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Spotlight on Senior Class



MATTHEW KEMENY

Matthew Kemeny is a English/Communications (Journalism) major from Haddon Heights, NJ. After graduation he will be attending the University of Illinois seeking a master's degree in Journalism. Matthew is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and served as the Albrightian Editor-in-Chief for a year and a half. He is a dean's scholar and has been on the All-MAC academic team for both football and wrestling.

What will you miss most about Albright?
Procrastination and hanging with my SAE buddies.
What is one thing you would change about Albright?
Students who actually cared, and no classes before 11.
What are your famous last words for Albright?
As my dad would say...
What would you like to be doing ten years from now?
Getting drunk with Dave Cappello in New Orleans.
Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?
Dr. Achal Mehra, for guiding me when I needed guidance. I have to mention Dr. Adams, Dr. Ozment, and Dr. Gupta for having influences on me and for being wonderful people.
If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?
My late night drunk guitar sessions with my buddies.
If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?
Just me, my guitar, and Michelle Branch.
How do you feel you have changed in the past four years?
Intelligent but broke.
If you had three wishes, what would they be?
1. That I had a great singing voice.
2. That I was happy in my occupation.
3. That I could keep my best friends my whole life.



TOM FITTI

Tom Fitti is a History/Elementary and Special Education major from Drexel Hill, Pa. After graduation, he hopes to get a teaching job in Delaware County and coach high school football. Tom is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Football, St. John's Neumann Society, and the Student Athletic Advisory Council. He is an All-MAC linebacker, on Dean's List and Who's Who in colleges and universities.

What will you miss most about Albright?
One time my good friend Lavar Arrington was visiting Albright, and he believed me, the nerve of him, and he came to the gym and Lavar was not there. I'm not going to tell you his name, but R.B. are his initials.
What is one thing you would change about Albright?
Nothing. Everyone complains, but if we had nothing to complain about, everything wouldn't be the same.
What are your famous last words for Albright?
Rock out!
What would you like to be doing ten years from now?
The same things I'll be doing after graduation.
Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?
Dr. Warfield, Dr. De Syon, and Dr. Pancratz.
If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?
Money to rebuild the athletic fields and locker room.
If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?
My dad. He's my best friend, and he gives the best advice in the world.
How do you feel you have changed in the past four years?
I've matured, and I've become a well-rounded person with leadership qualities.
If you had three wishes, what would they be?
1. Get the job of my dreams.
2. Have a house with a white picket fence, deck, barbecue, and a man room (maybe a pool).
3. Be a freshman at Albright again.



COLLEEN MARIE VUK

Colleen is an English and Secondary Education major from Haddon Heights, NJ. After graduation she plans to have a teaching job in PA or NJ. Colleen's activities have included Alpha Phi Omega. Her awards include the Dean's Scholarship and the National Honor Society Scholarship.

What will you miss most about Albright?
I will miss being with the children at the child development center. They are a great group of kids. I love them.
What is one thing you would change about Albright?
The lack of communication.
What are your famous last words for Albright?
Thank you and goodbye.
What would you like to be doing ten years from now?
I would like to be living in a house in a small town with a teaching job. I would also like to be married and have one child.
Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?
Dr. Richard Androne and Dr. Saral Fuchs. Dr. Androne, thank you for guiding me and making me a better person. Dr. Fuchs, you made my dream of teaching a reality.
If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?
I would bring my best friend, Erica.
How do you feel you have changed in the past four years?
I have become a better and more mature person.
If you had three wishes, what would they be?
1. To not have school loans.
2. To go to England.
3. To have my grandmom (Baba) at my graduation.



SHELLY ALEXANDER

Shelly Alexander is a Child and Family Studies major from Reading, PA. In the future, she would like to have a job in the mental health field, working with children and adolescents. She would also like to attend graduate school for a doctorate in clinical psychology. Shelly is a member of Sigma Kappa, RSA, and Lion Dips. She has been on the Dean's list and is the Most Inspirational Scholar from Sigma Kappa.

What will you miss most about Albright?
All the friends I've made through joining a sorority and the great times hanging out with everyone here and senior nights.
What is one thing you would change about Albright?
Make parking more accessible on campus and in the woods.
What are your famous last words for Albright?
Don't count the days, make the days count.
What would you like to be doing ten years from now?
Working with children and adolescents as a clinical or school psychologist and to have a family.
Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?
Dr. Ingram-Wallace, who made me realize that psychology is definitely a field I want to pursue.
If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?
My loan repayments.
If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?
My boyfriend, Nick, because he's been there for me always and him being there would make it not so bad.
How do you feel you have changed in the past four years?
I've become a stronger person, willing to stick up for the things I believe in, and that you can please some people some of the time, but not all people all the time.
If you had three wishes, what would they be?
1. I would wish the senior class of 2002 happiness, success, and love in the lives and in their futures.



**JENNIFER
ROSZKOWSKI**

What will you miss most about Albright?

I will miss working at the Campus Center and seeing all the familiar faces of the students and the professors.

What is one thing you would change about Albright?

I would change the student apathy. Everyone complains about there being nothing to do on campus; yet, when there are activities for people to attend, on one shows up. Go figure!

What are your famous last words for Albright?

Never doubt yourself or your abilities.

What would you like to be doing ten years from now?

I would like to be finishing up my medical residency and deciding where to locate my practice.

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Every professor that I have ever had at Albright has influenced me in a positive manner by encouraging me to go the extra mile and always do my very best.

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

I would definitely leave them my sense of humor and my bluntness!

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

I would bring Enrique Iglesias so he could sing to me and feed me grapes.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

1. For facilities to fix things correctly the first time (I am still bitter about the clogged tub).
2. To get rid of the 10,000 annoying squirrels on campus.
3. To get more parking for students and guests.



ALTON CLEMENTE

What will you miss most about Albright?

All of freshman year. What a year that was!

What is one thing you would change about Albright?

The apathy towards campus activities that are meant to bring everyone together.

What are your famous last words for Albright?

Get involved! Get involved with anything on campus, and if there is nothing that interests you start your own group or club.

What would you like to be doing ten years from now?

I hope to be a successful actor on both coasts. I also hope to continue directing, and teaching. I hope to start a family ten years from now also.

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Dr. Lynn Morrow, Jeffrey Lentz, and Dr. John Pankratz were the biggest influences on me. They taught me that fear is a four letter word and to follow my dreams and never look back. Thank you for everything.

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

My roommate Brett Bendistis. I think he has the most fun of anyone on this campus.

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

Konstantin Stanislavski (the best acting teacher the world has known), Victoria Silvstedt (enough said), and any agent from the William Morris Agency so when we get rescued, they could get me work!

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

1. To be a successful actor.
2. All the wishes of my family and friends came true.
3. World peace, because no one knows what might happen next.

Jennifer is a Biology/Pre-Med major from Linden, NJ. In the future, she plans to get her Master's in biomedical science and then go on to medical school.

Her activities have included Resident Assistant, Asian American Council, ISA, BASE, Tri-Beta, SGA E-Board, Phi Delta Sigma, AED, student tutor, Gateway student leader, and Organic Chemistry conference leader.

Her awards have included Jacob Albright Scholar, Phi Delta Sigma Honorary Alumnae Sorority Award, Janet L. Gehres Award, Dean's List, Dean's Achievement Award, Jacob Albright Scholar Member in Course, and SGA two-year service award.



AMANDA WOOD

What will you miss most about Albright?

I will miss all the people that have been there whenever I needed someone.

What is one thing you would change about Albright?

I would like to see people reaching out to others that are different than they are instead of staying within their group of people.

What are your famous last words for Albright?

In life many people can help you get through the bad times. Make sure you thank at least a few of them.

What would you like to be doing ten years from now?

I would like to have a job teaching pre-school and be married with children.

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Dr. Cathie Kelsey, because she has always been there for me and she has always given me good advice.

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

I would leave Albright a sense of unity because, even though we are all different, we are experiencing the same thing only in different ways.

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

I would choose Warren Heil and Melissa Hixson, because they have been there for me through the good and bad times.

How do you feel you have changed in the past four years?

I feel I have changed because I have grown and matured.

I am far less shy than I was when I came to Albright.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

1. That I would be guaranteed a job in December when I am certified to teach.
2. I knew that I would always have friends that will be there for me.
3. To live a happy, health, and prosperous life.

Amanda is an Early Childhood/Elementary Education/Child and Family Studies major from Haddon Heights, NJ. After graduation, she wants to return to Albright to student teach and then find a job teaching preschool.

Her activities have included Concert Band, Gospel Choir, Alpha Phi Omega, Albright Christian fellowship, and Heartsong.

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Christina McGrath is from Philadelphia, PA. In the future, she would like to attend West Chester University for her Masters in counseling psychology and possibly a doctorate degree.

She is a sister of Phi Mu and a member of Alpha Phi Omega, along with POP's Lion Dips, and AC2. She is a Jacob Albright Scholar, on Dean's List, a Phi Delta Sigma Honorary Alumna Sorority member.

Christina is also in Psi Chi and has won the Distinguished Service Key for Alpha Phi Omega.

CHRISTINA MCGRATH

What will you miss most about Albright?

The smell of mushroom farms after it rains.

What is one thing you would change about Albright?

Party Policies.

What are your famous last words for Albright?

I have no more money to give!

What would you like to be doing ten years from now?

Married with a family.

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Dr. Gilbert -- Thank you so much for everything.

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

A financial advisor.

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

Tim :-)

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

1. No debt.

2. People would be less narrow minded and ignorant

3. My mom would always be happy and proud of me.

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LAUREN GIBBS

What will you miss most about Albright?

My sisters, my adoptive brothers (you know who you are), the campus center steps, the Phi Mu lawn, my professors that really care, and of course the vegetarian freindly cafeteria food and wonderful housing accommodations.

What is one thing you would change about Albright?

I wish it were a more active campus. There are so many schools out there that don't have to beg students to come to concerts, plays, art shows, and speakers by offering, "experience credit," to get people to go. College is about being more experienced in life, and becoming well rounded, hence a liberal arts education! The administration may be interested in getting more high profile speakers to come to campus if they didn't have to worry about being embarrassed that only 20 students were going to show up.

What are your famous last words for Albright?

If there is anything you do in your 4 years here, you have to study abroad. Leaving Albright makes you realize what really is bad about this school, and what isn't worth complaining about. It shows you how Albright is different from the rest of the schools out there. It also makes you realize what your friends and life here are worth. It makes you appreciate your college, your friends and the world in a whole new way. And it makes you grow up.

What would you like to be doing ten years from now?

Hopefully I will have a Master's in the field of public policy, and some significant legislative experience under my belt, so I can hold a position as a senior policy analyst in a major women's health policy lobbying group. Where? Washington, D.C. of course!

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Dr. Barker was my advisor from day one. He always encouraged me to think on my own, and he pushed me intellectually. He told me that I could do things and should do things when I didn't have faith in myself. I own much of my success to his support, thank you!

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

New Housing! These buildings are falling apart, the rooms are too small, and what is that smell? Don't even get me started about the allergy epidemic, you can ask the health center about their never ending supply of Allegra.

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

My big sister, Betsy Logan, class of 2001. She is one of the funniest people I know, and has stuck by me through thick and thin for 4 years. And I think that between the two of us, we could pitch a pretty nice tent.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

1. Reproductive freedom for all women

2. A clean environment for future generations

3. A smart president. (Hey, it's worth a shot.)

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Chad Zehner is a Psychology and Business major from Sugarloaf, Pa. After graduation he will pursue corporate employment in preparation for law school.

