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## Bound for Nebraska, the Crawfords bid Albright a bittersweet farewell

by Mark Blank

Two very influential teachers will not be seen on Albright's campus next year. Dr. Sidnie White Crawford and Dr. Dan Crawford will both be pursuing new opportunities at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in September. They both love Albright College and all of its great attributes, and also the convenience of living across the street from the college in their home, which, they both added, is now for sale. Albright will always be special to both of them because it is the place that the two met. White Crawford said, "Albright has a special place in our hearts for that reason alone."

Crawford began teaching here nineteen years ago in the Philosophy Department, while White Crawford began teaching here eight years ago. Crawford stated that he will miss many things here at Albright, including the small classes, the close contact with students, his philosophy majors, and directing the Experience Program. White Crawford added that one of Albright's strengths is its close-knit community among the students, faculty, and staff. She said it cannot be duplicated anywhere else.

Megan Brady, class of '99, commented that White Crawford is one of thirteen individuals in the world who can touch and study the Dead Sea Scrolls. This is one reason why White Crawford will be the Associate

Professor of the Hebrew Bible, affiliated with the Judaic Studies Program, and chair of the Classics Department at the University of Nebraska. Crawford will begin to move into more specialized MA programs in religious studies and the instruction of Biblical Hebrew.

Crawford has been in charge of the Experience Program for the past three years, and has helped make this program grow. He states that Dean Brooks is currently looking for a replacement for the job. He hopes the college will continue to support the program and that the new director will carry on what he has done, bringing in a variety of high-quality artists and lecturers.

When Crawford began teaching here, the program had just begun, and with his help it has grown to become a huge part of Albright life. This is one reason why his responsibility in the appointment of Administration will be developing a freshman program called Learning Communities, and the other half of the appointment will be as a visiting Professor of Philosophy.

With Crawford's great experience from directing the Experience Events, he has been able to better his administrative talents and capture the chance to develop the Learning Communities at the Univ. of Nebraska. His experiences and handling of the Experience

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Photo provided by Mark Blank  
Albright College will be fondly remembered by the Crawfords. Dr. Sidnie White Crawford said, "Albright has a special place in our hearts."

## Allies provide support for gay, lesbian, bi students

by Lisa Zimmerman

Ask almost any Albright student what major event was going on Monday, April 10, and he or she will not likely remember Fantasy Auction, which drew almost a third of the student body in the Campus Center Main Lounge.

Unbeknownst to many of these students, there was another meeting right next door, within the confines of the South Lounge, where several students and faculty were discussing the start of the Allies Program on Albright's Campus.

The Allies Program, which has been established on many other college and university campuses across the United States, consists of students, faculty, and administration who provide guidance and support to those who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

There were several signs displayed around campus advertising for the Allies meetings. They described the purpose of an ally as "combating prejudice and discrimination on sexual orientation, both on

a personal and social level."

Paul Clark, Mark Kenney, Judy Geiser, Ann Myers, Suzanne Nickeson, Gini Rinkus, Carmen Salsbury and Jeff Woodward initiated the program and conducted the first two programs for staff training. Lisa Mazer was integral in helping with the two student sessions.

From these four meetings, the program has attracted 15 staff and 13 students.

"We cannot overestimate the pain that gay, lesbian and bisexual students go through when we perpetuate negative stereotypes and rejection," Suzanne Nickeson said. "The Allies' main purpose is to educate us and them, and finally, to have more people start saying 'we.'"

The meetings have stressed that students and staff acknowledge their own stereotypes and fears regarding homosexuals, and then actively avoiding hetero-sexist behavior.

Heterosexism is assuming that everyone one meets is heterosexual and consequently

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## Orientation 1997: Coming with a bang

by Erin Leyhane

As the year comes to a close, the memories of orientation are still with many Albright students. Orientation was a time of fun and new experiences for first-year students and transfer students. The POP leaders kept the energy level high and paved the way for the new students to get to know Albright. Megan Brady and Pete Miller are heading up this year's orientation and they hope it's going to be a blast.

The new faculty advisor for this year's orientation program will be Dr. Rodney Warfield.

The 1997 orientation will run from Friday, August 29 to Tuesday, September 2. The

weekend will be full of activities, but students will have the afternoon free on Tuesday to provide unpacking time. Upperclassmen will be returning Tuesday night, and classes will begin on Wednesday.

Orientation will mostly consist of the same events as last year. However, there will be a greater effort to include more events involving professor and staff participation.

On Monday, September 1, the new students will be interacting with faculty on a personal level. Presentations, mediation and discussions will take place to orient the students with the faculty.

The students will also participate in the scavenger hunt to familiarize them with the campus. "Play Fair" will also be returning, and a Sports Night is in the works. The video and discussion will take place sharing general information and a few secrets about Albright and the Reading area.

Brady and Miller hope that there will be wonderful group bonding and lots of laughs. Brady sums it up by commenting, "Orientation is going to be great this year for the students and faculty. We are all really excited for it."

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## New officers introduced, strategic plan discussed at Sunday's SGA meeting

by Lori Thomas

The Student Government Association had another meeting on Sunday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the Klein Lecture Hall.

SGA has recently held elections for new officers and a new board for the upcoming 1997-1998 school year. Carissa Kolb has been re-elected to serve for a second term as SGA president. This year's recording secretary, Jason Frame, will be filling the position of vice-president for next year. The new recording secretary will be Gabrielle Pezdirc, and Angelo Sena was elected as coresponding secretary. John Saldibar will fill the position of treasurer.

support and gain understanding of the Albright Works Program and the alliance with Penn State.

The new five members at large will be Nathan Barnes, Dan Bellissimo, Brooke Blair, Laura Jones, and Pauline Skiadopoulos. Also joining the board are Natasfa Harris from African American Society, Kim Vo from Asian American Council, and Fabrice Mauret from the International Students Association.

Many campus organizations have been busy trying to finish the year with their final events. The Jazz lab held an experience event on Wednesday, April 16 at Jake's. Hillel is planning a Passover Seder for this Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. The Domino Players are also in the midst of their final play, *Cloud Nine*, which ran last weekend and will continue into next weekend. Events have also been planned for this year's Spring Fever Weekend, which will take place April 24 through 27.

The SGA meeting included a visit from Jeffrey Barker and Paul Gazzero to explain the strategic plan. They encourage students to bring all comments concerning the strategic plan to Dr. Barker as soon as possible.

SGA is also having a Student Trustee luncheon during Student Trustee Weekend, May 9 and 10.

SGA is sponsoring a new treasurer training on May 4 at 7 p.m. for all treasurers of Albright organizations. SGA will also have a training session for all newly elected SGA members on May 4 with Dean Brooks.

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SGA hopes to work to improve communications with the administration and faculty. President Kolb wants to continue to

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## Let's Talk ...

### Carolyn Brooks

V.P. for Student Services

will be available in Selwyn Hall for students to drop by and talk about any issue on

Thursday, May 1 from 3-5 p.m.

**NO appointment necessary!**

## Earth Day 2000 exposes corporate 'Greenwashers'

*Top Ten list of Environmental Greenwashers identifies corporations that falsely advertise their products as environment-friendly.*

Earth Day 2000 celebrated April Fool's Day by releasing their 1996 list of Top Ten Environmental Greenwashers, or corporations using public relations campaigns and advertising to mislead consumers into thinking their products are eco-friendly.

"Greenwashing" is a term deemed by environmentalists as an "attempt by companies to obscure their crimes against nature with propaganda asserting their commitment to improving the environment."

Topping this year's list is Monsanto Corporation, whose Round-Up weed killer commercials portray the toxic spray as safe for use around people and pets. The TV commercial shows a suburban homeowner sticking his head in the ground after applying a liberal amount of Round-Up to the nasty weeds in his yard, as his neighbor declares the substance "can be used where kids and pets will play and breaks down into natural material."



thought of as "the sixth basic food group," as they keep foods fresh and can be easily recycled.

Jonathan Kaplan of the California Public Interest Research Group responded to APC's claims, saying, "In a way, plastics are part of our diet. People do "eat" chemical that leach from plastic food and beverage containers, but these chemicals are NOT healthy."

Oil companies also hopped on the ecological bandwagon, with Chevron Oil patting themselves on the back for creating an estuary for endangered Hawaiian birds in "the heart of a refinery" when, in actuality, the company was mandated to do so by the Environmental Protection Agency for its numerous Clean Water Act violations, according to Coplon.

Coplon's advice to consumers was to "Always read the ingredients on the label. If you don't recognize a substance, call your local poison control center, the EPA, or other groups which know about chemical effects."

