atlanta in designing the building. The building will be an estimated 90,000 gross feet and cost about twenty-one million dollars. Dr. Campbell is glad that the students and faculty will not have to live through a renovation project of the old building. Once the new building opens, Science Hall will become offices and

classroom space.

Dr. Campbell points out that every Albright student will benefit from the new science building, as a lab science course is required to graduate. The new building will allow for new courses to be implemented. Junior Kristin Badman is excited about the project. "The new building will give us updated lab facilities, better classrooms-a better overall program for all science concentrators. I can't wait for the new building. It will be a welcomed sight for science majors and all Albrightians." The eighteen-month project is set to begin as early as 2004.

More recently, State Senator Michael O'Pake presented a \$200,000 check to Albright College to support the project.

A new science building will certainly be an asset the Albright community.

Kate Hodge is a junior reporter for The Albrightian

Albright College Awarded Grant to Help Enforce Underage Drinking Laws

News Staff
The Albrightian

Albright College was one of nine Pennsylvania colleges/universities to receive the "Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws" (EUDL) Grant, in the amount of \$15,720, from the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

As part of the grant, Albright will develop a campus/community coalition including, but not limited to, students, college staff, law enforcement, local politicians and area tavern owners. This coalition will help to plan alternative, non-alcoholic campus activities, as well as develop enforcement strategies, social norms within the community and public

education of the negative consequences of underage drinking.

Plans include the establishment of a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter on campus. Among SADD's activities, they will present a college production called Shattered Lives and bring to campus guest speakers with first-hand knowledge of the devastation caused by alcohol. Alternative, non-alcoholic, recreational events will be a focus of the grant and will be planned with significant input from the students. A neighborhood crime watch will also be implemented to target alcohol violations around campus.

Michelle Daniels, Ed.D., vice president of student affairs and dean of

students, said Albright has been working with the Higher Education Consortium of Berks County for a while, trying to

seek out ways to deal with substance abuse on college campuses. "Research tells us that students aren't into hearing about the risks and dangers of substance abuse because they already know them. But they are interested in alternate activities," Daniels said.

Robert Gerken, director of safety and security, said, "Our motivation for

applying for the grant was because we had a series of incidents on campus that directly related to alcohol. It's

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The EUDL Grant was

established by Congress in 1998 when they set aside \$50 million to be used to combat underage drinking in the United States. Twenty-five million dollars was appropriated for use in a series of block grants of which the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (PSP/BLCE), via the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and

Delinquency, was awarded \$360,000. Each year since that time, the PSP/BLCE has chosen one school from within each of the nine District Enforcement Offices in the state to receive the grant money.

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Faculty Corner

Archie Perrin
Faculty Advisor

"Barty" Thompson is assistant professor of anthropology. The addition of anthropology to the Albright curriculum is one of the many recent academic improvements in the College and was a long time in coming. Professor Thompson received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara, an academic paradise situated

on a bluff above the sea. He has also done extensive fieldwork with the Eskimos of northern Quebec. In January, he will be teaching a course in Iceland with the prestigious faculty-exchange program we have with the university in Reykjavik.

What is Anthropology?

I've been asked this many times by students, friends, relations - my wife still asks me what I do! The easiest and quickest answer is to point to the most famous anthropologist of them all - and no, I'm not talking about Margaret Mead or Louis Leakey - no, the honor falls to the one and only, Indiana Jones! You see anthropology includes four sub-disciplines - physical/biological, archaeology, cultural, and linguistics. My colleague, Indy, would have fallen in with the archaeology crowd studying past cultures and searching for things they left behind, and as all of you well know, there is infinite opportunity for adventure in that line of business.

Not to be outdone, cultural (or bio-cultural for me personally) anthropologists, who study exotic groups of humans in their part of the world, often find themselves plopped down in the midst of a primitive and unfamiliar society where they sometimes have to use their wits just to survive, much less gather insights about a particular group of obtuse humans. For example, one of the first sights a colleague of mine faced when he entered the village of a group he was hoping to study, was raised machetes. It took an hour of charades and sign language - (he did not speak their language) - before he could convince them that his head ought to stay put to atop his shoulders. It is sort of a rite of passage for budding anthropologists to stumble through at least a year of fieldwork studying a strange group of humans in the hinterland. If you come back intact and with some inking about how they live, then you're in the club - but if you can't hack it, then sayonara, have a good life in another line of work.