Chad was a member of the football team for three years, as well as participating in the Ski Club, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

CHAD ZEHNER

What will you miss most about Albright?

The wonderful aroma of trash early in the morning before classes.

What is your best memory about Albright?

The time that Mike Strack and Dar Barr had to clean someone's shit out of the bathtub.

What are your famous last words for Albright?

Don't call me for donations, because I will not be repaying my loans until I am 76 years old, and for the love of god, reduce the amount of ice cream in the dining hall.

What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?

I hope to be pouring six feet of salt all over the city of Reading so that nothing can ever inhabit it for the rest of eternity.

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Dr. Gilbert, for guiding me through my major for my four years here. He had an enormous impact on my development. I would also have to attribute my success to former assistant football coach Paul Bachia. (Hey Bach! Go Army!)

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

A new sports facility for all of the athletes.

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

My girlfriend, DUH!

How do you feel you have changed in the past 4 years?

Over the past 4 years I feel that I have begun to mature into a growing adult. I feel that I have gained many experiences that will further my development as to who I am and what I will become... Plus I'm about 25 pounds heavier.... Thanks caf you almost made me a fat @ss....

If you had three wishes what would they be?

1. I wish for the person who defecated in my bathroom to fess up.

2. I wish for all 8:00 am classes to be cancelled forever.

3. I wish I had a great GDI shirt too, oh wait, I do...

Ensemble sings with a star

On February 24, the Albright Gospel Ensemble got a chance to sing with Barry Manilow at Reading's Sovereign Center

Erin Hayes
Lion Reporter

My name is not Lola, and I am not a show girl. But I, along with the rest of Albright's Gospel Ensemble, sang with Barry Manilow.

February 24, 2002 was the day that we stepped up into a different music game. It was the day that national recording artist Barry Manilow came to Reading's Sovereign Center. Albright's Gospel Ensemble was invited to sing back up for him, and it was the chance of a lifetime.

The lights came up on the stage and glared in my eyes as we were placed in our positions. After about an hour of learning a new song in the choir room, the director led us to the stage. We had our own stage manager, or at least he introduced himself as our stage manager. Whenever we perform, we usually figure out what section goes first and then we just file in, but now we had a man to tell us where to go and to place us in the right spot.

Throughout the entire day, we all tried to act professional, but the excitement and amazement rang in our voices and actions.

Even the preparation

before the concert knocked me off my feet. We practiced for hours with the music that was sent to us for review. We worked hard to have each note correct and ready for Barry Manilow's ears. That was until we arrived, and the director told us that we all had the wrong notes. Oh, it was just a slight technical difficulty with the tape he sent us and the four or five sections that were recorded at the same time. We quickly fixed it when he taught the alto section new notes and we knew the song the way he wrote it.

Finally, the finale came and it was time for our performance. The stagehand came back to the choir room to escort us to the stage. I fell in line and bopped to the music that Manilow played. We were not allowed to talk because our microphones were on so we waved our hands in excitement as we got closer to the stage and

mouthed our messages back and forth. I said a quick prayer as we stepped on stage and the adventure began.

Moving quickly but in slow deliberate motion, I took my place on stage. The next five or ten minutes were the fastest and brightest moments of my life. We sang two songs and did our choreography, had a flag drop behind our heads, confetti sprayed at our heads and Barry dance with one of our members all in that time.

I would only change one thing about that day. I would have loved to have a nice conversation with Barry Manilow. You know, maybe a "hello" and "how are you?" But I understand he is a busy man, and we had our limelight for a little while. I think it only took about one minute in Albright Gospel Ensemble's fifteen minutes of fame. Look out world, we might need security!

Mike DiFelice is a Biology major from Mohnton, Pa. After graduation he plans to attend University of Pennsylvania for dental school.

He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi, S.G.A., varsity swim team, Beta Beta, Beta, Alpha Epsilon Delta, ACS, and POP's.

Mike is a Eugene L. Shirk Scholar, Dean's honor student, Who's Who, All-Mac Academic team, National Student Athlete Day award recipient, and Victor Emmanuel II Beneficial Society Scholarship.



MIKE DIFELICE

What will you miss most about Albright?

The great times I had with my friends and brothers.

What are your famous last words for Albright?

Make the most of your years at Albright. In essence, life is what you make of it.

What would you like to be doing ten years from now?

I would like to be practicing dentistry and have a wife and kids.

Which Albright Professor influenced you the most?

Dr. Karen Campbell.

If you could leave anything to Albright, what would it be?

A donation.

If you were stranded on a desert island and you could choose anyone in the world to be stuck with, who would it be?

A hot Italian woman.

How have you changed in the past four years?

I am smarter, more mature, and more social.

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FEATURES

Something's growing at Albright

Danny Campos
Lion Reporter

New renovations. More course offerings. More opportunities in the arts.

That is not the only opportunity increasing at the college. Passion is growing. The passion for the arts is at an all-time high here at Albright College. Senior Erin Stell said, "Arts is the language of our passion."

A great deal of interest has lead to Albright College's 1st Annual Arts & Entertainment Festival. The Arts & Entertainment Festival is a 12-day festival of the arts. The festival runs from May 3-12. Events scheduled include the Freedman Gallery's presentation of the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Domino Players production of "Bash/Eros Trilogy: Roger & Miriam," Domino Players/Blue Dog Rep. production of "The Other Shore," which is student-directed by Alto Clemente '02. The Shakespeare class, along with some other student directors, will present a day of Shakespeare's works. Albright College Thespian Society (A.C.T.S.) presents a Reader's Theatre. There will also be a student film show presentation from the digital media students. The Gender in Drama (English 235) class and Post Modern British (English 389) will perform a final project.

There will also be a fashion show done by the visual apparel and merchandising students. The music

department's events will also be included in the festival. The annual spring concerts will take place for the choir and concert band. Other musical groups performing will be Women's Chorale, Chamber Choir, String Chamber Orchestra, Men's Ensemble and Albright Angels.

All involvement with this festival goes to show how important the arts are to Albright College. Please come and support this two-week period of excitement and passion. For more information or ticket information, call the performing arts box office at ext. 7547. Below is a tentative schedule of what will be planned each day of the festival.

Tentative schedule:

May 9 - Domino Players' Bash/Roger & Miriam- First Union Theatre, 7 p.m.

May 10 - Domino Players' Bash/Roger & Miriam-First Union Theatre, 8 p.m.

May 11 - Domino Players' Bash/Roger & Miriam-First Union Theatre, 8 p.m.

Digital Media Film Show Time, TBA

Visual Apparel and Merchandising Fashion Show Time, TBA

May 12 - Domino Players' Bash/Roger & Miriam- First Union Theatre, 2 p.m.

Spring Concert by the Concert Choir, Women's Chorale, Chamber Choir, Men's Ensemble and Albright Angels- Memorial Chapel 7:30 p.m.

Ashley B. Carter
Lion Reporter

On Thursday, April 25, DJ Skribble hit up the turntables and mixed up some of today's hottest club, dance, techno, and rap music.

With doors opening at 9 p.m. in the Bollman Center, many Albright students along with surrounding colleges and high schools in the Reading area showed up to see one of today's top DJ's spin his turntables and scratch to the newest sounds on the radio and in the club.

Best known for his ap-

pearances on MTV, DJ Skribble was the largest act that has come to Albright in the past year. More and more often, Albright has been able to bring newer and hotter acts to the college due to the recommendations from the students and support from the Albright College Activities Council.

The Skribble show estimated a turnout of approximately 250-300 people dancing the night away. Told by student, Freshman Celine Ver Ploge from Miami when asked how she enjoyed the show "It was off the hizzy fo shizzy. I felt like I was at home again. It was good times and great fun

had by all!"

Students at Albright partied until the wee hours of the night, 2am to be exact. Some of them had been there when doors opened at 9 with the sounds of DJ Adam, a student and regular DJ for Albright events and didn't leave until scribble stopped mixing. All in all Albright had a spectacular performance from one of today's hottest DJ's. All the students on campus want to know now is, who's up next on Albright's billboard top chart. And when in the near future will they be performing?

Alpha Sig gets charter

Ryan Bialas

This weekend the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi joined Albright's Greek Life as a chartered fraternity. The journey began over two years ago in a small dorm room. A few

the 5}{\super th}{ Street Diner, where they spent the majority of the early morning. Saturday night marked the Chartering banquet. The event, located in a curtained section of the Dining Hall, was catered by the Albright Dining Ser-

The Albrightian Advice Column

Do you have problems that you just can't find the right answers to? Well, have I got news for you! The Albrightian has decided to put an advice column in the paper to help you solve those pesky little problems. If you are in need of answers to your problems, then this is for you. You can write in as yourself or anonymously. It's that simple.

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Berks County celebrates 250th

Genevieve Shope
Lion Reporter

Berks County is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year with a variety of exciting events. Just recently, on April 20, children and adults alike lined 13th Street to watch as the anniversary parade marched its way along.

The parade of Berks County history took off in the Agere parking lot at 9 a.m. and ended in City Park.

Many organizations, county officials, and local marching bands proudly took part in the parade.

The tunes of area marching bands, including Conrad Weiser and Kutztown Area High School, had people dancing in the streets.

Various balloon vend-

ers paraded up and down the sidelines, as well, adding excitement and color to the festivities.

The mission of Berks County's anniversary celebration is to create "lasting memories" and to "reflect [the] richness and greatness of [the county's] culture and heritage."

Berks County became official on March 11, 1752, combining portions of Philadelphia, Chester, and Lancaster counties.

Today, the county of 370,000 residents is known for its number one industry, agriculture, and of course, its outlet shopping. Berks County is home to many educational institutions, including our own, Albright College.

The anniversary cel-

ebration, whose goal is to "heighten public awareness of the treasures in Berks County," continues with plans all the way through December. Various events, concerts, and festivals are planned throughout the county.

Anyone interested can visit www.berks250.com/news.asp for a complete listing of events.

Berks County has much to offer both residents and visitors alike.

Everyone should take the opportunity to explore the county and take advantage of what it has to offer.

students just wanted to make a difference on this campus. United by this idea, they embarked on a journey that reached a momentous occasion this weekend with receiving their charter.

The weekend began with the initiation ceremony on Friday night. This private ceremony took place in Teel Hall and the Kachel Chapel. The five hour ceremony concluded at 12:30am on Saturday morning with the brothers receiving their pins. The pins were marked by two pieces of ribbon, one red and the other stone white. These are the colors of Alpha Sigma Phi. After the ceremony, they gathered at

vices. Those attending included National and Grand Council representatives, brothers from Stevens Tech, Hartford, and Western Michigan, and an interest group from Rutgers. It was during this dinner that the Charter was presented to the brothers. The small group that started the idea to form a new brotherhood has grown since that day long ago. They now have 41 brothers, including alumni. Bonded by a strong set of morals and strengthened by diversity they show promise to keep growing.

Let the Albright community welcome the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi.

ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND FACULTY:

Please be advised that there is a major problem facing a large percentage of the student population. This problem is of the utmost importance. As it stands, many students are realizing that other colleges are developing majors in Digital Media and to be competitive Albright needs to follow suit. This issue requires the unity of the student body, alumni, and faculty. This is a student driven initiative. PLEASE read this petition and show your support by signing your name and dating the form. Signed petitions can be returned to campus box #134.