Earth Day 2000, the "consumer clearinghouse from the environmental decade," publishes annual newsletters and reports dedicated to helping the public expose environmental problems and "promote the health of our planet." For more information, contact Gina Coplon at (415) 495-5987, or write: Earth Day 2000, 116 New Montgomery St., Ste. 530, San Francisco, CA 94105

- National Student News Service

**"Greenwashing" is a term deemed by environmentalists as an "attempt by companies to obscure their crimes against nature with propaganda asserting their commitment to improving the environment."**

In actuality, the weed killer contains *glyphosate*, a highly toxic chemical that causes skin and eye irritation, vomiting, fluid in the lungs, and possible genetic damage if touched or ingested by humans and pets. Monsanto's own tests prove that 10 percent of the chemical remains in the soil one year after use, disproving its biodegradability claim.

"Monsanto executives must have had their heads in the soil while making these claims, as Round-Up kills more than just weeds," said Gina Coplon, acting director of Earth Day 2000.

The New York State Attorney's office mandated that Monsanto pull the health and environmental claims from its ads after the commercial was aired early last year.

The American Plastics Council (APC) is also guilty of greenwashing, with several different magazine ads that suggest plastics are "part of your healthy diet" and should be

#### 1997 "Don't Be Fooled" Awards Top Ten Greenwashers of 1996

1. Monsanto - Round-Up Weed Killer
2. DuPont Corporation - Plastic Polymer
3. Benckiser Consumer Products, Inc. - EarthRite Household Cleaning Products
4. RBR Productions - Let's Go, Let's Dance, and Let's Touch Beauty Salon Products
5. Massachusetts Water Resources Authority - Baystate Organic Fertilizer
6. American Plastics Council - Plastics Recycling Program
7. American Nuclear Society - Let's Color and Do Activities with the Atoms Family
8. Proctor & Gamble - Planet Patrol Program
9. International Paper Company - Paper Teaching Kit
10. Chevron Oil Company - Let's Learn About Energy and the Environment and "People Do" Ad Campaign



# U. of Nebraska offers Drs. Dan and Sidnie Crawford new opportunities

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Event Program have allowed him to qualify for the administrative job. Crawford will also continue to teach Philosophy of Religion, and cognitive science. He hopes to try and develop a similar course to the IDS: Great Trials course which is taught here by both him and White Crawford.

Both of them hope to create similar trips to the ones offered here during Interim to such places like Greece and Turkey, and Israel. These places will hopefully be added to the Study Abroad Program in the Univ. of Nebraska.

As the Crawfords pack their bags, books, and cat, they look back on their careers at Albright and look ahead to their futures in Nebraska. Crawford has already lived in Lincoln for eight weeks for a conference he had attended ten years ago.

Both Crawfords are looking forward to living in this new environment, which is culturally very interesting. They think that the people they have met there have been very welcoming to them. The Crawfords said the town is mainly a university town, where the residents want to get away from the east coast prejudices that people have about the midwest.

The Crawfords are not giving up their roots here; most of the Crawfords' family lives on the east coast, and they will be return

to the Poconos for the summer.

The opportunity for Albright, as Sidnie joked, is to find younger replacements for them. However, the reputation the Crawfords have made for themselves while at Albright will be harder to replace.

"We fully intend to enjoy our last four weeks at Albright, and hope to go out with a bang."

**Dr. Sidnie White Crawford,**  
*Assoc. Professor of Religious Studies*

The Crawfords have also become close friends with many of the faculty. As I was interviewing, I was able to see chair of music, Becky Butler, joke about arm muscles while the Crawfords showed off theirs. They will be greatly missed by all at Albright.

"We intend to fully enjoy our last four weeks at Albright, and hope to go out with a bang," said White Crawford.

They both think Albright is a great college and they want to hear that it will continue to thrive and do well while in Nebraska.

Crawford said, "Albright has given me a wonderful opportunity to develop my career goals, talents, and abilities. I am very grateful for it."

If you want to keep in touch with either Dan or Sidnie, here is their new address:

University of Nebraska  
Department of Classics or Department of Philosophy  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68588

# The stress of fall registration

by Shannon Stoner

It's that time of year again! Among the deadlines for papers, tests, quizzes and other academic activities, there is another topic to be considered - class registration for the 1997-1998 Fall classes. It's during this time that the Registrar's office becomes a very busy place.

How should one proceed with picking a course for next semester? The courses you are thinking of should be given much consideration. How do these courses fit into your graduation requirements? These courses should be courses that are of interest to you.

The most important and fundamental question, however, is how do these plans fit into your post-graduation plans? This decision, of course, is important to your future.

While the students decide on courses, the Registrar's office is making some important decisions of its own. Currently, there are negotiations between Albright and Penn State Berks campus. Albright students will be able to take courses at Penn State that are not available here and vice versa. Any inquiries about these possibilities can be made directly to the Registrar's office. More information on this proposal will be forthcoming.

# Scholarship Update

**THE COLIN U. MILLER AND MARY HAY MILLER CHARITABLE TRUST FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION:** scholarships and grants available for students having a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Students must exhibit dedication and excellence in academic achievement and exhibit community involvement.  
**DEADLINE:** May 15, 1997

**Pennsylvania Right to Work Defense and Education Foundation, INC:** essay contest with awards of \$500, \$200, and \$100 savings bonds.  
**DEADLINE:** April 24, 1997

**James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Awards-** fellowships for graduate study leading to a master's degree in history or political science; master of Arts in teaching (history or social studies); or a related master's degree in education for a concentration in history, government, social studies or political science - awards up to \$24,000.

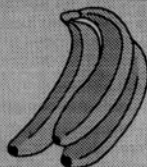
*Make sure you have filled out your FAF form and Albright Financial Aid form to qualify for grants, loans and aid for the 1997-1998 year.*

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**DEADLINE:** July 1, 1997

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# Calendar of Events

April 22 - May 5

**Tuesday, April 22**



Hillel is sponsoring a Freedom Seder for the 2nd night of Passover. 7:00 pm. CCSL. Reserve your spot by signing up at the campus center desk. Everyone Welcome!



International Film Series is showing UROTSUKIDOJI: Legend of the Overfiend at 8:15 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.

**RESIDENCE LIFE Apartment Lottery**

**Wednesday, April 23**

Seniors: Career services is sponsoring a talk on Life after Graduation. Come get tips on surviving the first day on the job, moving, etc. from 3-4 p.m. in the CCCR all Career Services for more info. x7630.

**World of Cultures Experience Event**

The *Myster of the Lost Red Paint People* at 4:00 pm. in Klein Lecture Hall

Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Kappa sponsor Let's Talk about SEX. 6:00 CCSL.



**Take Back the Night** Candlelight vigil for women survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Walk through the Albright campus begins at 7:00 p.m. in the amphitheatre and proceeds to Albright Woods. (Weather permitting) sponsored by the Women's Center

**Experience Event**

Don Muro: Electronic Keyboards in the Chapel at 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 24**

**RESIDENCE LIFE Suite Lottery in CCF**

**Friday, April 25**

**RESIDENCE LIFE posts Lottery Numbers**



(Root beer)

Campus Crusades for Christ Social, Jake's Place, 8:00 p.m.



(Root beer)

**SPRING FEVER**

Thursday, April 24 - Sunday, April 27  
Mr. Albright, Amateur Night, Airbands, Dave Binder, Oozeball, and much, much more!!!  
**PARTY!!**

**Saturday, April 26**

The Albright Lions Baseball team hosts Widener following the Reading Phillies vs. Norwich Navigators game at 1:00 p.m. Complimentary tickets provided to all Albrightians, contact CC Desk.

**Sunday, April 27**

Student solo and ensemble recital -- string, woodwind, and brass ensemble showcase their talents. Roon hall, Center for the Arts, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 28**

**HONORS AND SINGLES HOUSING Lottery**

**Tuesday, April 29**

**'98 AND '99 HOUSING Lotteries**



International Film Series with Albert Kilchesty in person. He will present the premiere of "Where in Hell I've Been."