When I was faced with this dilemma, I was a graduate student at the University of California in Santa Barbara, California. I had professors and colleagues in the jungles of South America, and I could have followed them down there but I also had young kids and dogs, and I calculated that the probability that I could protect them from poisonous snakes, spiders, or arrows was about nil. Not wanting to abandon them for a year, I

chose to go north to the Arctic and eventually ended up in an isolated Native American community in northern Quebec.

As happens to many anthropologists when faced with the reality of fieldwork, my year of planning was relatively useless. Sure, I knew about these people from an intellectual standpoint - I knew their history, economic system, social structure, etc. but that had little to do with what I actually did in the field. Yes, I had a variety of mini-adventures like fleeing down a deserted road in an attempt to avoid being "captured" by some inebriated natives who took great pleasure in chasing me about town in the wee hours of the morning! (I was on a dawn run and they were just finishing up an all night drinking extravaganza.) But the majority was fairly mundane. Let's see, I think my number one past time was chopping wood - it must have been three or four hours a day to supply the fuel to heat my cabin and keep myself and family from freezing to death. The lowest temperature I recorded was -53 F, and it frequently hovered between 20 and 30 degrees below zero during the winter, which lasted from November to May.

My second "favorite" endeavor was trying not to get taken by the people I was working with. Don't get me wrong, they were great people - but they were also like any other humans around the world, and here was this clueless white dude stumbling about their village asking all sorts of ridiculous questions and looking like the proverbial ripe fruit ready to be picked! And picked I was! Let's see, there was the time my "good friend," Pierre, offered to bring me back a caribou from the bush. Was I ever excited when he plopped it down next to my cabin! However after he then asked for some cash to help him for his troubles, (which I paid unhesitatingly) and then quickly disappeared, my euphoria began to turn to panic - what to do with this frozen carcass before the numerous stray dogs descended on me and my prize. Luckily, another friend, took pity on me and helped me to butcher the thing. For the next two weeks my wife and I tried every way imaginable to cook those slabs of meat - caribou casserole, caribou sloppy joes, caribou

The Smell of the Mushroom Farm

(formerly "From the Editor's Desk")

Dan Ruedy
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the 95th Volume of *The Albrightian*, Albright's own student newspaper. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the staff for the Fall, 2003 semester. Gena Shope, is a senior communications

major. Both Liz Gaska and Pamela Herb are Junior English/Political Science Majors, Autumn Wilson is a junior Philosophy major, and Ben Martin is a junior Computer Graphics major.

Although our staff

has rounded out nicely, we always have openings for columnists, reporters, staff writers, and coffee-fetchers.

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STUDENT LIFE

You Might be a Freshman if... A Fresher Perspective...

1. You have your ID hanging around your neck
2. You use a tray in The Caf
3. You're amazed when there's something in your mailbox
4. You eat ice cream at every meal
5. You're dressed to go to a club, but you're just going up to The Woods
6. You have to ask where Masters is when you're standing right in front of it
7. You still hang out with your POP group
8. You expect events to be organized and to start on time
9. You bought out half the bookstore and charged it to your parents
10. You're excited to be here

Compiled by Autumn Wilson

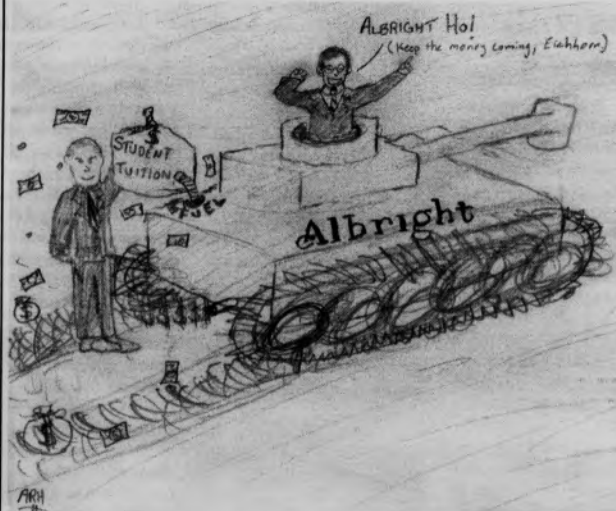
Break-Ins... Can't From pg. 1 their vehicles and use detachable face plates for car stereos.

Besides reporting suspicious vehicles, students on campus can take action to protect their own cars.