Albright College
Campus Box #134
P.O. Box 15234
Reading, PA 19612-5234

To The Campus Community:

This is a formal petition regarding the Digital Media course selection for the 2002 fall semester and the proposal to make Digital Media a full and complete major.

After the release of the course selection sheet for the 2002 fall semester, many students were greatly disappointed by the lack of Digital Media offerings. There is a broad student interest in Digital Media looking to increase their knowledge and to grow within the Digital Media community. It has come to the students' attention that Digital Media is not a full major and its curriculum is presently limited to a small selection of courses conceived several years ago. I believe that Digital Media should become a full major and its course offerings expanded to reflect comparable programs.

Digital Media is a competitive and vital force in the media world. Being a student of Digital Media allows us to be future participants as editors, directors, and artists. Digital Media crosses numerous fields including business, art, communications, music, computer science, and the liberal arts. The current lack of course selections is not only a disservice to the student body, but it will greatly limit new students' access to this expanding field. A large majority of the students have already taken the courses being offered for fall 2002 and wish to have a greater selection representing the diversity of interests in the field. The incoming freshman class of 2006 will have more than 50 students taking Digital Media courses. I feel they will be greatly disappointed in the lack of choices and growth of the department. This could make them transfer to a competing college with a better program.

If allowed to grow and expand into a full major, Albright's Digital Media program has the potential to be a nationally recognized department. Both current and incoming Albright students would benefit from a strong Digital Media program because it is an interdisciplinary field in which they can express themselves and develop multiple talents. Your support of a Digital Media major and its students will, in turn, encourage us to support Albright in the future as alumni.

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ALBRIGHT SPORTS

Women's rugby concludes a bruising 2002 season

Andrea Blessingame
Lion Reporter

Albright's Women's Rugby team has set records at Albright (at least compared to past years), but these feats have not come without a price. This semester, the team began its search for dedicated players willing to learn the techniques

of tackling, kicking, and endurance in a 60-90 minute competition to get an oversized oval-shaped ball on the other side of the field.

Only scheduled to play three games, the girls practiced hard. Their first game was against Gettysburg. A rough start in the freezing cold, not enough players, and a long trip there, Mama Dre's "45!" represented well.

Though the girls were de-

feated 26-19, it was still a victory for the team, because they hadn't even scored in the past. As the girls left Gettysburg to head back to parties and relaxation with tense muscles, worn out lungs, and sore bodies, the girls anticipated another chance for victory. After another week of strenuous practice, their second game was sadly canceled. However, this did not exhaust their excitement. Their third and final game was home against

Widener on Saturday, April 20. The girls had much more support, but a lack of players. With a loss of 5-19 the girls walked away in even more pain. Poor Annie had her family there to watch and powerfully made a name for herself with a blast to the nose by a member of the opposite team. All went down on one knee as captain and senior Jolene Araz ran to save her bloodied team member. Thank God Annie is perfectly fine now, but she'll definitely be ready for a blow back in the fall.

That day ended with the threat of rain and a team full of painfully dissatisfied women. Yet, they still asked for more. Nor could they leave without saying good-bye to two very important and influential seniors, Rita Salloun and Joleen Araz. They were surprisingly and sorely presented with t-shirts with their nicknames on them as gifts from the girls. Next semester, our fearless team will keep on moving (hopefully with less bruises) to gain some victories! Keep an eye out. The "45" will be back!

Intramural sports keep the fire in ex-athletes alive through competition

by: Becky Eshbach
Lion Reporter

It's spring again at Albright and that means shorts, warmer weather, and of course, intramural softball.

Teams of students have flocked together to compete in weekly softball games on fields across campus. Mostly for fun, but sometimes extremely competitive, the slow-pitch softball games always serve as a time to forget about the tough finals that are sneaking up all too

soon. Some of the more dominating teams this year seem to be Sigma Alpha Epsilon and team Fubar.

Joe O'Neill, from the Fubar team states, "Go hard or go home."

If they ever play on Science field, you may want to park your car elsewhere, for long home-runs are more than common for the hard hitting students. Arranged in divisions, all teams share the same hope of gaining the recognition of the

best team. Lauren Kelly from the Alpha Delta Pi team plays simply for fun and to spend time with her friends.

Kelly feels that "Playing intramural softball is about getting involved with something for fun at school, and it's not about winning but just having a good time with your friends."

So whether it be for fun or for competition, intramural softball games are the place to be at Albright.

Ciccone and Ranck set records through baseball's rocky season

Lauren High
Sports Editor

The Albright college baseball team suffered a loss at home to Gettysburg on April 29. Sophomore shortstop David Ciccone set a single game record with his three-home run, six-RBI performance. Junior third baseman Michael Tinney also turned in a solid performance. Tinney went three for four on the day with an RBI. Despite Ciccone and Tinney's heroics at the plate, Albright was unable to muster enough offense, eventually losing by a final score of 13-9.

On April 26 and 27, Albright played a three-game series against Moravian. The first game of the series, played at Moravian, was a decisive Albright victory. Strong pitching and a consistent offensive output proved key in Albright's 10-5 victory. On the 27, Moravian traveled to Kelchner Field for a Saturday doubleheader. In the first game, Albright edged Moravian 13-12. Trailing Moravian, Albright's offense came to life during the bottom of the seventh

inning. With two outs, Ciccone hit a three-run shot. Ciccone's homer was followed by a double by Tinney.

With Tinney on second, senior Toby Ranck hit his eleventh homer of the season. Ranck's home run in the bottom of the seventh capped a five run rally. Ranck's homer also tied an Albright record for most home runs in a single season. It was a big day for Ranck as he got three hits and knocked in five runs. Senior Tom Krick also homered for Albright. Pitcher Jon Dochterman got the win for the Lions.

In the second game of the double header, Albright lit up Moravian thanks, in part, to a nine run rally in the sixth inning. Ranck hit his twelfth home run of the season and drove in Albright's eighth and ninth runs. Ranck's homer set a new single-season record and paved the way for a 16-7 rout, and series sweep, of Moravian. Freshman pitcher Dave Ganovsky, in relief of Ranck, picked up his first college win.

This season, the Lions were 13-22 (9-12), with only the April 30 game against Rowan and the conference playoffs re-

maining on the schedule. Overall, the team played solidly. Solid offense and strong pitching were key down the stretch. Albright showed just how potent good pitching and strong hitting can be by embarrassing Susquehanna 11-0 in the first game of an April 6 doubleheader. In that game, Ranck put the Lions ahead by hitting a three run shot in the bottom of the first inning. Albright got strong performances at the plate from Krick, Tinney, and senior Mike Strack.

However, a crucial part of the win was the pitching performance turned in by junior Matt Slivinski. Slivinski went seven innings, allowing only three hits and striking out eleven.

On the whole, the Lions had a very solid season. In fact, the 2002 season was one of the best seasons in recent years. Seniors Tom Krick, Mick Strack, Toby Ranck, and Bryan Wagner leave big holes in the lineup. However, with a roster that included thirteen freshmen, seven sophomores, and six juniors, Albright looks to have good returning talent next season. Congratulations on a good season!

Men's tennis makes history

Cristen Leaper
Lion Reporter

Young talents boosted the men's tennis team this spring, leading them to a history-making season.

Their season ended with an 11-4 record overall, leaving them among the top six teams Dale Yoder has ever coached. The team also made school history at the MAC Championships on April 26. For the first time, each entry in the competition (two singles and two doubles) came through with wins in the first round.

This news came as a bit of a surprise to Yoder because they graduated the top four players from last year's squad.

"We did a lot better than we expected to this season," Yoder said. "I really thought that the four seniors leaving would leave more of a mark."

The younger players were forced to take on major roles. The lone senior on the team is Pedro Suasi, who played first and second singles for the Lions this season. Other than that, the line-up consists of two juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen.

Juniors Matt Califano and Rich Carriane have made significant contributions to the team in the past, but their performance became even more crucial this season. The same goes for sophomores, Roy Finney, Trevor Fisher, and Matt Zimmerman, who stepped up to play within the top four singles positions. For Zimmerman, this meant a shift from last year's sixth spot to number one this year. Fisher moved up from fifth to second and third singles, and Finney moved into the singles line-up permanently.

Freshmen Tim Lauro and

Ian Matlack have added more depth to the team, making contributions in doubles and singles play.

"We had three sophomores at the top of the line-up," Yoder said, "and they all showed considerable improvement from last year. Everyone stepped up."

In fact, when it came time to choose captains, the team chose that they did not want to single anyone out. They decided to share the responsibility of leadership throughout the season, making each player's role extremely important. From the looks of things, the plan worked.

Each singles player ended with records better than .500. Fisher ended with the best record on the team, with an 11-4 record, and Finney and Zimmerman were right behind him with 10-5 records. Suasi finished at 4-4, Carriane turned in a 5-2 tally, Califano's record was 8-6, and Matlack went 9-5.

Fisher and Zimmerman were the two singles entries in the MAC Championships, and they both came out with wins in the opening round. Zimmerman came through with a big win over Drew's first singles player, who reached the tournament finals last year, but then lost his next match. Fisher also lost his next round match at MAC's.

The doubles entries fared the same way, as the teams of Califano and Carriane and Finney and Matlack both won their first matches but faltered in the following round.

Overall, the season was definitely one to be proud of, especially considering the limited expectations going in.

"We made a good showing," Yoder said. "I am pleased with that."

Albright "superstar"

Chris Thomas
Lion Reporter

The 2001 Albright College football team had a successful 2001 season. The team went 7-4 overall and 5-4 in the MAC and captured the ECAC Southwest Championship with a 49-35 victory over Wesley.

This year the team was led on defense by starting LB Tom Fitti, a 6-foot, 215-pound senior captain from Drexel Hill, Pa. Fitti's dominance was felt on the field, where he led the Lions in three of four seasons in tackles. This season he led the Lions with 101 tackles and was fourth in the MAC overall. He earned MAC Defensive Player of the Week and Pretzel Bowl MVP honors, having 17 tackles against Moravian in week eight of their season.

He was also given the opportunity to play at the National All-Star Bowl in Cleveland, Ohio. This season Fitti was selected to the MAC All-Academic Team with a 3.33 GPA. Fitti is a History/Education Major. Tom Fitti not only has been a four-year starter for the Lions, but he is also a four-year letter winner for the squad. In addition,

he was selected to be a member of the MAC All-Star First Team Defense for the second time in his football career. Although Fitti has accomplished a lot individually, he does not care for awards.

"My biggest concern is turning the program around," Fitti said.

After graduation Fitti plans to come back to Albright as a student teacher, and help out with the football team.

He plans to someday have the opportunity to coach his own team. Besides leaving football behind, he will greatly miss his friends and teammates.

According to Coach Sandusky, "Fitti is a good leader, hard worker in the weight room, on the field, and is also a team player."

When asked how he felt about Fitti, Coach Sandusky had these words to say, "He is someone to miss because of his hard work, experience, and leadership. He is going to be a big void to fill."

Fitti left these inspiring words to the upcoming freshman and the rest of the Albright Lions "work hard and keep hustling, good things come to those who work hard."