**Wednesday, April 30**

The Spirituality Series of Experience Events presents When to Say Yes, When to Say No at 4:00 p.m. in Roon Hall



**RESIDENCE LIFE '00 HOUSING Lottery**

Honors and Awards Event, 7:00 p.m. Dining Hall

**Thursday, May 1**



Freedman Gallery's Annual Juried Student Show-- An independent juror selects Albright student sculpture, paintings, drawings, and photography for this exciting exhibition

Jacob Awards will brighten the campus center main lounge, 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 2-SUNDAY, MAY 4  
ALUMNI WEEKEND**

## An array of responses to the second New Hope poetry slam

Although several students walked out in protest of the ranking process of the poetry slam, the New Hope poetry slam was otherwise a success, especially for winner Liz Dugan.

by Bonnie MacAllister

After a highly successful fall turnout, the New Hope, Pennsylvania poets of Karla's Restaurant delivered an encore performance Wednesday, April 9. The poets, Robert Salup, Elena Decker, Jonathan Allen, Roy Akyamo and Edwin Long III were the featured readers. The "moveable poetry slam" began with its featured performance last fall at Albright and has been spotlighted on numerous other college campuses.

The slam consists of three rounds in which three or four judges rank the oral poem on a scale of one to ten, basing their decision on performance as well as the poem's caliber. The four judges on April 9 were Decker, Allen, Akyamo and Long.

In the first round several Albright students and one community member competed. These students were Mike Dix, Elizabeth Dugan, Rachel DeSalvo, Ethan Clairville, Bonnie MacAllister, and Wally Benjamin.

The community member, Emily Hayes Whittle, delivered a religious poem in a voice reminiscent of how one would imagine Jonathan Edwards on a pulpit.

Mike Dix read a poem contesting the idea

of ranking poetry in a slam before he walked out of the room in protest, followed by several other audience members.

DeSalvo met with laughter as she performed a rhyming poem about her mother's reaction to a piece of artwork she had created which illustrated a penis.

After reading his first entry, Clairville received responses of disbelief from some of the judges when he stated that the poem he was about to read was the first poem he had ever written.

Dugan, DeSalvo, Clairville, and Whittle qualified for the second round. The third and final round was a competition between Dugan and Whittle in which the scores were extremely high for Dugan: 10, 10, 10, 9.99. Salup joked that the last score illustrated "room for improvement." Whittle finished with scores of 9, 9.1, 8.82, and 9.30. Dugan received twenty-five dollars donated by audience members and a twenty-five dollar gift certificate to Borders Bookstore.

Following the final round, an open reading took place in which Albright freshman Sabrina Berni delivered the first oral performance of her poetry. Allen, Long, and Akyamo read selections as well.

The weekly readings at Karla's Restaurant in New Hope qualify as one of the longest-running poetry slams on the east coast. The slam was reduced to a once per month occurrence because of renovations to the restaurant, but will be restored to its weekly status beginning in May.

## Allies program will combat hetero-sexist ideas, behavior

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treating them as such. Ways to fight heterosexism that Geiser gave were "Remembering that silence is complicity; challenge/ confront anti-gay and lesbian statements," and "Confront your own fear, memories, and bad feelings about gay men and lesbians: Recall and release those feelings, thereby diminishing their hold on you."

There are several objectives that the Allies hope to meet, including educating oneself, supporting change in others, initiating and preventing heterosexist behavior and modeling non-heterosexist behavior.

The Allies' primary objective, however, is to be a support mechanism for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students and colleagues. Many Allies have purchased a mini-poster in the

school bookstore to display on their door. The sign is a pink triangle within a purple circle with the words "safe zone" underneath.

The mini-poster specifies that "a person displaying this symbol is one who will be understanding, supportive, and trustworthy if a gay, lesbian, or bisexual student needs help, advice, or just someone to whom they can talk."

Many faculty, staff, and students have expressed interest in the Allies program; however, there has been an absence of administration. Myers says that she hopes in the future "to have visible support from administration."

The next meeting will be on April 29, at 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center meeting room. The meeting will be open to anyone on campus.

## Calendar Continues!

**Sunday, May 4**



**Experience Event**  
String Spring Fling in Roon Hall, 3:00 p.m.



SGA sponsors training for all new Treasurers. Contact current SGA officers for more information!

**Monday, May 5**



Athletic Awards Banquet in the dining hall. 6:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 6**

Last issue of *The Albrightian* for the 1996-1997 year

**Wednesday, May 7**

Amy & Jennie - Folk duo from Bucks County make their second appearance at Albright. 6:30, amphitheatre. In case of rain, meet in south lounge.

Calendar composed with the assistance of Jen Schestok



# Personals

Sarah,  
Thank you for everything you have done for me. I really appreciate it. You are really a good friend.  
Mav

John,  
Again, bittersweet congratulations on your Yosemite internship. I'm proud of you. And for the late-nights, grumpy mornings, wash, coffee, and Jake's--thanks--  
Yours,  
Lisa

Tommy,  
Even though there wasn't a wing eating contest, we all know you're still the king.  
--your loyal subjects

G.,  
Your hair is stunning. Do your little tootsies still hurt? Is your situation resolved or will you live in a cardboard box next year?  
--P.

Why? Why do we always do this to ourselves? Are we all insane?

Huego con mis espinakas.  
Huego con mis coolito.

Not today,  
Not next week,  
Not next month,  
but soon!

Krause Kids,  
We are in desperate need of some nudity. It's been a long time.  
--Lefty

Shompflair,  
Finally, our large members are appreciated and recognized. Since we missed out on Suite Caroline, we'll make it up with our Room of Mad Lovin'.  
--Shompfadopoulos

Matt Soltesz,  
Could I please have my bras and underwear back! they don't look as good on you and they don't fit. (you're no 36C ok pal.) I'm running low and I'm gonna have to start free-boobing it!  
--your undergarmentless friend

Dan,  
Will you get out of here already, for the love of God!!  
--your number one fan

Pass the soap.

Duck,  
It's spring and I need some loving. Who's available?  
--Monkey

Slumber party girls,  
Next time, someone has to hook up with Phil. We had a good time. It was a real scream. (sorry. bad joke.)  
--Wallet Girl

Some Useful Spring Fever Tips:

1. Use a dark colored squeegee.
2. Beware of beer goggles. If she wasn't cute last week, she won't be cute Friday night.
3. Don't throw anyone in the oozeball pit head first.
4. If you're still hurting on Monday, suck it up and go to class.

If I were a girl, I'd go for Moffa...screw the gender thing. I'm going to go for it! I heart you Hoagie.

T.J.,  
Since you're injured, you don't have to pay me for my services.  
--Magic Fingers

Sweet Pea,  
Start the countdown to summer lovin'!!!

Hi Jason.

Uncle Vag,  
How about instead of sleeping with Joe Boo, you cuddle with me tonight!

Students,  
Are you aware that professors read these personals? (Hi Dr. Pankratz!) Try to keep them clean.  
--Staff

Wert,  
Indiana is only two states away!  
Don't worry!

My sexual fantasy involves Johnny Kim, some stir fry oil, and flavored body paint.

## PERSONALS

If you want to say **Hi** to a friend or send them a **SILLY MESSAGE** that isn't too **vulgar**, then just drop them a personal in the *Albrightian*! Just fill out this form and drop it in the mailslot at the Albrightian office (NEXT TO THE MAILROOM) by next Monday so it will be in the next issue. If you lose this form, don't be worried. Just write your personal on a piece of paper and put it in the door.

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## Human Rights Week!

Albright College's Amnesty International group will be holding their annual Human Rights Week

Monday, April 28 thru Friday, May 2.

Activities will include raising awareness and support for the Refugee Campaign, The African Women's Project, and various actions for the country of Guatemala. Stop by the AI table in the Campus Center throughout the week to see how you can help to protect the basic human rights of people around the world!

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# Editorials/Opinions

## Six degrees of Kevin Bacon

Hark, Albrightians! This editorial is my last as Editor-in-Chief, and I feel as if I need to address some issues before I bid you all a fond farewell.

Working for the newspaper (yes, for the newspaper—it has enslaved all of us on staff) has been an illuminating experience, and much of that to which I've been exposed has been disconcerting and often saddening.

For instance, Dwight Peterson's editorial in our last issue created some fervor, some of which was directed at members of our staff. I would like to state first that Dwight's essay was a letter to the editor—an *opinion*, if you will. I will apologize if some of the information may have been inaccurate.

Dwight's assertions were based upon his own observations, and including them in his article was designed to support his argument that some behavior on this campus is out of control.

He did not intend to pinpoint any one person or group but instead to address the broader problem, which most people on this campus fail to see. Those of you who were amused by the incidents Dwight described or felt that they were a vindictive attack on you personally are part of this problem.

I, however, feel that violence is not regarded with much seriousness at Albright. Remember an "incident" in Spring '95 when a student was severely beaten and consequently rushed to the hospital? Those of you who recall this unfortunate annal in Albright's history will also recall that the students responsible for it remained at Albright.