Gross recommended that car owners keep compact discs and money out of sight inside

"It doesn't matter what kind of vehicle you have, if you have a stereo you're a target," Lieutenant Gross said.

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Simon: "Albright Ho! Keep the money coming, Eichhorn"

"Colonel" President Simon Forges Ahead With The Magic Money Fuel Provided By His Soldiers...I Mean Students

SPORTS

Wilkes Runs Over Albright

Jeff Feiler
The Albrightian

Wilkes junior running back Brett Trichilo spoiled the Albright football opener Saturday night, rushing for a Wilkes school record 301 yards and three touchdowns in a 55-28 Colonels victory at Shirk Stadium. The game was the season and conference opener for both teams.

Both Albright and Wilkes played well on the offensive side of the ball, combining for 979 yards of total offense. Trichilo accounted for the majority of Wilkes 526 yards of offense. Junior quarterback John Port sparked the Albright offense, passing for 367 yards and 3 touchdowns. Junior wide receiver Steve Mosey caught 8 passes for 102 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Turnovers hurt the Lions early in the first quarter. Junior Adam Hubley fumbled inside the Wilkes 20 yard line on the Lions' second drive of

the game. Wilkes responded with a 7 play 83 yard touchdown drive which included a 53 yard reception by senior wide receiver Mike Walk. The Lions hurt themselves again late in the first quarter when Wilkes sophomore Will Wilson returned a John Port interception 58 yards to set up a 4 play 29 yard touchdown drive for the Colonels.

Albright cut the Wilkes led in half when Hubley ran one yard for the Lions' first score, completing a 10 play 59 yard drive. Wilkes would respond to Albright's score, finishing their next two drives with touchdowns and increasing their lead to 27-7. Albright answered before the end of the half with a 2 yard touchdown reception by junior Steve Mosey, closing the gap to 27-14 at half.

The third quarter's only score belonged to the Lions, cutting the Wilkes lead to 27-21. Port completed a 24 yard touchdown pass to senior

wide receiver Jesse Dorias, finishing an 8 play 80 yard drive for Albright.

Wilkes took control of the football game in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Lions 28 to 7. Scoring runs by Trichilo and Maleek Mills gave Wilkes a 41-21 lead with 7:30 left in the game. Will Wilson then sealed the deal when he recorded his second interception of the game, and returned the pick for a 55 yard touchdown. Trichilo then finished his record-setting day with a 44 yard rushing touchdown, his longest run of the day, to finish the scoring. The Lions now enter their bye week of the season and will return to action Saturday, September 20, at Ursinus College. The Lions hope to even their record before challenging conference opponent Lycoming on September 27.

Jeff Feiler is a sports correspondent for *The Albrightian*.

Men's Soccer Falls to Marlins

Jeff Feiler
The Albrightian

Norfolk, VA - Virginia Wesleyan jumped on Albright for four first half goals and never looked back in a 5-0 non-conference win Saturday afternoon in Norfolk. The loss drops Albright to 2-4 on the year, while Virginia Wesleyan improves to 4-2.

Wesleyan scored 11 minutes into the game and then added goal number two only 90 seconds later to put the

Lions in a hole early. The Marlins scored two more times in the remainder of the half to take a 4-0 lead to the locker room at the break. Albright managed only two shots in the half to 13 for Virginia Wesleyan.

The Marlins tacked on one more goal in the second half, again outshooting the Lions by a wide margin, this time 16 to 5. Junior AJ Campo recorded eight saves in the second half for Albright.

Field Hockey is Shut Out

Jeff Feiler
The Albrightian

READING, PA - Kean defeated Albright 2-0 in a non-conference match up on a soggy Kelchner Field Saturday afternoon. Albright falls to 1-4 on the season, while Kean remains unbeaten at 6-0. Kean dominated the game from the beginning, but the play of junior goalkeeper Kristen Ianieri kept the Lady Lions close. She

allowed only one first half goal despite facing 15 shots and making 10 saves. Albright managed only two shots in the first 35 minutes and did not force the Cougar goalie to make a save. The second half was more of the same, as Kean ripped off 21 shots to Albright's two. Again Ianieri was big, making eight saves and allowing only one more goal. Angela Gardner and Sabrina Perry each had two shots for the Lady Lions.

Albright has a week off before starting Commonwealth Conference action next Saturday when they host Juniata at 1:00.