Spotlight: George Merrill

Becky Eshbach
Lion Reporter

They say that it's always the special teams that make a difference in the game, and this season George Merrill, senior kicker for the football team, proved that statement true.

With sixty-six points for the season, including a 44-yard field goal, Merrill earned the title All-American. With four varsity letters, the kicker from Etters, PA reflects on his experience at Albright, "This was the best year ever for me. I just wanted to do my part for the team. The football team was like my family." This season Merrill recorded a 61.5% field goal aver-

age and made 16 field goals out of 26 attempted. George expects to graduate in May with a degree in crime and justice. After his four years at Albright he is somewhat unsure of his plans for post-graduation, but he states he will "Possibly go into law enforcement or something along those lines." He will be greatly missed by Albright and the remainder of the Lion's football team. Ben Martin, a teammate and fellow kicker comments, "I feel very grateful to have been able to learn from one of the best. He will continue to be an inspiration to me even though he will be gone." The best of luck is wished to George in his post-college endeavors in whatever path he chooses to travel.

Spotlight: Joe Noe

Sakina Brown
Randi Harris
Lion Reporters

For Offensive Guard Joe Noe, the All-Star game was just another perk to a memorable senior year.

Noe is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and a member of Player/Coach Committee.

The culmination of a very successful football season, the All-Star game gave Noe, Merrill and Fitti a chance to compete against the best college football players across the country. "It was an honor to go," he says. "It was great watching my

friends play, and it gave us one last chance to do it." His favorite memory from senior year is of the ECAC Championships, another important accomplishment for the football team.

"The game was a great opportunity for all three players, to experience an event like that an have them on an NFL level game gave them a good competitive experience", Coach E.J. Sandusky said.

Noe's plans after graduation include going into business. "I'd like to go into the business world and try to make some money," he says. We know that Joe will be successful in any endeavor he choses to follow.

Sports Talk: Sendoff

By Dan Pennucci

As we send Sports Talk off, in this the final edition of The Albrightian, we will give you the scoop on this crazy spring in the sporting world. Montreal will be a common theme in this final Sports Talk edition. One of the reasons that the Expos, despite their early success, have no fans is because, for the first time in five years, their hockey team, the storied Montreal Canadiens are in the playoffs. The Habs entered the post season with the eighth best record in the league, and quite possibly the best goaltender of the season, a 25-year old phenom named Jose Theodore. Theodore led the league in save percentage, with a clip of .931. Theodore has single handedly taken the Habs into the playoffs, and in their first round series win over the top seeded Boston Bruins, Jose made every big save when it counted. He stole games five and six for the Habs, as they advanced in their first postseason appearance in five years. Theodore has been nominated for the Hart Trophy, given to the NHL's MVP, and also the Vezina Trophy, which is awarded to the league's top goaltender. Theodore gets my vote for MVP, (If Sports Talk had a vote that is).

Right now, in addition to Montreal, the Canadian fans are truly enjoying the NHL playoffs, as both Toronto and Ottawa are playing each other in the Eastern Conference Semis. This is terrific news for hockey fans in the great north, as they have a shot to send a team to the Stanley Cup Finals. The last time our neighbors to the north were represented in the Finals was in 1994 when Vancouver pushed the New York Rangers to seven games in the Rangers first cup win in 54 years. Personally, Sports Talk likes Ottawa out of East, but a team to watch out for is the Carolina Hurricanes. The Canes won the NHL's weakest division, the Southeast, and dismantled the two-time Eastern Conference Champion New Jersey Devils in the first round. The canes now face the red hot Habs, and are a team to be reckoned with. We still like Ottawa out of the East, but watch out for the Canes or the Habs.

Ottawa goaltender Patrick Lalime, who shut out the Flyers for three consecutive games in the first round, is playing like a seasoned veteran, as opposed to a young

goalie in his first successful playoffs. We say successful because he was abused by Toronto in the first round last year. Lalime, who didn't win a game last year in the postseason, made a big mark with making his first three playoff shutouts. He has since added on more against the Leafs, thus tying him for the NHL record for playoff shutouts in one season with some rather outstanding company. Martin Brodeur, Patrick Roy, Ken Dryden, to name a few. There should be no reason why Lalime, whose amazing play is

ramento Kings are duking it out for the right to play Shaq and the boys. Whoever survives this series will give the Lakers a run for their money, and who knows, if NBA Commissioner David Stern feels like it, the Lakers may lose. Don't hold your breath though. In the East, it is literally wide open. The Nets and Pistons are the favorites now, but either the Hornets or the Celtics can steal a place in the conference finals. Look for the Nets and either the Pistons or the Celtics to play for the Eastern title.

Returning to Montreal

now, does everyone remember when baseball and its mean commissioner Bud Selig wanted to eliminate the Montreal Expos because eight minor league teams had better average attendance? Well the Expos are near the top of the NL East behind the



stellar play of All World outfielder Vladimir Guerrero, who through Sunday had 10 HR, 35 RBI (28 in April), 8 stolen bases, and is hitting at a .353 clip. Add to those numbers one of the best outfield arms in the league and Vlad is quite possibly the best player in baseball. The Expos really are not that bad of a team. They have a strong lineup and two young aces on the hill in Javier Vazquez and Tony Armas Jr. The Expos, as of Sunday, sat one game behind the Mets. This team has been taken over by baseball, meaning that major league baseball and runs, manages, and owns the team, yet say the Expos make the playoffs, are they really going to eliminate them? Hopefully the team will stay in tact, (except for Vlad, as he will have his pick and choose of what team he wishes to play for), and they will find a home in a new city... Washington D.C. is nice... Oh, and the Expos still draw basically no fans for each game. On opening day the attendance was recorded at almost 40,000 people, and the very next day it was under 5,000.

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Dan Pennucci is a senior columnist. Good Luck, Nuc, we're going to miss you!

Now, the NBA playoffs are going on now as well, and it looks like the Lakers may not have the easy, David Stern-ordered path to which they have become so accustomed. The Dallas Mavericks and the Sac-

COMMENTARY

A Senior's Farewell

Jen Levy
Lion Reporter

Well, we finally did it!!! After four years, we've finally reached the end, and what an experience! I'm not sure where to even start. While I learned an awful lot, met a lot of genuinely good people, and had a lot of fun along the way, there are a variety of things that I found at Albright to be outright disappointing and often unjustifiable.

The graduation fee, first off, is a great example. How much do we already pay to attend such a "prestigious" school? I guess a small amount wouldn't be too bad, but ONE HUNDRED dollars to graduate?! It's like a penalty for accomplishing a huge feat, plus tickets are limited anyway! When I wrote the article last year on the fee, President Zimon said in an interview that the fee was to cover raises in costs such as oil! He said that tuition does not cover those costs and is used for things such as new professors and raises in existing professors' salaries. There seems to be a rather large black hole here at Albright, and my experience with the recycling program only further solidifies its existence.

Additionally, it has been argued that while expan-

sion of the program is desired, it may be too costly, yet there are numerous local facilities that compensate for recyclable materials. The inefficiency with which the school is run and the fact that no one ever seems to know exactly what is going on around them is something I've seen outside of the recycling program, throughout my stay here.

Much of the faculty and administration seem to wear blinds, oblivious to anything outside of their own personal responsibilities that were outlined in their job descriptions! Trying to find out something is like pulling teeth! You're always diverted to another individual that is supposed to have the answer or know where you can go to get it. I find this rather appalling! Who is running this place? The inefficiency is outrageous, which I feel every bit justified in saying as I, and every other student, have donated close to \$100,000.00 to go here for four years! Where is the money going? "To teachers' salaries" and the like I've been told, but geez!



body, but kept secretive. We've seen SAT standards revoked in an effort to increase population and diversity. We've seen excellent professors leave due to "personal issues" with the environment the school was providing. We've seen tremendous hikes in tuition costs and other expenses.

We've seen an in-

crease in parking tickets and decreases in parking. We've seen increased "security" when it refers to breaking up parties, but an increased number of break-ins and vandalism. The RSA formal served alcohol but no food and prohibited any "visibly intoxicated" individual from remaining there. This was especially the case if an individual was on the outskirts of a crowd, without an Albright ID, or even worse, not an Albright student at all! At the same time, under age "visibly intoxicated" individuals seemed to be plentiful on the dance floor (oops!). None of this seems conducive to the type of environment Albright should be providing, especially given the money paid out to go here!

As I mentioned, not all was bad. I don't think I would be the same person I've become had it not been for some of the terrific friends and professors I've encountered here. Students need to speak their minds and be alert to their surroundings at all times. We are what constitutes Albright. Without us, there is no Albright. See a problem and initiate a change. Standing tall and loud, expressing your opinion, is what allows for great accomplishments. Never stand quietly idle. . . good luck and thanks!

Peaceful Protestors Rushed Departure on Citibank Day of Action

Jen Levy
Lion Reporter

Two weeks ago, Albright Environmental Action took a car ride down to Citibank Financial Center to protest their funding of fossil fuel projects. Visiting the branch located off of Fifth Street Highway, members arrived to face three amused tellers, one curious customer, and a rather irritated manager. Bearing gifts which were refused, members were promptly asked to leave the building. Leaving flyers of information with all tellers and the customer, AEA proceeded to leave the building. While regrouping outside, the manager followed swiftly threatening to call the cops if the group did not depart within the next ten seconds. Peaceful protestors were rushed to depart within the first minute of their arrival - so why all the commotion?

As a financial institution, Citibank targets college campuses nation-wide. Things like educational loans and credit cards is where it all starts, followed by car loans and mortgages. In other words, each student is potentially worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to Citi. Here's the problem. Customer money is used to finance projects that are environmentally detrimental, like drilling for oil and logging. It is one of the largest and most powerful organizations on the globe, operating in 102 countries. The Rainforest Action Network in a recent publication stated the following:

In 2000, Citi was the number one financier of both the coal industry and fossil fuel pipelines. . . Citi's ongoing support of deforestation and fossil fuels makes the company a major contributor to the global warming crisis.

The evidence of climate change is everywhere. Sea levels have risen, and in another publication by the Rainforest Action Network, it is reported that the five hottest years in recorded history occurred in the 90's. More locally, Reading's rather warm winter seems suspiciously like another example. Whether you believe it or not, the evidence is out there and more and more people are seeing the connections.

Global warming, more accurately referred to as climate

A senior's last words...

Christina McGrath
Lion Reporter

As a graduating senior, I've been racking my mind to figure out a way to leave my mark here at Albright College. I decided that since I have never written anything for our school newspaper, this would be a good way to leave a positive lasting impression. Since my sophomore year, the college has been under the direction of a new president, Henry Zimon. I have decided that he will be the focus of my article seeing that I was lucky (or unlucky) enough to see the college before Zimon's arrival.

I am not the most involved student as far as dealing with administration, SGA, and other governing body of Albright, but I am highly involved in many other organizations. This has allowed me to have significant experiences with President Zimon. Every dinner I have gone to, he has been there with his wife, with a smile on his face and greeting everyone so kindly.

President Zimon may not know the entire student body by name, but he does remember

faces and always greets students personally and often remembers things that they have done for Albright. For example, telling a student what a wonderful job she has done with the Albrightian. I personally see more of him in a month than I saw the former president in an entire year.

The main reason I have decided to focus my one and only article on President Zimon is because of the bad press he has received in the past three years. Like I said before, I think he is an amazing president and enjoy him thoroughly. But I have a specific story that has made me truly respect him not only as a College president but also as a person.