I don't particularly consider abject regret an excuse for allowing this behavior to go basically unpunished. I'm sure the perpetrators were sorry for their stupidity, possibly because they thought that they would be expelled. Well, they were wrong; they weren't forced to leave by any means. Thank God we have "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon," though, because that makes it all worthwhile! Good press is definitely worth compromising our standards.

I've often wanted to discuss this topic in an editorial; but the time seems especially ripe now, after the lack of rational response to Dwight's editorial.

In this issue there are three letters to the editor referring to the experience program. Not that there is anything wrong with that—I'm glad that you're responding to some issue that concerns you.

Something tells me I'm about to repeat myself; but nevertheless—why in the hell can't you respond to something that is

changing the face of this college?

Students are destroying school property, hurting each other, and generally getting away with it. No one talks about it; in fact, most of you laugh it off. How grand.

The administration is losing its grip on the quality of student life as well as academics. Well, hey, as long as we're keeping up with other schools and avoiding negative publicity, it's OK, right?

Not by a long shot, kids. Our admission standards have dropped, and I'd be willing to bet that the incidents that Dwight discussed are but a small fraction of those included on a long list gathering red tape somewhere on someone's desk.

The irrefutable fact is that we've lost the ability to care. We'll go through the motions, graduate, and forget about the detrimental impact of the prevailing attitude of indifference on campus. We'll simply carry it with us. We'll give "Look out, World" new meaning—one connoted by fear.

Our finances have improved, but at what price? As Pete Miller stated in the February 18 issue of *The Albrightian*, the school is more like a business than a institution of higher learning. But even businesses take care of their employees.

I care about my soon-to-be alma mater a great deal. Albright has been the breeding ground for many events that have shaped my life. Nevertheless, the casual indifference which surrounds even the most serious offences and injustices has created a cynic in me.

So, for those of you who would like to continue in happy oblivion, ignoring issues until they confront you personally—have a great time here. I'm sure you will, and I'm also sure you'll carry with you the problematic "ignorance is bliss" attitude that plagues this school.

For those of you who tried to change things in some way, even if it was by thinking and talking about some incident that bothered you, congratulations. Albright has at least forced you to question those in power.

*The Albrightian* is moving in a positive direction in that it is no longer a mouthpiece for the administration or public affairs (I promise that this is not an advertisement for the newspaper). I am sure that this trend will continue under the leadership of Dana Peterson, our new Chief.

Those of you who would like to see some change should seriously consider as one alternative joining our staff.

Maybe you could help us put a dent in the ignorance.

## Experience Program's value defended

Dear Editor,

As Director of the Experience, I want to clear up a few misconceptions I found in Susan Williams' letter (*Albrightian*, April 8).

First, the word "experience" encompasses far more than is included in the Experience program, which is essentially an Arts and Lecture and Current Issues series of events.

But I do agree with your definition of an experience as an event in which "you learn something new about yourself or another subject and of which you have a vivid memory."

And this is something I at least try to achieve in every single event.

But to learn something new, you have to be willing to stretch yourself and to be open to new thoughts and feelings. It takes two to make it work.

I find it hard to believe your comment that none of the sixteen events you attended were memorable (except the two worst).

There have been approximately 75 events on the fall and spring calendars this year—all of them different and relating to just about every student group and student interest on this campus.

I'm surprised that you could not find several that you could learn from.

You suggest that the Experience coordinator should work with a group of students so that students can have input into the scheduling of events.

Of the 18 regular events on the calendar this semester (not part of a series), six were sponsored by student organizations (the most recent was Assaf Amdursky, the Israeli rock singer, sponsored by Hillel).

This is not counting the theater productions and student musical performances.

I have no doubt that your study abroad was more meaningful to you than any Experience event on campus. I would say the same about my own interim trips to Greece and Turkey.

But the purpose of the program is not to try to regulate and give credit for any valuable experiences that students may have in their lives.

Our aim is much more limited: it is to foster attendance and listening skills at cultural events on our campus.

We believe that an important part of your education occurs outside the classroom in these sorts of co-curricular events—whether it be listening to the Basic'ly Brass Quintet or the Albright College Concert Choir; a philosopher speaking about Japanese Buddhism, a trustee talking about setting up businesses abroad, or an alumnus journalist covering the "pop scene" in New York; or your fellow students talking about women's issues of our days or about the world as they see it.

All of these events were ones that you attended.

I can't guarantee that they were all great events; but I'm pretty sure that each one offered you some insight you could learn from, or some artistic expression you could enjoy.

Dan D. Crawford  
Director, The Experience

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Susan Williams' letter about the Experience Program. I do not believe the program needs to be reevaluated, but rather the attitudes of the students should be.

Students insist on viewing the Experience events as only a requirement and refuse to acknowledge the benefit that can be obtained from them. Much can be learned both about ourselves and the world we live in from the speakers who visit the campus.

I, personally, will never forget River Houston's visit as part of the Experience Program my freshman year. There have been many other moving and incredible speakers.

And let's not forget the entertainment value of attending the plays and concerts. The Domino Players and Albright Music Program have numerous performances throughout the semester.

The Experience Program offers a variety of events that are interesting, informative, and entertaining. Many of the speakers are invited to campus through campus organizations. Other events directly involve the students. Even if theater, music, film, or a moving speaker is not one's idea of a good time, the least one could do is go to support friends, classmates, or organizations.

If students put some effort into their selection process (look at the experience calendar, read posters), they are bound to find some events that sound interesting. If they do not, maybe they need to reconsider what it truly means to be a college student.

Everyone likes to mention how much we pay to go here and everything we do not get for the money (much of which I agree with). Sometimes, however, it is important to look at what we do get. Not everyone can afford the time or money for the additional opportunity to study abroad. Maybe one of the events chosen will not be an "experience" remembered for life—but who knows?—maybe it will be.

Sincerely,  
Holly Truckemiller  
Class of 1997

Dear Editor,

I feel that I must respond to the letter submitted by Susan Williams in the April 8 edition of *The Albrightian*. After reading her article about the experience requirement, I discussed the issue with several students and administrators.

I used to think that people who complained about the experience credit were just lazy and disgruntled about having something required outside of class. However, after hearing what seems to be the opinion of a majority of students, I am less critical. There is something to be said about sitting through a program that you are not interested in and embarrassing yourself and the school with lack of attention, to put it nicely.

Nevertheless, this does not change my opinion of The Experience. I have enjoyed approximately 90% of the experience events I have attended, and I have been to so many that I have lost count. Due to a class requirement I went to one that I did not care to attend.

And I must admit that there have been a few that I have been disappointed in. However, I have been greatly affected by several other events. I will always remember the Louisiana Repertory Jazz Ensemble concert this January.

For additional stimulating Albright commentary, see page 7

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I was not specifically interested in attending but I needed to go to a concert for interim class. I am thankful that due to scheduling conflicts, I had to go to my last choice.

I never had a real passion for jazz, but I experienced an evening of pure enjoyment that night. I learned that while I may not care much for recorded jazz music, I love live jazz, especially New Orleans style.

I think that is the point of the Experience. The goal is for a student to learn something about himself or herself outside of the classroom. A liberal arts education is about shaping the entire individual, and not just a book education. A variety of opportunities are offered to serve the diverse interests of the entire student body.

If you attended a program that you did not like, then you have gained that information about yourself.

I regret that a number of students on campus have had primarily negative experiences with the program. I would like that all students' interest are being met.

Furthermore, I am glad for the program and would like to see it serve Albright in the best possible way. Maybe this does require some revisions. I think that student input would be great if it helps to improve the Experience.

Again, I would just like to say that The Experience has definitely been a positive "experience" for me.

Sincerely,  
Deborah L. Blanshine  
Class of 1997



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Dear Editor,

Recently I received a paper telling me about the increase in tuition for next school year. On this paper it listed something called a technology fee.

After talking to some people I found out exactly what the technology fee would include. It would include campus-wide networking equipment, wiring of residential facilities, computer center staffing, and contingency.

It seems unfair to charge Day Students a fee to hook up the dormitories to the computer systems, since it would not benefit us.

I would be willing to pay a certain amount towards upgrading the computer system, as would other Day Students I have talked to.

I think that all students have the right to know what the technology fee would include. I know a lot of students who did not even know that we were going to have to pay one next year.

Recently, I heard a statement made that the majority of the students were in favor of the proposed technology fee.

I personally was never asked and I know other people who were not either. I know there are lots of things that as a student I may never have a say in, but since students are the ones who this technology fee will directly affect, our opinions should count.