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Cross-Country Opens Season

The Albright men's cross-country team opened the 2003 season with a strong 2nd place finish at the Delaware Valley Invitational. The Lions were bested by only Nyack out of nine teams. Senior Matt Long led Albright with a fifth place overall finish. Freshman Josh Hunter had a strong first

collegiate race, finishing right behind Long in 6th place. The Sarno brothers, freshman Anthony and junior Joe, finished 11th and 12th in their first race together. Sophomore Brendan Ward and freshman Matt Wright finished 22nd and 46th for the Lions to finish out the scoring on the day.

The women's crew team opened the season in style Saturday by winning the Delaware Valley Invitational. The Lady Lion runners out-distanced ten other teams to take the title. Junior Chrissy Matticola led the way for Albright, finishing second overall out of 68 runners.

Freshman Ashley Kelso was the next Lady Lion across the line, coming home in 13th place. Freshman Rachel Landis and senior Kim Hassel were right behind Kelso, finishing 15th and 16th, respectively. Junior Joanie Grady ran a strong race for Albright, placing 34th on the afternoon.

COMMENTARY

Freedom: The Easier Way to Remember the Eleventh

Andrew Harris
The Albrightian

It has been two years since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. As I reflect on those attacks and what has happened since, I am deeply perturbed at how the President of the United States has helped the country put its head in the proverbial ground. I started to feel despair when he called the terrorists, "enemies of freedom" (in a speech entitled "Freedom and Fear are at War" delivered before Congress on September 20, 2001). The despair grew when he said, in that very same speech, "They hate our freedoms — our freedom of religion, our freedom of speech, our freedom to vote and assemble and disagree with each other."

I found these statements disturbing since they are very easy and appealing answers to a very tough question. They are answers that do not call for self-reflection. Having the terrorists hate our freedom allows the status quo to operate without interruption. With an answer like that, we can mitigate our responsibility and pass the buck.

Without too much reflection we attacked Afghanistan, and once the Taliban was gone, though not

Osama, Bush set his sights on his Axis of Evil. Somehow Iraq, Iran, and North Korea become possible terrorist collaborators, and the next thing you know, everyone is talking about war with Iraq. Remember last summer when the media discussed when the war with Iraq would be? Not if, or should we go to war, but when.

While Americans die in Iraq on a daily basis and our focus is on the "hunt" for Saddam, one has to wonder what did we learn from September 11th? Is attacking countries like Iraq solving the problems that caused the animosity in the terrorists? In light of our lack of reflection on why we were attacked, our lack of real soul searching on who we attack and why we have to attack, I fear that we are burying our heads just a little deeper into the ground each day. Just as time distances us from those attacks, we are distancing ourselves from ever learning from them.

Andrew Harris is a senior columnist for *The Albrightian*

I am not a Crook

Dan Ruedy
The Albrightian

It was the eve of Saturday, August 30th, and I was making my way through the Albright Woods apartment complex, minding my own business and enjoying the peace and quiet of the crickets, the roar of traffic on 222, and a gently rustling breeze. I decided to call a friend on my portable communications device. No sooner was the call in progress that five uniformed men suddenly approached me on foot, waving flashlights in my general direction. I could premise that these were no cheerful fellows out for an evening stroll. They neglected to introduce themselves,

interrogated me about why I was walking, and menacingly shined their flashlights in my general direction. It occurred to me that these were likely Liquor Control Enforcement representatives, and I figured the only way to appease them would be to present my Driver's License, state that I was 21, and that there was no need to make a fuss. I could already tell that my standing with these men was on the decline. I can understand their misfortune. They were like a group of men fishing, apparently not catching anything, then their big shot leader claims to have a huge

fish on his line. He begins to reel that baby in with much a hoot and holler, then the big fish turn out to be an old boot, perhaps even with a small hole in the toe where an ill-tempered crab lives. I am sorry I had to be the boot. I could sense their disappointment as one of them stared at my Driver's License, releasing an anticlimactic sigh that let his buddies know that a boot was breaking through the water's surface. I tried my best to

"If you are over 21, maybe you should get a fake that says you're 16. You might get handcuffed, but at least you won't be the waterlogged boot that earns you five minutes of verbal abuse and unjustified hassle."