On September 11, 2001, I walked into the campus center where a large group of students, faculty and administration had gathered after the attack on the World Trade Center buildings. As I joined the large group in front of the TV, it had just been announced that a third plane crashed into the side of the Pentagon.

At the time a fellow Albrightian, sister, and best friend of mine had an internship

in Washington, DC.

As the news was announced, I could not contain the tears, and before I knew it, President Zimon was there, asking if I was okay and if I had family or friends in the building. I explained that a fellow student was in Washington and that I had no idea where she would be. With no hesitation, he took me to his office and made it a top priority for his secretary to get a hold of someone at her school and make sure she was well.

About an hour later, I received a call from her and knew everything was okay.

Within a few weeks we were having a conversation about everything that had happened that day. She mentioned that President Zimon not only kept in touch with her after Sept. 11, but also emailed her almost every day for the rest of the semester, asking how she was and discussing recent developments in the war.

Most of the students in Washington with her were never contacted by their colleges' presidents, let alone emailed that often.

I know that it meant so

much to my friend that her college president cared so much for her, as well as other students at Albright. It meant so much to me that he took care of me that day and took care of her for the rest of the semester.

This is just one example, I am sure, of the ways that President Zimon takes the time for his students. I am glad that I was able to interact with such a personable president.

Leaving Albright this year has been such a tough thing for me to deal with. I was not sure where I wanted to go as a high school senior, and I am so glad I came here. I have made so many good friends, had so many great experiences, and have enjoyed this time with faculty, administration, and the staff. Although at times we curse everyone here when we students do not get our way or when we are reprimanded for things, I am sure I could not have been happier anywhere else.

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Can you deal with it? This website lets you

Nancy Bressler
Lion Reporter

With graduation nearing, many seniors are thinking RELIEF! No more tests, no more papers, no more worries to consume 20 hours of every day. Yet, seniors should be prepared for the future that lies ahead; there will be new worries soon enough. To help you prepare for them, however, there's an excellent website called www.youcandealwithit.com. No matter the concern, it is addressed here.

Planning for your future is their top priority and it shows! There's even a new e-mail newsletter, What's the Deal, which delivers quick tips and how to's for college students and recent grads.

The website is divided into six sections: Graduate School, Mall, Managing Student Debt, Career, Personal Finance, On Your Own, Entertainment, and Parents.

The first subject the website tackles is graduate

school. One of the hardest decisions for seniors is whether to go to graduate school or get a job. Instead of presenting a point of view on the controversy, they simply present both sides to consider. This section also includes tips on applying to graduate school, financial aid, and "the keys to success", which includes lifestyle changes.

In addition, there is an on-line shopping section where graduates can find interview attire and a complete career wardrobe called the Mall. But before you charge up a small fortune on your credit card buying all those new clothes, there is also a section on managing credit debt and avoiding credit card debt.

Besides the Mall, there is an entire section devoted to managing student debt. Student loans, loan options and other types of financial aid, and repayment options are all included in this section. There is a loan repayment calculator that can help determine how much of a loan your tight budget can afford. There is also a borrower's rights and respon-

sibilities page that answers many questions on the fine details of borrowing money and paying back loans.

If you opt to skip graduate school, at least for now, there is also a Career page. It suggests that the best way to get started is with an internship, but it does have other tips and resources. It also recommends where to look and to compare salaries before accepting any job. There are also resume guidelines. Interview tips are also included in this section, as well as a page on transition into the workforce. Besides preparing for lifestyle changes including stricter routines, less vacation, and social meltdown, there is also a page on changes in the workplace.

The Personal Finance section includes financial planning basics, establishing good credit, and savings and investing options. The features incorporated are the seven steps to budgeting and pros and cons of using credit. Before moving out of the dorm, check out the On Your Own section which provides tips on apartment searching and apartment living. There are many things to consider when choosing an

apartment. There is also advice on saving money, inexpensive decorating tips, and roommate advice. There is also a part that gives tips on buying cars and deciding how much you can afford to spend. An insurance rates page is also included.

Yet, the website is not all facts and figures; there is also an Entertainment section with health and wellness tips, vacation-planning.

The final section does not help the college graduate, but answers questions for his or her parents. There is a section that recommends reading for parents who are still concerned after checking out the website.

Perhaps the best part of this website is the fact that almost every section features links to other websites of the same topic. To gather all your knowledge for your life post-graduation, visit www.youcandealwithit.com real soon. As the website boasts, you too can deal with it!

The Conservative View

By Ryan Bialis

With this final letter to the Albrightian comes a close to my four-year learning experience at Albright College. Anyone who knows me would agree that I have been the voice of conservatism at Albright for the last four years. I have been fighting an uphill battle against the entrenched views of the full spectrum of the democratic left. I must give it to the liberals at Albright, you represent many varying and interesting viewpoints, and have kept the political discourse between the right and the left alive. I have learned much from my liberal counterparts and must admit that I enjoyed your continuous jabs at me. I must also give special recognition to Andrew Harris, the leader of the college Libertarians. Andrew and I have not always seen eye to eye on matters and have had a few harsh words for each other. I have always welcomed and enjoyed our open debate and have learned much from my brothers of the conservative right. I hope that after I leave the political voice of Albright will grow stronger, for only through debate and disagreement will one ever truly gain a better understanding of his own and others positions.

I want to share with you the teachings of the Political Science teachers that I have kept with me, words of wisdom that we all can learn from.

Mr. Eyריך taught me to think before I speak. I remember going into his office to ask a simple political question. An hour and a half later I left his office not only with my question answered but also countless other questions answered.

Dr. Smith taught me to look at every thing from a different perspective and to never assume anything. After my international politics with Dr. Smith, and after the first week of class I started to look at the world and people in a different way. She taught me to never blindly accept anything, always strive to be an educated person who is beyond being force-fed others' opinions.


Dr. Welsh opened my eyes to a whole new world of environmentalism. In this world of ever-increasing globalism one can no longer ignore the environmental problems that the political process create. The one event that sticks out is his lecture on the tragedy of the commons. Dr. Welsh drew a rather sick looking sheep and some object that resembled a sock on the board in order to get his point across. Somehow I got over the initial oddness of this presentation and realized that republicanism can be coupled

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change, is happening and Citibank is in the position to do something about it. A movement against Citi has started and is gaining momentum quickly. Protesters often give out frying pans and paper suns to Citibank branches to symbolize their contribution to rises in global temperature. Students are asked to check their loan numbers and credit cards, and reconsider any decision to use Citibank or its counterparts (Salomon Smith Barney, and Traveler's Insurance). For further information on Citibank, global warming and other issues look for AEA's table outside the cafeteria during the week of Earth Day, April 22nd.

Oh, and one more thing . . . styrofoam, coffee cups, candy wrappers, discarded food remains (including, but not limited to, ice cream, apple cores, and banana peels) and used paper towels, plates or tissues do NOT qualify as RECYCLING! Please place any such thing in it's proper receptacle - the trashcan! Thanks!

Jen Levy is a senior and the founder of the Recycling Program at Albright College. She will be greatly missed!!



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Title IX: Is it out of control? Why Do They Cut Themselves?

Ashley B. Carter
Lion Reporter

Title IX, may be one of the most famous laws know to history in the view of high school and college athletes, especially for women athletes. The federal law that prohibits sexual discrimination in education made great strides for women during the women's rights movement in the late 60's and 70's and established equality in sports for women. In today's modern age and an established sports program as great as men's throughout the country is the law as useful today as it once was or is it just a pain in the butt?

As I myself a woman athlete play sports for Albright College, I see the program the school invests in its women athletes. Although the school may be abiding the law and the rights of women they are at the same time hindering future and upcoming sports teams.

For instance, the Albright College Men's Lacrosse team is a club sport here at the college as of now. The team with high spirits and excellent skills has taken everything they have to the top and are at the top of their

performance. With their improving skills and rising interest, the team has wanted to become a Division III sport at Albright College. The team struggles with one problem though, Title IX.

The College has refused to allow the men's lacrosse team to participate as a varsity sport unless the women's team rises to the same level with improving interest and skills. I myself a woman lacrosse player do not agree with this. Title IX is not the issue to this challenge. The women will improve at their own rate and will in their own time move to sport status why must men wait until we approve of the equality at the school to become a sport?

If the lacrosse team must need a women's team to equal it, why are there not equal teams in both wrestling and football for women at the College or in any case a club sport? And why must in this day of age Title IX be an issue?

Can these answers be explained? I do not know. I do know is we as athletes must try and try again to fight for what we believe in. Title IX should no longer be an issue we face in today's society as equality in athletics is for the most part no longer an issue.

Dr. Gary Lord
Counseling Center Director

"So I can feel real." "For relief." "For a release." "So I can feel something." "To take away the pain." "I have to." "It's my business, no one needs to know." "Leave me alone!" - these are a few of the typical responses I get when I ask, as tactfully and sensitively as I can, why someone cuts herself. And, it usually is a female.

My first exposure, however, to someone cutting himself was a male. I was amazed and deeply saddened when a 30-year-old male prisoner in the Baltimore Prison Reception Center showed me his left arm, scarred with cut wounds at various stages of healing. The cuts went from his wrist all the way up his inner forearm. There must have been over 20 cuts. "I can't even do that [kill myself] right," he told me as he related his story of horrible abuse, pain, and turmoil. He was a repeat offender, I was the evaluating psychologist.

My heart goes out to those who inflict pain on themselves by cutting - or other means, such as burning. I, with the rest of the student affairs team and medical and security staff, have an obligation to do what we can to protect students from harming themselves. This is difficult because these students often resist our efforts to

help. Their cutting is confusing and very disturbing to those around them - family, roommates, friends, other students, and staff. They usually want to be left alone, but many of them do acknowledge that they have problems and need help. One student who cut herself said, "I'm ok" (just leave me alone), but later said, "I know I need to stop cutting."

Why do they cut? The typical profile of self-cutters is a female (though there are some males), usually young (teens and young adults), very often pretty and intelligent. They usually have a history of abuse (emotional, physical, and sexual), come from conflicting and dysfunctional families, have a history of interpersonal and relationship problems, school problems, and drug and/or alcohol difficulties. But there are many exceptions to this profile.

Those who do cut, typically do it as a way to manage their emotional pain. Very often, the trauma of abuse has damaged their emotional development. They have been "numbed" emotionally, so they cut to feel something. They have not learned healthy ways to communicate emotionally - especially in dealing with their anger. Often vivid memories of the abuse, - where they actually re-experience the pain and horrible body sensations - and accompanying turmoil and stress plague them so that they are

driven (compelled) to cut themselves as a way to release and get rid of the pain. There is often a compulsion and a controlling dynamic that pushes their rational and healthy responses aside. Their abusers have often threatened them to keep quiet, "Don't tell!" thereby inhibiting healthy expression of emotions and problem solving.

Those seeking help, who are able to acknowledge problems, sometimes have difficulty engaging in psychotherapy because of a severe problem with trusting others. Those who have hurt them are often family members or friends, with whom they should have felt safe and protected. So who is safe? Who can be trusted? They are often very defensive. It's hard for them to express emotions, to tell their stories because of their fear. There is a hindrance in their emotional development.