Sometimes administrators only ask the resident Students on campus what they think. The Day students may be the minority of the student body, but we have an equal right to be heard.

All students have the right to know what is going on campus, whether we are Resident Students or Day students. Thank you for your time concerning this issue.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Shugar  
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# Features

## Spring Fever 1997: A FanTAZtic Weekend

by Emily Ilana Losben

Every year students impatiently wait for the coming of Spring Fever. Students have only a few more days to wait before this year's Spring Fever, the biggest party weekend on Albright's Campus. Spring Fever has been a tradition at Albright for more than 15 years. It includes contests, bands, a carnival and all types of other exciting events.

"Come out for everything you possibly can. The whole weekend will be great," said Megan Brady, president of Campus Center Board, which sponsors Spring Fever weekend. CCB has planned events for Thursday, April 24 through Sunday, April 27 (See schedule). Spring Break Survival Kits, which include a T-shirt, a squeeze (water bottle) and a water gun, will be sold all this week for \$12, which can be bookstore charged. CCB will also be selling disposable cameras for \$3.

One of the highlights is the Mr. Albright contest, sponsored by the Class of 1999. Last year, Mr. Freshman was such a success that the Class of 1999 decided to open it up to the entire male population of Albright this year so everyone could participate. The two fundraisers, Mr. Albright and Airbands (which are being sponsored by

the Inter-Fraternity Council and CCB) are the only events of the weekend for which there is an admission fee. People can not only enter in these two events, but can also enter to compete in Amateur Night, which is sponsored by the African-American Society and CCB.

Oozeball, a Spring Fever favorite, will be held on Saturday at 11am, in the only place possible - the Oozeball pit. "We are hoping for as good a turnout as we had last year so that the tradition continues," said Oozeball co-chair Michelle Hanrahan. The mud-filled volleyball game is a seven-year tradition sponsored by the Lion Diplomats.

No Spring Fever would be complete without great bands. This year CCB will bring the band "Speed", a small, local band for Friday night. The band for Saturday night is "Love Seed Mama Jump." This band, who has played at the Silo and in cities such as Washington, D.C., will play all their own material.

The weekend will culminate with a carnival on Sunday afternoon, which is being held on the North Hall Soccer Field. There will be cotton candy, popcorn, and lots of great activities such as a recording booth, temporary tatoos, and much more. "I'd like to see everyone have a fun and safe weekend," said Brady.

## SPRING FEVER 1997 SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY:

Mr. Albright (sponsored by the class of 1999)  
7pm. Campus Center Main Lounge  
Twistin' the Night Away with Dave Binder  
9 pm. Albright Woods - Apt. A

### FRIDAY:

Shamma-Lamma Ding Dong at Airbands (co-sponsored by IFC and CCB)  
7pm. Campus Center Main Lounge--\$2  
Pinto's House of Rock - Speed  
9 pm. Albright Woods - Apt. A

### SATURDAY:

Bluto's Bash and Grill  
Oozeball - 11am. Oozeball Pit (Sponsored by Lion Dips)  
Lunch at Albright Woods  
"Sure, Come On In" to Amateur Night (co-sponsored by AAS and CCB)  
7 pm. Campus Center Main Lounge  
Toga, Toga, Toga with Love Seed Mama Jump  
10 pm. Albright Woods - Apt. A

### SUNDAY:

Chillin' at Flounder's Pond - Carnival

## Horoscopes

### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

You'll find something you like in a mail-order catalog while browsing this week. Avoid petty bickering with a family member later this week. In romance, it's best to keep your feet on the ground.

### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You probably won't be in the mood for large get-togethers this week, as socializing isn't in the stars. Intimate tete-a tetes will suit you fine. A business proposition is not what it appears to be.

### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A spur-of-the-moment shopping expedition could lead to an exciting purchase for home. A business proposition may have strings attached, so tread lightly. Exercise good judgment.

### CANCER (June 21 to July)

You'll be receiving some helpful information from a business associate this week. However, you may feel that a child or a romantic interest is not giving you the full story. Get to the bottom of this.

### LEO (July 23 to August 22)

It's a good week to shop for yourself. Buy something that will make you feel good and bolster your flagging morale. A friend may seem demanding. Guard against fuzzy thinking this week.

### VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

You may not be in the mood to handle a work project this week. Interesting news comes from someone who lives at a distance. A

weekend concern may have you a bit bewildered.

### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Impatience could mar work efforts this week. Slow down and do a good, thorough job. Avoid disputes about career concerns. You'll treasure extra for yourself this weekend.

### SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Partners make decisions this week involving the use of joint assets. Guard against overspending on pleasure later this week. You could feel someone is not telling you the truth.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

A friend entrusts you with confidence, but later in the week, you could encounter some misfortune. You'll want to spend some time completing an unfinished task.

### CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Be willing to ask for help if you need it this week regarding a do-it-yourself project. Not everything is clear this week about a job concern. A relative may get on your nerves.

### AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

You may find a work project tedious or difficult this week. A co-worker could extend you a weekend social invitation. It's best to be clear-headed where romance is concerned.

### PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

You'll be socializing this week with family members. Extra expenses may arise in connection with travel. A domestic concern seems a bit confusing this weekend.



## REAL ISSUES

by Pauline Skiadopoulos

Q. As a senior, how do you feel about the parking situation at the Woods?

"For our lot it's not a problem because we're in C and there's always parking. For the other lots, there's really nothing they can do about it."

- Tracy Caputo & Lisa Prato '97

"2. "It sucks! It's really annoying when there are 100 spaces open but people insist on illegally parking to get 2 feet closer to the laundry room. Are people that lazy?"

- Heather McKay '97

3. "Security should be handling overcrowding. They should set restrictions like limits on each apartment."

-Israel Gracia '97

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# SOAP UPDATES

**All My Children:** Adam destroyed Liza's divorce agreement and insisted she sign his. Erica realized Adam loves Liza. Later, Jake came by to see Liza and, noting her rumpled bed, realized she'd slept with Adam. Erica panicked when Edmund said Dimitri planned to go to Russia. Diana watched as Pierce and Brooke announced their engagement. Gloria wondered if Dimitri had driven the car that almost ran down Erica and Sonya.

**Wait To See:** Brooke has suspicions about Diana.

**Another World:** Paulina was upset that Raines wouldn't put Joe into prison isolation. Bobby visited the mysterious woman again, and later told Vicky everything and confessed his love for her. After recovering from his hallucinatory drug, Carl realized Grant was still alive. Meanwhile, Grant decided to find a new identity, and get closer to Cindy. Jake was sure Joe had a secret agenda.

**Wait To See:** Carl makes another disturbing discovery.

**As The World Turns:** Lily saw a new, wiser, more patient man in Holden. Later, Lily insisted Molly tell her how she got the bruise on her face. Lucinda was stunned by a visitor from the past. After Conor confronted David about the fax she found, he told her about Mark's past. Bob saw Kim and John in an affectionate exchange. Margo had a flashback to Diego and Lily's wedding.

**Wait To See:** Lucinda's "visitor" has demands to make.

**The Bold And The Beautiful:** Enrique assured Hunter he didn't shoot Grant to help the Forresters; if he had, Grant would be dead. Claudia was determined to find proof that Enrique was the shooter. James was furious with Maggie for discussing family matters when Curtis called him on how he was treating his wife. Sheila realized Curtis was actually falling in love with Maggie. Throne stormed out when Taylor revealed Ridge had visited her the night before. At the ball, Erica stunned Stephanie with a proposal, and Ridge arrived disguised as Zorro.

**Wait To See:** Hunter may know who shot Grant.

**Days Of Our Lives:** With Kristen stuck at the Blake house to keep Laura, Jennifer, and Mike from finding the secret room, Susan, disguised as Kristen, was becoming passionate with John. Carrie was upset when Sami refused to try to remember her past. Bo and John spotted a man videotaping Roman's funeral. At Laura's insistence, Marlina checked Peter's medical records, but could find nothing to suggest he's still alive. John and Marlina received letters from Roman.

**Wait To See:** Sami begins to remember.

**General Hospital:** Still reeling from A.J.'s admission that he caused Jason's injury, the Quartermaines learned of a new tragedy involving Emily. Seeing his sister in the

hospital prompted A.J. to change his life. Sonny told Luke of his suspicions concerning Dorman. Carly told A.J. not to tell anyone about their night together, but he didn't even remember it. Miranda and Brenda decided to talk things out with Jax.