console them, saying that I appreciated what they were trying to do in terms of enforcement, but that my presence was certainly no cause for alarm. If my boot status didn't turn them sour, trying to be friendly did. They called me an "asshole" and insisted "[they] went to college too", and that "[I] had no right to be smart". Perhaps I struck some sort of nerve, the nerve that turns ordinary men into mean people. Then they called me an "asshole" again, and told me to "get the hell of here, and we don't want to see you again tonight". They wrote my name down on a piece of

paper. I can surmise it was their "asshole" list for that night. There were five of them, and I think each one called me an "asshole" at least once. This behavior didn't seem fair. I was the one being inconvenienced, and I was the asshole. This gestapo-esque operation reminded me of my days in Russia when I would be stopped on the street to present my papers. Over there I could just flash my diplomatic passport, and they would run like mice from a cat. But that was a country either recovering from or on the verge of (is there a

difference?) collapse. This is a college campus. Are things really so bad that we need to have cops swarming like hornets around its 400 acres? If you are over 21, maybe you should get a fake that says you're 16. You might get handcuffed, but at least you won't be the waterlogged boot that earns you five minutes of verbal abuse and unjustified hassle. To those five gentlemen; serve and protect, but please don't disrespect.

Dan Ruedy is a junior columnist for *The Albrightian*

Card Operated Laundry Getting Hung out to Dry

Liz Gaska
The Albrightian

Does the average college student have \$25.00 to spend on laundry? No, is the emphatic answer that pops into my head. Well, that is exactly what Albright College deemed necessary for all students who live in the quad this year. In the duration of the past couple of years, Albright stumbled upon the realization that, hey quarters are a hassle and it might just be better to find another method of payment for the entire laundry system. I, myself, was ecstatic when I heard that I would no longer have to scrounge around for quarters to do my laundry. But what I originally heard was quite inaccurate, although I must say it was a great idea. I had heard that the washers and dryers would be working on a vendor card system, much akin to our photocopying machines, and that would mean that you could acquire a vendor card

from student accounts and place any amount of money on it. When that ran out you could put more money on the card by feeding it into the machine that took your card. But this was obviously far too rational. You can imagine my surprise when I learned that our ID was going to work as a vendor card and we would have to go to student accounts every time we needed to put money into our laundry account. But, and this is the kicker, we have to put \$25.00 into our laundry account to activate it and all payments to our laundry account have to be in \$25.00 increments. Now did this really seem feasible to the administrators that set this system up? I mean when the typical adult thinks about college students, don't they think about students eating massive amounts of Ramen noodles so that they can afford to buy a case of insanely cheap beer for the weekend? There is a little truth in this. College students tend to not have a lot of money and do make an

effort to be frugal. So how does this idea mesh with having to pay \$25.00 to do my laundry?

Most students also do not realize what a hassle this laundry nonsense brings to your current student account. If you charge something at Jakes or the bookstore, that might actually be taken out of your laundry money. If you have an overdue account balance it will be taken directly out of your laundry money. Then you'll have to put another \$25.00 payment into your laundry account. This just seems like far too much hassle for me. Now most people also are irritated because they also raised the price of doing laundry, but I tend to understand why. They gave us brand new washers and dryers; the least we can do is pay an extra 50 cents for that. I mean if I added up the amount of money I lost in broken washers and dryers and that didn't dry properly, it would probably totally compensate for the

extra money for the new ones. The only problem this poses is that, it's really not fair for the residents of North Hall. Because they still have to deal with the old washers and dryers and they have to pay the increased price. But wait, maybe it is fair for them because they get to use quarters and don't have to deal with the insane \$25.00 payment student account hassle.

Now, I know what you're asking yourself, what am I the intelligent, thrifty college student supposed the do in this situation? Never fear, I have an answer. Sparkle Wash Coin Laundry is located on 3511 Kutztown Road. Yes, that is the road which one travels to get to Wal-Mart. The drive is approximately 4 minutes. If you don't have a car, I'm sorry, have a fun time with \$25.00 payments. Sparkle Wash is open 24 hours a day and is normally run by a very nice lady named Cathy. On my trip to Sparkle Wash Cathy

informed me that if a machine is broken and it takes your money, you are always reimbursed and there is always an attendant standing by for any laundry questions that you might have. While I was there I did three loads of laundry and spent \$5.75. I actually spent less than I would have at Albright. The same amount of laundry would have cost me \$6.00 in my dorm. Sparkle Wash wasn't crowded, scary or smelly and it was good way to get my laundry done quickly and catch up on my Beowulf. I highly recommend it if you're as fed up with this laundry nonsense as I am.

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