They are challenges for us, the helpers, to be able to develop a healthy, helping relationship with them. We need to be very patient, reassuring, and gently lead them into feeling safe enough to more openly express their emotions, tell their stories, learn to accept, forgive, and love themselves. Then they can work toward solving their problems in healthy ways, develop healthy, trusting relationships and be successful in their various pursuits.

Monster : Citibank

Emily Babbitt
Lion Reporter

There is a monster out there just waiting to get its hands on your money. This monster is Citigroup. This behemoth of a corporation is the largest financier of fossil fuels projects worldwide. Their oil pipelines, drilling sites, and coal plants have caused global devastation: indigenous communities have been kicked off their land, whole ecosystems have been ravaged, and global warming threatens our entire planet. Citigroup relies on consumer services here in America to make the money it needs to finance its destructive projects abroad. A large portion of this profit comes directly from students through credit cards, loans, and checking accounts. Many students, once in debt to Citibank, are trapped as customers for life.

Now is the time for Citigroup to invest in clean, renewable forms of energy such as wind and solar. Opening the solar financing market can make solar energy the cheapest form of energy immediately and Citigroup would be taking advantage of this \$4 billion indus-

try. Citigroup must take this opportunity to lead the way towards a clean future for energy. Hopefully then, Citi would not invest in projects that sacrifice our natural resources for the financial gain of a few CEOs. Polls show that some 80 percent of Americans favor increased environmental protection. If Citibank wants my business back, it will need to clean up its act. Thousands of people across the country have already cancelled their Citi accounts, and the numbers are growing quickly.

As consumers, we vote with our dollars every day, and cutting ties to Citigroup is a big vote in favor of human justice and our environment. The easiest and most direct route to impact the way Citibank does business is just a scissors' clip away. Last February on the campaign's National Day of Action, Albright Environmental Action made their voice heard at Reading's CitiFinancial. We demanded that Citi stop their atrocities and begin funding clean energy projects. For additional information on the entire Citigroup campaign, check www.shiftpower.org.

Recycling Update

Jen Levy
Lion Reporter

Well, the program has come an awfully long way over the past year. Thanks to all for their efforts. A special thank you goes out to Jen Rovito, Brian McElrone, and Mark Glassman, without whose help the program would probably have been deserted - especially Jen who has been in charge of cafeteria pick-ups for the past few months.

Despite all the progress, as always, there is still much room for improvement. There is still a variety of trash mixed in with the recyclables, next to no staff, and no bins available in the dorms or Woods.

STYROFOAM, PAPER TOWELS, PAPER PLATES, and USED TISSUES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR RECYCLING!!!! PLEASE place these materials in the trash receptacles! Also, candy wrappers and gum are trash - NOT recyclables! Additionally, many containers are disposed of still filled with liquid. This can make the bag rather heavy at times, so if there is a water fountain nearby and you have an extra second or two, PLEASE

empty the containers' contents!!

As for still anyone interested in helping out this year still - there are a few weeks left! - is asked to contact me at (610)823-0471 or email me with a schedule of times at which you are available at euphoria201@aol.com. Any member of AEA may be contacted as well. Set-up will continue over the summer so that the program is fully operational by the time everyone returns in the fall. Again, if anyone is available and interested please contact me!

The reason the dorms and apartments have not yet been given the opportunity to recycle is mostly due to the lack in staffing. However, there have also been various "behind the scenes" technicalities. One in particular that has proved to be the biggest obstacle is Albright's contract with Waste Management. As explained in previous articles, Albright currently pays Waste Management to pick up its trash and recycling. Waste Management then takes the recycling (commingles only - paper goes elsewhere) to a facility in Hamburg (Cogle's), where they are paid for the materials. Albright sees none of this money, and al-

though it stands to make a profit on its own and closer facilities have been located, no action has yet been taken. The reasoning is that we cannot break the contract with Waste Management, which is dated to expire on May 31 of this year.

Additionally, there is argument about the transport of the materials to a facility. Who will take it there? How often? Is it worth it? What about gas and mileage? Such issues, coupled with the still vacant volunteer center position, have greatly impeded the program's progress.

Now it is doubtful that a full-time position of Recycling Coordinator will even be offered as there "doesn't seem to be enough hours for such a full-time position". First hand experience, however, speaks for itself. A full-time position is necessary for the program to become fully operational, even if it is only temporary. The program cannot be effectively set up if responsibilities other than those specific to the program are assigned. It was hard enough to collect the materials on a regular basis from the academic campus alone. Organi-

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The injustice of the death penalty

By Brendon McVeigh

As I sat in my family room one cloudy dreary afternoon, I watched the poignant movie "Dead Man Walking." As I witnessed the final chapter of the life of death row inmate Matt Poncelet, I was transformed in my feelings about the severity of the death penalty. Watching death creep across this man's face made me realize that capital punishment is one of the most brutal and inhumane forms of justice in this land. I went up to my room, laid in bed and reflected on what made this form of legal punishment so barbaric. I now understood, more clearly than ever, that the death penalty should be abolished from our legal system. My initial objection focuses on the legal aspects of capital punishment. Equally troubling are the moral and ethical aspects of state-sanctioned killing. Finally, there are grave concerns based on the practical and social factors that impact the death penalty.

When yet another inmate has felt the lethal injection of poison course through his body, there is one entity that demonstrates that this should never take place. I base that idea on a legal perspective that demonstrates clearly the injustice of the death penalty, that being the Eighth Amendment of The Constitution. This written passage in this sacred national law explains the court process, stating that "Excessive bail shall not be required nor excessive fines imposed, nor Cruel and Unusual punishment inflicted." That assertion is the reason why anti-death penalty advocates view

the death penalty as inherently unjust, because it goes against the Eighth Amendment of our most fundamental legal document. One certain Supreme Court case, *Gregg v Georgia*, argued against the death penalty because, in the defendants' eyes, it violated the spirit and law of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments. *Gregg v Georgia* was a landmark case, especially because the justices of the Supreme Court reached a decision only after hearing the arguments made by lawyers on both sides. The question guiding the case was whether the imposition of the sentence of death for the crime of murder under the law of Georgia violated the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments. The reality behind the case was that the defendant, Troy Gregg, was found guilty of armed robbery and murder, for which the state of Georgia sentenced him to death. Following that sentence, the Georgia Supreme Court "affirmed the death sentence except as to its imposition for the robbery conviction." Gregg appealed his case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and they ruled in a 7-2 decision that when an extreme criminal case similar to this one, such as when the defendant has been convicted of killing someone in a pre-meditated fashion that the "careful and judicious use of capital punishment is necessary." Furthermore, the Supreme Court's reason for saying that the death penalty was legal is because that since they found the implementation of the death penalty as a useful deter-

rent, that they weren't about to overrule the law of the Georgia Supreme Court. Now with this case, we see the fourteenth amendment as paramount, and the reason it is there is because it plays a key role in a capital murder case. The Fourteenth Amendment states "nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." The reason that the due process law was involved in this capital murder case is because the judges and people in charge of the legal system in those states were to decide how many appeals an inmate was allowed to obtain. A clear example of a gross violation of the fourteenth amendment, and a blatant disregard of a person's civil rights, *McCleskey v Kemp* was another very notable capital murder case for more reasons than one; it involved a defendant waiting to die at the cold hands of the state. One of the main forces in this argument was the question of his race playing a factor, an issue that will be addressed later, because of the critically negative role that it plays in a capital murder case.

The next perspective, which permitted me to see that the death penalty has no place in our lives, or in our legal system, were the moral and ethical considerations. I realized that, throughout history, the existence of the death penalty has been widely accepted throughout the world. Every time we have shot, electrocuted and

gassed people, we have committed the same act that the state once said was the most "horrendous" thing to be done. I find that to be a double standard. Politicians and Statesmen have cried out for the killing to stop but yet we continue to engage in the same act as the condemned criminal. One of the most ironic things that I see is that every time an inmate is killed, it occurs at night, after all the inmates are asleep and it is done far away, in the deep pockets of the prison complex. In my father's Death Penalty Article, he included a section from the book "Death at Midnight" by Donald Cabana, a former warden at Mississippi State Penitentiary. One of the most notable and unforgettable parts of the book is when Cabana encounters an inmate just hours before he is to be gassed. The inmate approached the warden and asked "How come y'all always do these things so late at night? Is it so the other guys won't get all riled up and stuff? I always figured it was to try and hide it, you know. Everyone else out there is asleep, so you just do it and in the morning, no one knows the difference." The other argument is that the action of the state taking another person's life is pre-meditated murder. The state, prior to taking an inmate's life, says that nobody one has the right to take another person's life. The state, when deliberating the idea of capital punishment, are simply caught in the web of their own deceitful strategies which are designed to build statistical evidence for their executions.

The third idea, which guided my insights on this this hotly, contested national controversy were the practical aspects that accompany some ones execution. The first belief that is connected to the practical ideology of the death penalty is the lack of deterrents following the execution of a prisoner. In the *Gregg v Georgia* case, the two dissenting justices conceded that the usage of the death penalty does not allow a deterrent effect to take place following the killing of an inmate. In addition to the lack of a deterrent, the cost of prosecuting a capital case is a major player in the "campaign" to abolish the death penalty. Whenever I hear the public cry about the "enormous cost to the taxpayers of incarcerating someone for life," I simply respond with the irrefutable fact that would ultimately undermine their argument. When the death penalty is pronounced on a criminal after his court case is heard and after the appeals are exhausted, the average cost, by the time someone is executed, is three times higher than the sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. In every state where "the sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole" is exercised it means just what it says. When the public says we can just take away the number of appeals that the prisoner is allowed, they have simply ignored the significant constitutional right of Due Process under the law.

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Fading American Integrity

♦ What are we supposed to do when society no longer distinguishes between right and wrong?

by: Randi Harris

See that sad creature huddled in the corner in the fetal position? His name is integrity, and he's crying because you've hurt his feelings.

If you want to get technical, it isn't really your fault. Integrity in our society has been on a downward trend long before our generation had any say in the way the world is run. We were just following examples. But now that we are of age to make our own decisions, it will soon be our fault if past errors are not brought out into the light and corrected.

Capitalism is the core of our society. It caters to the individual, giving each person the opportunity to strive for personal success without limits - if you have the ambition, the talent or the right vehicle, the sky is the limit. Capitalism is a positive idea, primarily because it has been proven that other ways of operating do not work when put into use.

However, capitalism has bred many monsters - members of society working to be as successful as they can possibly be, but at the expense of their fellow human beings. The widely spreading inner voice that says: "I don't care how my neighbor is doing, as long as I live in a nice house and drive a nice car" is making society a not-so pleasant place live in.

Examples of greediness replacing quality with what's "marketable" can be seen in all walks of life. The music business is a great example. Have you ever known a group of guys in a garage band, who played and practiced their hearts out every night for years, but have never come close to getting a record deal? Hearing a musician say, "It's about the music," is almost a joke now. Most "musicians" who have made it big recently are all about image and advertising. N'Sync is making millions of dollars sell-

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national difficulty will only increase when the dorms and apartments are running, increasing volume, and a different facility is utilized, entailing separation and transportation of the materials. A full-time position - NOT internship or part-time position - is mandatory at least over the summer.

Albright personnel is worried about funding for such a position, even though a profit has already been determined which would make the program largely self-sufficient. As usual, it seems as though the school prefers to simplify its responsibilities where most of its employees wear blinds, focusing on the specific responsibilities in their job descriptions. No one knows what their other hand is doing, nor do they care to find out - a great environment to teach real-world values. For those of you that have helped out with the program, it is truly appreciated. Keep up the good work and please try to keep what I've said in mind.