**Wait To See:** Mac makes a mistake concerning Kevin.

**Guiding Light:** Josh was stunned to realize how much Marah understood about his marital problems. Holly was suspicious of Roger's visit to bring Meg a gift. Later, Roger and Amanda broke up, but she intended to deal with him at Blake's expense. Robert and Tess (actually Matt and Vanessa's cybernames) connected on line. Rusty told Reva Annie is not their sister. Buzz and Jenna took a risk to resolve their son's custody. Alan rushed Annie to the doctor.

**Wait To See:** Josh finds a new obstacle to deal with.

**One Life To Live:** Blair and Todd learned her unborn baby is a donor-match for Starr. Viki found Mel asleep in her office. Ian told Andrew and Maggie he won't tell Guy that John was his real father. Asa got Drew to help in his new venture. When Starr took ill, Marty exploded at Patrick for not allowing Blair to deliver the baby early. Kelly got a devastating letter from Joey.

**Wait To See:** Blair and Todd face a new potential crisis.

**Sunset Beach:** Ben learned he had tried to choke Meg during a nightmare, but she reassured him that she doesn't believe he killed his wife. Ricardo learned Paula had known that Elaine killed Del for some time. Michael rescued Virginia and James when they were victimized by a break-in. Cole--who admitted he loved Caitlin--told Olivia he had no idea when he slept with her that she was Caitlin's mother. Annie fled to the roof of the lifeguard tower believing Ricardo had come to arrest her, and almost fell to her death, but was saved by Ben who told her she's free. Elaine was on the verge of telling Cole she's his mother.

**Wait To See:** Annie and Tim start their "separation" campaign against Ben and Meg.

**The Young And The Restless:** In a mental institute, Veronica, Josh's presumably dead wife, saw his photo in a magazine. Nikki was upset when she thought Victor wasn't doing enough to keep Nick, Sharon, and her grandson in Genoa City. Grace was stunned to learn Noah was alive, and wondered what to do about Cassie now. Nina was upset when Ryan seemed unimpressed by her vow to go into therapy. Victoria warned Ryan she intended to reclaim her old job from him. Sasha confronted Phyllis about lying that she had divorced Danny. Victor and Diane toasted their new project. Meanwhile, Nick set off for his second interview.

**Wait To See:** A dark side of Christine's past is about to re-emerge.

## Coming Soon:

# Electronic Musician DON MURO



Reading, PA., April 14 - A concert by Don Muro, a dynamic performer and acknowledged specialist in the field of electronic music, will conclude the highly successful 1996-1997 Albright College Concert Series season. Mr. Muro will perform in the Albright College Memorial Chapel, Wednesday, April 23, at 8 p.m.

Don Muro has gained international recognition as a composer, performer, author, and educator in the field of electronic music. He has written compositions for the synthesizer and is regarded as a master synthesist specializing in live performance techniques for electronic keyboards. His concerts are not only a stimulating experience, but valuable aids in understanding and appreciating how electronic technology is influencing contemporary music.

Mr. Muro will perform an eclectic program utilizing his own electronic equipment as well as the Chapel's Maier pipe Organ.

Currently, Mr. Muro is music director for the Electronic Arts Foundation, artist-in-residence at Duquesne University, and an adjunct faculty member of Teachers College, Columbia University.

Tickets are available for the concert either at the door or by calling (610) 921-7547. For further information regarding Mr. Muro's appearance, please contact the Albright College Public Affairs Office at (610) 921-7535.

# Roving Reporter

by Pauline Skiadopoulou

Who's Who In The Class Of 1997?

"Most flirtatious - Ryan Graham"  
- Jess Polen and Flo Caikoski '98

"Most likely to require a liver transplant - Darren Was"  
- Bob Holliday '98

"I'd give everything to Jeff Robbins."  
- Joe Howe '00

"Chris Kabler for class clown, best head of hair and best kisses."  
- Monica Wells '99

"Most likely to have a crush on a fellow senior (namely me) - Sue Williams."  
- Darren Was '97

"Best stomach - Ed Baker."  
- Jeff Perry '98

"Longest tongue - John DeMarco."  
- 2 anonymous seniors

"Best hair - Chris Kabler."  
- Geoff Baldwin '98

"Best Dancer - Brian Ricci."  
- Andrew Coviello '98

"Best complexions - Kevir Burns."  
- Shawn Stratz '98

## Cloud 9 or Real Sex 9?

### Domino Players Present Last Major Production of the 96-97 Season

by Kristin Anzellotta

If you can handle plays that contain gays, lesbians, orgies, child molestation, or just sex to the extreme, *Cloud 9* is something you want to see. *Cloud 9*, written by Caryl Churchill, is a hilarious play about the evolution of sex over a century. Although the seats weren't filled on Friday, April 18th, opening night, you would have thought they were by the volume of laughter.

Act I takes place in the year 1880, when sexuality was repressed and women were in the fragile I-need-a-husband stage. There were love affairs and lust among the characters, but it was kept behind closed doors.

Act II jumps ahead to 1980, and sexuality becomes a not-so-private thing anymore.

The characters performed orgies in public places. Women weren't afraid to leave their husbands and fend for themselves. *Cloud 9* represents the fact that gays and lesbians are not a new thing, it's just not a repressed part of life any longer.

Although *Cloud 9* was "surprising" to one freshman and most of the audience, it held

continuous laughter throughout the show. Lynn Morrow did a wonderful job directing the play. The one thing that puzzled me was that the characters from Act I only aged 25 years in the century that had passed.

As for the actors, Nathan Roberts, a freshman who also had a role in *The Illusion*, stole the show. He was a typical 19th-century wife named Betty in Act I, and in Act II he played the role of a girl named Cathy, no more than five years old. He was equally funny as both characters.

Paul Kristula, a freshman, put on a great performance for his stage debut. He performed the role of Gerry, a man who was very open about his sexual experiences with men.

Kristofer Updike (I-Clive/II-Edward) gave an excellent performance, as always. Bonnie Macallister (I-Edward/II-Betty) proved herself a versatile actress, playing an annoying youngster and an increasingly liberated old woman.

The cast worked well together and the underclassmen, who were impressive, have great potential for future productions. Opening night was a definite success for the cast and crew of *Cloud 9*.

## This week in history . . .

April 30, 1789

George Washington was inaugurated president at Federal Hall in New York City, then the capital of the United States.

May 1, 1873

The U.S. issued its first postcard.

May 1, 1931

The Empire State Building opened in New York City.

April 29, 1957

Congress approved the first civil rights bill for blacks since Reconstruction, designed to protect voting rights.

May 4, 1970

Four students were shot dead at Kent State University by National Guardsmen in Ohio during a protest against the war in Vietnam.





# Albright Traditions

May 25, 1934

## Senior Committee Announces Plans for Class Week

**Commencement Exercises June 11, Baccalaureate services, Complete Program**

Extensive plans are under way for a very varied program for Senior Week, which starts Tuesday, June 5, with the presentation of the highly entertaining and fascinating play, "Death Takes a Holiday," being coached by Miss Ruth Shaffer and staged by Joseph Ehrhart. This will take place in the auditorium of the Northeast Junior High School.

Seniors who have been members of the Domino Club for several years will portray the leading parts. John Wyle will play Prince Sirki, the star role, with other graduates in supporting parts.

The music festival now being rehearsed and well under way will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Albright Stadium. Mr. Elmer Mohn, president of the Alumni Association, is the head of this activity. Included in the program to be offered by the chorus of nearly a thousand voices will be the following selections: "America, the Beautiful," "All Men, All Things" by Mendelssohn, "Ye Nations Offer to the Lord," from the "Hymn of Praise," and Hail, Bright Abode," from the opera "Tannhauser" by Wagner. In addition a symphony orchestra of one hundred pieces will render numerous numbers.

The final appearance of many seniors will take place on Friday evening at 8 o' clock in the Northeast Junior High School. An entertainment consisting of several skits, a burlesque of a play, shadow games, class will, class prophecy, and the presentation of individual gifts, with popular music incorporated throughout, is being planned by the chairman of the Senior Night committee, Robert Hollinger.

Mr. Elmer Mohn has reserved Saturday, June 9, as Alumni Day. The alumni will have full charge of the activities for that day, and a definite program is being planned, including a banquet to be served in the dining hall.

The Baccalaureate Services will be held on Sunday, June 10, in the Holy Cross Methodist Church. June 11 will be the closing day of school with the commencement exercises starting at 11 am. A novel setting is being planned by the committee in charge of this part of the program, at which Dr. James Noble Rule, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania, will be the principle speaker. He will be presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Albright College.