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The Albrightian
would like to give a
special thanks and
congratulations to our
graduating Editor-in-
Chief:
Matthew
Kemeny
We're going to miss
you...good luck at
Illinois!!!

Where's the beef?

By: Dan Ruedy

This past week I happened to come across a copy of Spring 2002 edition of the Albright Reporter. The cover story was an article about the campus dining experience here in Reading, PA. Having many opinions on this subject, I chose to pick one up, and got to reading. An appreciable portion of the article was devoted to chronicling the history of Albright's dining, with only a few paragraphs that lent a more current account of "The Caf's" status. As a self-proclaimed Caf critic, I am happy to share my own findings and observations.

Just like its tuition, the cost of a meal plan at Albright is out there. According to the statement of 2002-2003 Residential and Food Service Fees, a full meal plan "which includes 3 meals a day, six days a week, Monday-Saturday, plus Sunday brunch and dinner" will run a cool \$2,933 for one academic year. If you are a freshman, you must live in campus housing. If you live in campus housing, you must have in a meal plan. Therefore, if you are a freshman, you must have a meal plan. But if the dining experience is as great as the Albright Reporter claimed in its Spring 2002 edition, what's so bad about being forced to have a meal plan?

For athletes, the narrow window for dinner is serious problem. Though officially dinner does not end until 6:30pm, the soft-serve machines tend to shut down at around 6:10 or so, chairs start going up a few minutes after that, and dirty looks from the dish room and persons putting chairs on top of tables, though omnipresent, seem to increase after 6:15.

The Caf, as a facility, should be dedicated to providing a pleasant atmosphere during the few hours a day it's actually open. It should be a meeting place for the campus community, not a multi-purpose room—it seems that just about every week it has to be shut

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with environmentalism. All one needs to do to eliminate many of our environmental problems is to internalize externalities and make the consumer pay the true cost for an item.

Dr. Brogan was my 101 and political methods professor. Through him I learned that politics can be a true "science" and that political statements can and ought to be reached through the scientific method in order to strengthen ones stance with scientific merit.

Dr Aurbach gave me my first glimpse into the law and intergenerational politics. My views on the death sentence were shaken when he lectured us in class on cases where the legal system broke down for

down for some special function, and meal plan holders are either handed tickets redeemable at off-campus eateries out of a side door or can eat a half-assed meal shrouded behind black clothed partitions.

I feel that the dinner served on May 4th, 2002, is a perfect example of how customer satisfaction falls subordinate to Albright's other agendas. I believe that there was an Alumni dinner of some sort going on which necessitated our displacement. Beginning at 5pm, we were shuffled in through The Caf's northern entrance, as instructed by a lightly circulated memo, and were given a choice of roast pork, baked turkey, stuffing, pasta, or salad. Only one serving line was open, the Change of Pace counter was empty steel, and there was no "Made to Order" station. As if this wasn't a disappointment in itself, the food that was available was doled out in ration-fashion onto cheap paper plates. My \$7 entrée covered at most 1/5 of my flimsy paper plate, and the edible portion took up even less volume. For a moment I recalled a particularly humorous cut from Billy Madison, one of my favorite movies, when the deranged Cafeteria Lady says something like, "Have some more sloppy joes. I made 'em extra sloppy for ya!" I know how yooz kids like 'em extra sloppy." Scenes like those can only remain funny as long as they don't too closely resemble one's own experiences. I am sorry to say that I no longer find that scene as funny.

To get back to my experience on the eve of May 5th, I picked at the stuffing that was more of a creamy paste, embedded with green and orange particulate matter. I assume that these were diced vegetable, I speculate from earlier in the week, or something like that. I must say I have never enjoyed stuffing with little hunks of mixed vegetables. I thought

one reason or another. In one case the coroner lost the head of a victim, in another a man went to death row who had a full beard but the person who committed the crime was clean shaven, and another coroner reported an internal organ in a mans body to weigh some amount when he had it removed years earlier in an operation. Cases like these make one think if actual innocence ought to be considered in the appeal process. In Dr. Aurbachs class on intergenerational justice I learned that even the most well intended action could have a devastating impact on a future generation, we must always look forward into the future.

Dr. Celso opened my eyes to a whole new world of conservatism that I have never seen before. In his God and

stuffing was supposed to be made of celery and seasoned bread, but maybe I'm too closed minded. I could not bring myself to eat the pieces of meat. Their texture was so tender that I was suspicious. There was nothing else to choose from in the line, so I opted for 2% milk over a paper bowl of Count Chocula cereal. That was what my meal plan bought me; a sugar-fortified bowl of

children's cereal.

Now, the quality of this meal was well below the caliber the Caf usually serves. I agree that meals during the week are far better than what most institutions of comparable size are serving, but that does not change what was on my plate Saturday night. My personal favorites include the deep-fried goodness of the Appetizer Bar, the stupendous Chicken

Strips of Fire, and Tuesday's pizza selection.

One might argue that student turnout to The Caf on Saturday and Sunday nights is traditionally low, so the Food Service Staff is fully justified in serving only a "partial" dinner, if you will. That perspective nicely falls right into my premeditated thought trap. If a dinner is only "partial", that is with fewer lines open, fewer and lower-quality tender victuals being served, and not as many employees to compen-

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You might go to Albright if...

by Jamila Jackson

No one told you Reading was one of the 25 most dangerous cities until AFTER you got here
You'll go to a campus event only if you get Experience Credit for it
You have a 'usual table' at the Caf
You call it "The Caf"
You understand fully what "Thirsty Thursdays" are
You've walked by the white chapel at night and looked to see if you can actually see the hanging bodies in the windows
Going to Giant is a group outing
You work on campus and only get paid \$5.15 an hour
Nobody will hire you off campus
You consider the walk to Court to be too long
You can spend an entire semester with all of your classes in Masters
You leave for class two minutes before it starts and make it there on time
Your professor lives a couple blocks away and you can point out his/her house
You've heard people refer to Walton Hall as "The Virgin Vault"
You know there's nothing virgin about Walton
You think DJ Adam is cute and you go to parties just to see him
Your claim to fame is that you live down the hall from DJ Adam
You can't remember anything about Orientation weekend except that it soaked that much you know
You're an oddball if you're not an athlete and not in a frat or sorority
Fairgrounds is the ghetto mall
You've heard Jersey people explain to you that having someone pump your gas for you is a PRIVILEGE
You're from Jersey and you constantly explain to people that having someone else pump your gas for you is a PRIVILEGE
You've eaten hard cake
You've not been to breakfast since Orientation
The Health Center gives you Allergies and anytime you're sick
You think it's weird that the Dean refers to herself as "Nurse Sam"
Fla. Alumni from the 60's have the same memories as you do now
You've camped outside the registrar's office in order to register for classes
Your main reason for staying here all four years is that you have a good basketball team
You're one of the students almost every single time they hand out meal cards
You see the "E" sign they stick the "E" at to students
You've never had a date
You know that you'll never see your friends from campus
You know that you'll never see your friends from campus

State class I learned how far unchecked conservatism could bring a nation. Dr. Celso was a man who truly loved to teach and got into it. I remember a class when he acted out Trotsky's death, and another when we received a graphic oration concerning the death of Mussolini. Unfortunately some believed that he ought to take matters more seriously and was told about it by the administration. One of the few conservative voices at Albright left us to teach at a military school, and for me it was a great loss. Without all viewpoints one's understanding of an issue is weakened. We all need to lighten up a bit.

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ing records and merchandise, but how important can music really be to them, when they don't play instruments or write all of their own songs? Advertisers are well aware that Britney Spears has a high following of young girls, but do they care if she appears on television dressed like a prostitute? Of course not - if doing so will spark 10-year-olds to beg their parents to go out and buy mini skirts, then all is good. Who cares if we have a new generation of over-exposed, overly sexual young people? What's spreading a little immorality when the executives at MTV will be driving new BMWs?

Sports are another area of life where the mighty dollar has swallowed up the demand for values and the importance of integrity. The rising lack of morality in professional baseball has been most obvious in recent years.

Baseball used to be symbolic of American values. Defended in the same breath with Mom and apple pie, baseball used to produce heroes that everyone could admire. No longer are there guys out there who are there because they just want to play. When guys like Alex Rodriguez can make more money playing a game than surgeons get to save people lives, or teachers in inner cities get to mold the future leaders of our country, then something is wrong. When George Stein Brenner can buy a winning team year after year, then it isn't a game anymore. Even gym whiffleball had more built-in justice than that - each team got to take turns picking, so no one team ended up with all the good players. When money decides who will have all the championship titles, then it isn't fun anymore. It sucks the life out of it for fans and players alike.

When Greg Maddux, possibly one of the most capable pitchers in all of baseball, takes himself out of the game when he has a busted toenail, what does that say for player motivation? I know if I had the opportunity to play professional baseball, I had better have a mangled limb or a fatal head

injury before I'd voluntarily step out of an important game.

There are many complaints, but seemingly so few solutions. I'm sure a lot of you refuse to buy N'Sync and Britney Spears albums, and refuse to listen to what MTV says is "cool". To say that everyone is a conformist would be giving many individuals less credit than they deserve. While listening to different music or dressing differently preserves individuality, it can't override popular culture. The vicious cycle of supply and demand makes it hard to tell exactly where popular culture is born, but it's safe to say that there are enough people out there who will drop their hard-earned money into the pockets of executives who couldn't care less about right and wrong. Similarly in baseball, it is well known that salary caps might help to curb greediness and give every team an equal opportunity to win.

However, who is going to be the one to make that decision? I think Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter would personally assassinate Bud Selig if he were bold enough to make such a decision. Greediness has replaced integrity so much so that it just seems natural. We don't question motives behind what takes place in our society on a daily basis because we already know that everyone is only out for himself.

Compassion, a sense of community and morality are quickly becoming obsolete. Think kindly the next time you see a son outside playing catch with his father, and hope that he's thinking about the cheering of the fans rather than the large salary he will be making when he hits it big. Maybe the next generation will think more carefully about the importance they place on the almighty dollar, but odds are that if something isn't actively done about it, it's only going to get worse.

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out is his lecture on the tragedy of the commons. Dr. Welsh drew a rather sick looking sheep and some object that resembled a sock on the board in order to get his point across. Somehow I got over the initial oddness of this presentation and realized that republicanism can be coupled with environmentalism. All one needs to do to eliminate many of our environmental problems is to internalize externalities and make the consumer pay the true cost for an item.

Dr. Brogan was my 101 and political methods professor. Through him I learned that politics can be a true "science" and that political statements can and ought to be reached through the scientific method in order to strengthen ones stance with scientific merit.

Dr. Aurbach provided me with my first glimpse into the law and intergenerational politics. My views on the death sentence were shaken when he lectured us in class on cases where the legal system broke down for one reason or another. In one case the coroner lost the head of a victim, in another a man went to death row who had a full beard but

the person who committed the crime was clean shaven, and another coroner reported an internal organ in a man's body to weigh some amount when he had it removed years earlier in an operation. Cases like these make one think if actual innocence ought to be considered in the appeal process. In Dr. Aurbach's class I learned that even the most well-intended action could have a devastating impact on a future generation, we must always look forward into the future.