April 30, 1943

## May Day Coronation to be at Twilight Followed by Ball to Honor Royal Court

**June Strawbridge Guides Annual Strawbridge Festivities**

At twilight (7:30 p. m.) of May 1st the Thirteenth Annual Coronation of the May Queen will take place on the traditional portion of the campus green. Despite wartime emergency measures and last minute changes, the May Day Committee consisting of Professor Elder and June Strawbridge have complete final plans for the colorful affair.

Those taking part in the actual coronation ceremony will be Ethel Mae Yeakel, who will make the introductory Announcement; Custodian of the Crown Betty Meller, who will give the charge to next years Custodian, and May Day Chairman June Strawbridge, who will give the charge to the chairman for 1944. Both Custodian and Chairman for next year's May Day have been elected by a secret ballot taken among the Junior women and will be revealed at the coronation. Joanna Wentz will be the organist providing the music for the professional and recessional. The orchestra has found it possible to contribute its usual musical share to the occasion and amplification from the College Chapel Organ has been substituted.

Following the ceremony, the Queen and her Court will be adjourn to the Wyomissing Club where they will reign in state over the May Day Ball.

Soldiers of the Army Air Corps Detachment at Albright have been invited to attend the May Ball and may secure partners from the coed ranks through a date bureau which is being set up and operated for the dance by Mary Jane Stevenson, Dean of Women.

Flowers, as at other social functions this year, are social taboo. The committees in charge of arrangements for the ball are meant to cooperate in not buying flowers for their partners in order to cut down on nonessential expenses during war time, and in order not to discourage those from attending who might not be able to afford the price of both a ticket and the flowers.

The Ball will be opened by a royal procession of the Queen and her court, which will begin promptly at nine. The first of the ten dances will be the Queen's Waltz.

Program-tickets have been on sale since Wednesday and may still be secured from any member of the general committee, publicity committee, or Student Council for the price of \$1.10.

May 18, 1956

## Welcome Grads

As one of the final major events on Albright's Centennial Year program, Alumni Weekend takes on added significance this year. As always, the alumni are welcome to our campus in 1956, but this year is both as alumni and as living representatives of this college's first 100 years of development. For a college exists for only one main purpose -- to educate its students. How well Albright or any other educational institution has succeeded can be seen by evaluating the success of the students who have left its halls armed with their diplomas.

Albright's alumni have been successful. Surveying the varied fields of endeavor which this college's graduates have entered, we find successful Albright alumni in all of them. From medicine to engineering, teaching to law, to a hundred other fields, it is not difficult to find an Albright alumna who has risen to the top of his profession.

Another criterion by which to judge a

college in relation to its alumni is the postgraduate relationship between alumni and the college. This year, especially, Albright's graduates have been highly cooperative in helping to make our Centennial Year a success. From the students to the alumni goes a hearty thank you.

This past year has seen increasing activity on the part of this college's alumni. New and better associations of the Albright graduates have arisen during 1955-1956. Along this line, the Varsity A Club has been reactivated. By continuing to expand, both in quality and quantity, Albright's alumni will also continue to be an important asset to our college.

This increased spirit on the part of the alumni has spread to the present students of the college. This increased spirit, in turn, has aided in raising the level of all campus activities during the past year.

May 7, 1943

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## ALBRIGHT TRIVIA

**At what location on campus have the most commencement exercises been held?**

—Question courtesy of Michelle Carrara



# Sports

## Softball team on a roll after recording two big victories

by Kurt Krebs

The Albright women's softball team had a big week, recording victories over Swarthmore and rival Allentown. The Lions picked up the victories in similar fashion, pounding out eight runs and a dozen hits in each game. Albright's victory over Swarthmore marked their first home victory of the season, much to the delight of the Albright faithful who lined the sidewalk overlooking the field.

Much of Albright's success of late has been due to the hot streak of sophomore Liz Demarest. Demarest leads the team in hitting (.400) and in RBIs (12) and has the third best slugging percentage (.508).

Head coach Clement Meccia has been pleased with Demarest's performance.

"She is a great hitter," he said. "She's just hitting the ball so hard right now. Even when she gets out, the ball is usually a hard line drive."

Albright's hitting has carried them this season. They are hitting almost .300 as a team, with six hitters, including freshmen Jill Jones and Karen Kanarkowski. Also among those hitting over .300 are the senior tri-captains, Sharon Christensen, Gena Groner, and Chrissy Rizzo. Christensen and Groner have combined for all four of Albright's home runs this season.

Other keys to the recent success of the club have been improved defense and pitching. The defense has been anchored by third baseman Chrissy Rizzo. She is the only player to start every game this season, and her attitude, as well as her skills, make it

obvious why. She plays a solid third, but more than that, she is a respected leader on the field. Her experience and leadership have helped the young middle infield of Amy Schaeffer and Amy Lincoln mature into what will be a fine tandem for years to come. As a unit, they have already turned six double plays this season, as well as turning in some outstanding individual efforts.

The young Albright pitching staff was also bolstered by the return of junior Jarra Rusnock. Rusnock missed the first 18 games due to a broken foot suffered as a standout member of the women's basketball team.

"It is great to have Jarra back," said coach Meccia. "She throws strikes, and she knows how to let a defense play behind her."

In her return, Rusnock did just that, pitching eight innings in a double header against Susquehanna. She surrendered only four runs and walked only a single batter. She picked up her first victory of the season, defeating Swarthmore 8-6. Sophomore Jen Moll also picked up her first win of the season, leading Albright to their victory over Allentown by the same score.

"This team and the individuals on it have come a very long way," said Coach Meccia. "Each player has worked very hard to improve herself. Even if we didn't win another game this year, I would still be very proud of these girls, simply because they have given everything they had to this team."

The women will host two double headers this week. Tuesday they play Moravian, and on Thursday, Gettysburg comes to town. The first pitch of both days is slated for 3:00.

## Albright's golf team struggles with inconsistency of players

by Abe Antler

This season has been a struggle for the golf team. With a current record of 4-8, this season does not look like it will be a repeat of last year.

Ten year head coach Raymond Mest is frustrated with his team.

"We played well against the better teams and lost by only a few strokes, while we played poorly against the weaker teams," he said. "These situations all lead up to a record which is both frustrating and somewhat deceiving. For example, several of our losses have come because of our last man."

One of this year's top players, junior Dana Larose, has shot 77 twice. The other top players have become more consistent with their games as well, "which is encouraging for the up-and-coming Middle Atlantic Conference championships," said Mest. The Middle Atlantic Conference championships will be held this coming weekend, April 26-28, at the Mount Laurel Resort in Pocono Mountain, Pa.

Despite the struggles which the team has met, the men are still hoping for a .500 record; however, they must win their next four games in order to reach this goal.

Regardless of how this season ends, the future for Albright's golf team looks bright.

According to Larose, it is likely that next year will be a better year for the team.

"As our younger players mature, it will continue to increase our depth, and due to the fact that we are only losing one senior and have four seniors returning, we can look forward to improving our record next season," he said.

There are five interested prospective freshmen who will have a lot to offer the team. The team, however, must gain more experience before they will have another year like the one they had in 1996.

Another top player, junior Andy Mest, son of coach Mest, cites the relative inexperience of this year's team as one of the two reasons why the team has been struggling this year.

"I attribute [our weakness] to two things--we are a bit weaker this year because we are just a younger team and the second thing is that this year, the teams are a bit stronger than they were one year ago," he said. "Because we have not done so well this year, I am not looking forward to the conference championships, although I personally would like to do well. As a team, we are just going to do the best that we can do."

## Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball			Softball		
4/22	Montclair State	H 3:00	4/22	Moravian (2)	H 3:00
4/23	Rowan	A 3:30	4/24	Gettysburg (2)	H 3:00
4/25	Scranton	H 3:00	4/26	Messiah (2)	H 1:00
4/26	Widener (2)	H 1:00	4/29	Wilkes (2)	A 3:00
4/28	Franklin & Marshall	A 3:30	<b>Golf</b>		
4/30	MAC's	TBA	4/23	Alvernia/Centenary	A 1:00
5/6	William Patterson	H 3:00	4/26	MAC's @ Poconos	TBA
<b>Men's Tennis</b>			<b>Men's &amp; Women's Outdoor Track</b>		
4/22	Scranton	A 3:00	4/22	Lebanon Valley	A 3:30
4/26	Widener	H 1:00	4/25	Penn Relays	A TBA
4/28	MAC's (team)	TBA	4/26	Rutgers - Camden	H 11:00
5/2	MAC's (singles/doubles)	TBA	5/2	MAC's @Susquehanna	TBA

## Track team shows promise after good performances against York

by Gina Roselli

The Albright men's and women's track teams have reached the midpoint of their short season. As they approach the second half of the season, they want to reflect on their successes thus far while anticipating their important upcoming events.

Saturday, April 12, the team participated in the Messiah Invitational meet. The men finished 12th out of 15 teams with 22 final points. The Lady Lions fared a little better, taking ninth place out of the 14 female teams and scoring 30 points.

The Lions hosted York College Wednesday, April 16.

The men lost to York College by an 88-56 margin, despite outstanding performances by some of the team members. Sophomore Jim Delp placed third or better in four different events, including second place finishes in the shot put and discus. Sophomore Bill Brosey placed first in the 440 yard dash with a time of 54.6 seconds. Junior Dan Bellissimo earned a first place finish for running the mile in 4:05.2 minutes. First-year student Tim Stein finished first in two events--the 440 hurdles and the javelin. Albright swept in the javelin event with Jake Smith and Delp taking second and third places, respectively. Smith took the shot put 40 feet 9 inches, taking first place in the event.

The women, on the other hand, won their meet against York, defeating them by a 76-49 score. Junior co-captain Maggie Ward had an exceptional meet, taking first place in three

events: 880 yard race, the mile run, and the two mile run. Sophomore Monica Wells set a new school record in the discus after throwing in 115 feet 7 inches. Wells also placed in five other events, taking second place in both the 110 yard hurdles and the javelin. Junior co-captain Lauren Summa took first in the 440 yard dash, and sophomore Charlene Stinsman finished first in the 110 yard hurdles with a time of 19.39 seconds. Stinsman also placed first in the 440 yard hurdles, narrowly defeating Sue Walker of York College. Sophomore Skye Tandy placed first in the javelin competition, and first-year student Sarah Webb came in first in the high jump, jumping 4 feet 10 inches. The Lady Lions also defeated York in the 4 x 100 relay. The team consisted of Summa, Wells, and first-year students Meg Rourke and Ali Richards.

The team is fairly pleased with how their season has gone so far. First-year student Kevin Slepcecki would like the teams to be placing higher in the invitational meets. According to Slepcecki, the season got off to a slow start because of the weather. He, along with teammates Steve Paliukaitis and Jennifer Higbie, feels that the teams could have gotten a stronger start to their seasons if they had access to an all-weather track.

Albright is approaching some important points in its schedule, including the April 22 meet against Lebanon Valley and the Penn Relays on April 25. The MAC's are scheduled for May 2-3 at Susquehanna.

## Mid-Atlantic Sports Home Page

Now there is a web page for sports teams at small colleges like us. Created by Jeffrey McCloskey, of Spring Grove, Pa., this page provides updates of scores, standings, and statistical leaders for sports in various conferences of the Mid-Atlantic region, including the Middle Atlantic Conference (that's us!). Now Albright team members, alumni, and fans can keep track of our sports teams and our opponents'.

<http://www.cyberia.com/pages/Geoffrey>

Anyone interested in writing for the sports section next year should contact Dana Peterson or Kurt Krebs.



# Baseball takes step toward second consecutive league title

by Dana Peterson

At the start of its season, the baseball team had high hopes of clinching another league title. Although this is still a reality, the men will have to fight to make this dream come true.

Currently, with a league record of 8-4, the men are tied for first with Messiah College. However, Elizabethtown and Susquehanna are not far behind with records of 7-4 and 7-5, respectively. After two heartbreaking 8-7 losses against Susquehanna, the Lions came back to win two against league opponent Lebanon Valley on April 12, and then swept Moravian on April 16.

With only two league opponents left on their schedule, Albright took to the road for an important doubleheader against E-Town. Sweeping this team would have put Albright ahead in the race for the league championship; however, the Lions came up just short, losing the first game 8-4.

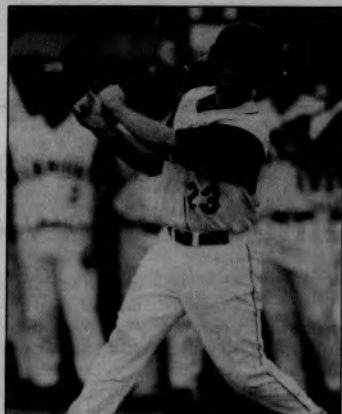
After a lackluster performance in game one, the Lions' bats came to life. In the top of the sixth inning, with two outs, junior co-captain Kurt Krebs started the rampage with the first of what would be three consecutive home runs. This was Krebs' first home run of the season. Clint Williamson and co-captain Dave Miller each followed suit. Chris Rickards, who leads the team with a batting average of .475 and the conference with a slugging percentage of .838, stepped to the plate next and smacked the ball to the right-center field fence for a triple. That two-out rally secured a 9-3 victory for Albright and allowed the Lions to stay in contention for the league title.

According to Krebs, the E-Town doubleheader was illustrative of their season thus far. In game one, the three elements of the game—pitching, hitting, and defense—were not there so the men were unable to pull out a victory. However, all elements came alive in the second game.

"Our pitching and defense have had many peaks and valleys," said head coach Stan Hyman. "At times [both elements] have looked superb and at other times they have fallen apart."

The big test for the Lions will come Saturday, April 26, when the Lions face the Widener Pioneers in a doubleheader. Although Albright has not beaten Widener in more than six years, the men must sweep in order to have a shot for the league title.

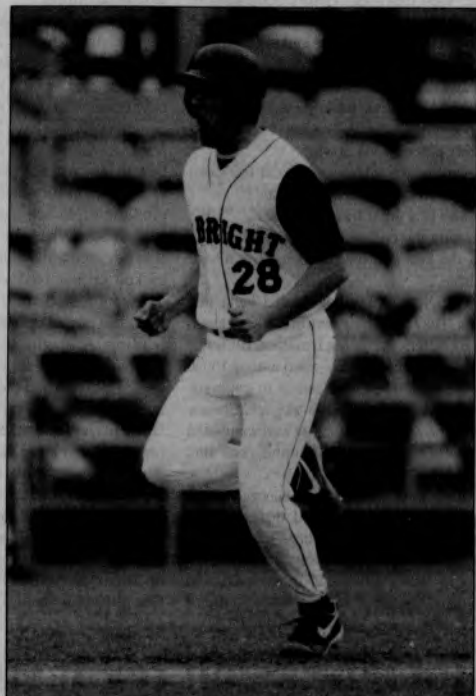
"I hope [the men] rise to the occasion," said Hyman. "They are too good of a baseball team to let the season slip away. We need to get on a roll and stay hot. I believe we will, but believing it and doing it are two different things."



Clint Williamson hits the second of three homers



Jason Thompson blows a fastball by his opponent



Junior Dave Miller trots home after hitting a monster home run

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## Take me out to the ballgame:

### Albright Day with the Reading Phillies

by Dana Peterson

Saturday, April 26, will mark a big day for Albright baseball. Not only will the Lions play their most important doubleheader of the season, but they will be playing the second game at Reading Municipal Stadium for the first time.

"This is something we've talked about doing for a couple years but now we're finally putting it all together," said Albright head coach Stan Hyman.

"Albright Day at the Reading Phillies" will begin with a pregame ceremony honoring the College's 1997 Eugene Shirk scholars. Annadora Shirk, professor emerita of English at Albright, will participate in the festivities.

"I'm excited to be part of such a special event," said Shirk, wife of the late Eugene Shirk, who was Albright's cross country coach and served on the Board of Directors for the Reading Phillies. "Gene was a teacher and an athlete, and was active with the Reading Phillies and Albright; both of these Berks

institutions continue to contribute significantly to the local community."

After sophomore Shannon Grim, current Shirk scholar, sings the National Anthem, Albright College President Ellen Hurwitz will throw out the first pitch of the doubleheader.

The Reading Phillies, the AA-affiliated Philadelphia Phillies, will host the Norwich Navigators in an Eastern League game beginning at 1 p.m. This game will be followed by the second game in the doubleheader between the Albright Lions and the Widener University Pioneers. The first game of their doubleheader will be held at 1 p.m. at Kelchner Field.

Both games against Widener will be key in deciding whether or not Albright will clinch the league title for the second year in a row.

Coach Hyman did not want the season to be on the line going into the Widener games. However, the men hope that a large crowd of fans will come out to cheer them to a victory.

There are complimentary tickets available at the Campus Center Desk and the Development Office for any interested Albrightians.