Dr. Celso opened my eyes to a whole new world of conservatism. In his God and State class, I learned how far unchecked conservatism could bring a nation. Dr. Celso was a man who truly loved to teach and go into it. I remember a class when he acted out Trotsky's death, and another when we received a graphic oration concerning the death of Mussolini. Unfortunately, some believed that he ought to take matters more seriously and was told about it by the administration. One of the few conservative voices at Albright left us to teach at a military school, and for me it was a great loss. Without all viewpoints, one's understanding of an issue is weakened. We all need to lighten up a bit.

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learned from the expression of views. I learned from her that all arguments have some merit even if the person delivering them cannot express it properly.

The first class I took with Dr. Lollis was the Presidency, but not by choice. I was stuck with the class because Dr. Brogan's political party class was cancelled due to his becoming dean. Much to my dismay, I was now enrolled in a class called the Presidency during a Presidential election year. This is a situation that I would normally try to avoid. The first day in class Dr. Lollis walked in, introduced himself, threw his keys on the table, and then took a seat. He lectured the whole class about his keys and how you can view them from differ-

be educated. After countless classes with Dr. Lollis, I now understand what he meant when he threw his keys on the table, and for that I thank him and hope that he is never discouraged from enlightening other students.

I hope that at least one person has read my article and took something from it. Republicans, democrats, we are all here with the same goal in mind - the goal of gaining an education. Open yourselves up to other viewpoints, even if it is only for the purpose of destroying them at a later date. We all must strive to avoid becoming one-dimensional, biased parrots whom only repeat what they are told without understanding what they are truly saying. Express

yourself and take advantage of every situation that is open to you here at Albright. Do not go on a trip and go on a hunger strike because the class goes to an Afghani restaurant. You're only hurting your self and making a fool of yourself. Take every opportunity you have to grow and be thankful for it.

As for conservatism, I see that the world has now lit a flame, and the flame

"I hope that after I leave the political voice of Albright will grow stronger, for only through debate and disagreement will one ever truly gain a better understanding of his own and others positions."

is threatening to consume us all. Radical conservatism is spreading across Europe and it truly frightens me. This conservative outlash against liberalism is unprecedented in the history of the world, and no good can ever come from the tipping the scale of political balance in ones favor so. When will intolerance end, when will people begin to live together? The current conservative backlash is simply a response to liberal constraints that have been imposed on conservatives. We are all guilty, Americans, conservatives and liberals alike. As the world is plunged into darkness, we must all strive to be the intellectual light that keeps us from being consumed by intolerance, war, and destruction. I wish I could have ended this article on a happy note but that is up to you, the future generation. I can only present you with hope and a call to action; it is up to you to decide if you are part of the problem or a part of the remedy. I know that it is a difficult task to find a solution to a problem that was created by past generations, but it is possible. The future is in your hands; take the opportunity to create a better tomorrow. Liberals and Conservatives (and libertarians) unite; we must all work in unity for a greater cause putting our petty difference in the past aside. Hopefully someone will take this collection of advice and put it to use. I now step down and invite the next generation of Albright leaders to step up and carry on the torch.

REVIEWS

The Crucible

By Arthur Miller
3 1/2 Stars

Danny Campos
Lion Reporter

"Lions and tigers and bears, oh my." That was the fear that Dorothy and friends faced in *The Wizard of Oz*. However, in Salem, MA, that wasn't the case. Salem was faced with the mass hysteria of witchcraft.

The book also deals with the issues of honesty and being true to each other and one's self. Is John Proctor a good man? Does the adultery with Abigail Williams make him a horrible person? These are all questions that arise when reading the book. When reading the book, I felt Proctor was a good man, who gave his word. His name was very important to him and something he wanted to stand as noble and important. He sacrificed himself for his name.

Who is telling the truth in the book? Throughout the

book, we have this accusations of witchcraft, but no one knows who is really telling the truth.

Lives are taken without really knowing the truth behind this hysteria. I felt it was a great book that leaves the reader at the edge of their seat. The reader never knows what to expect or who will be accused next. I also felt that readers could relate with the characters situations. I felt that I could relate to John Proctor's situation and how important his name was to him. His name was his identity. The name represented who he was and his greatness.

Not only is it a great book, but there is a great version of it on tape. The movie version stars Wyonna Ryder and Daniel Day Lewis. *The Crucible* has also made its way to the Broadway stage starring Liam Niesen and Laura Linney. So if you can't read it, there's always a chance to see this great work.

Sex Without Love

By Sharon Olds

Julie Horton
Lion Reporter

In college, we are faced with many decisions, some are more difficult than others. One is whether or not to have sex. Only the two people who are taking part in the act can make this decision. None-the-less, outside influences can play a roll in what the two people end up doing. For example, the thought of pregnancy, what a person might have said (a par-

ent), a television commercial, or even a poem, could be some influences.

If a person were to read this poem and walk away with no comment or reaction, they would have to be ruthless and coldhearted. Throughout the poem, Olds expresses how much she envies those people who can, "make love" with no love there. When people make love with no love there, they are

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Farhenheit 451

By Ray Bradbury
3 1/2 Stars

Danny Campos
Lion Reporter

How important is censorship? Censorship is important with some of the material shown on television and in films. Is it necessary for books? This is what plot *Fahrenheit 451* discusses. The duties and jobs of these firemen is to burn books. Firefighting is not about saving lives, its about destroying books.

This book deals with leadership and taking charge. Guy Montag was a normal guy who went about with his business. He never questioned his job duties until he meets Clarisse. Clarisse takes on the role of an angel, sent to tell Montag what was going on.

Montag was the chosen one for society to stop this horrific act. *Fahrenheit 451* makes the reader think how important books may be today. Is society still reading? Are books fading away? When the old woman in the house decides to perish with the books, it shows her passion and love for reading. She would rather die with the books than to see them burn. All the writers and philosophers hide in the woods, because they know there is a light somewhere that will help them. They know that there's an angel out there.

This is a great story that takes you on an adventure. As the reader, you put yourself in Montag's situation where he has to go against society for the sake of books. This is one book everyone should pick up to read.

Some of the best TV shows you're not watching...and some you are

Nancy Bressler
Lion Reporter

Each year TV Guide releases its pick for their created award "The Best Show You're Not Watching". They categorize this show as one of TV's best, but with lower ratings than most. With May sweeps and season finales circling around, networks are deciding which series to keep and which ones to give the proverbial ax. Before they make the decision, check out my top ten picks for the best shows you ought to pencil into your busy schedules.

First is ABC's Sunday night drama, *Alias*. It chronicles the life of Sydney Bristow, who works for SD-6, a supposed branch of the CIA. After her fiancé is killed, Sydney discovers that SD-6 is actually an enemy of the CIA.

Now, she works in conjunction with the CIA to dismantle SD-6 forever. This ultimate goal, of course, must fit in between graduate school, getting acquainted with her father, being a good listener to her two closest friends who have their own problems, and of course, risking her life on weekly missions that take her to every inch of the globe. This show targets anyone with its exciting trips, its emotional pull as Sydney tries to find love again, and its anticipation of not knowing what will happen next. Will SD-6 find out Sydney is actually working against them? Not as long as we keep watching this extraordinary ABC show!

Fox's 24 broke new ground this year with its captivating concept. Since the drama would be an hour-long TV show, why not have it correspond with one hour in the day? Thus, 24 episodes in the season will equal one very long day in the life of Jack Bauer. He works for the CTU (counter terrorism unit) that is trying to uncover a murder plot against Senator David Palmer, a candidate for US president. This show keeps you focused with its surprising twists and turns. You never know what's going to happen next and it's never predictable. For a different change of pace, check out this Tuesday night Fox drama.

Additionally, for those of

you tired of all the reality hype, I hear your groans. However this season's *Survivor* (Survivor 4: Marquesas Islands) is surprisingly invigorating to the human spirit. Instead of the lying, backstabbing, and manipulation

new adaptations to include current social and political issues are admirable, but they don't force issues down our throats. Instead, these shows present their views, period. Buffy, the Vampire Slayer (UPN, Tuesday

night) survived death (again) and a change to a new network. Instead of constantly kicking un-dead butt and appearing like they are the zombies that they fight, they are no longer going through the motions of their lives without a thought as to why. Finally, *Charmed* (WB, Thursday night) survived the departure of one its "charmed" sisters and I commend it for not pretending that she simply disappeared from the show. Instead, the other witches'/sisters' display of sorrow,

that surely must have resonated with the entire show's cast, crew, and fans, was well-received.

While some of these shows are not highly rated, all deserve to be given a chance and regularly watched. I know with that last-minute poli-sci paper due in t-minus 6 hours and that test you forgot to study for, there's very

little time in the average student's schedule. Yet, if you can't catch the programs on my "The Best Shows You're Not Watching" list now, try re-run over the summer. If you're a TV buff, these shows are definitely worth investing time in.

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in a way, trying to protect themselves from inevitable heartache. It is much easier to disregard a person if there are no emotions involved. Any two people can have sex, but the term making love is for two people utterly devoted to each other.

While most poems seem to be about a broken love or how much in love two people are, this one explains what it is like when love was never even there in the first place. The first line of the poem clearly explains Olds envy, "How do they do it, the ones who make love without love?" Though this poem may seem somewhat cruel, in the sense of people using people, it happens. If you are a romantic, this poem is not for



Anti-pop Newsletter

By Adrian Chesh and Eric Adair

Well kids it saddens me to say that school is almost over and this will be the last Anti-Pop for the year. But don't fret because to celebrate the approaching summer we here at the newsletter have decided to give you a review of one of the craziest hardcore shows either of us has ever been to. I know you are all excited to hear about it as we were going to it so here goes. On a side note Eric would like to announce that the girl who always wears the Chimaira hooded sweatshirt is the coolest.

We decided to check out the Poison the Well/American Nightmare/Sworn Enemy show in scenic downtown Allentown. The stage was set at the Crocodile Rock Café for one hell of a show just by the look of sheer bliss in each and everyone's eyes at the show. It was a good day for a hardcore show and we were extremely excited to be there. The first band, Man Hunter, came on and it caught us by surprise because you see the leader singer was a woman. Now we at the Anti-Pop News Letter have no problem with female lead singers it's just that it is not a common occurrence. As there set went on they seemed to know what they were doing but yet lacked that certain sound which veteran bands seem to pick up on. Next on stage was a band by the name of Hopefalls. These guys didn't really seem to be anything special. They were the typical hardcore band with the lead singer screaming every lyric to the point of confusion. Next up was From Autumn to Ashes and what can I say about this band but wow. Being the fourth band on this bill surprised because they were so low on the bill yet they were extremely talented. These guys totally blew us away phase in and out of blood curdling screams and melodic singing. With both a lead singer and the drummer singing as well it gave the band a different dimension. If you're a fan of hardcore and From Autumn to Ashes comes by your neck of the woods be sure to check them out you won't be sorry. The third to last headlining act that night was the always hard always aggressive Sworn Enemy. Hailing out of the

NYHC scene these guys have been tearing it up for years and didn't seem to show any signs of stopping. These guys went out and totally kicked butts even while the entire band was sick. They were hardcore at the finest and we also encourage people to check them out. Now we don't often get frightened by bands whose lead singer looks like he's 13 but American Nightmare was a different story. These guys were a show upon them selves who had no intention on playing as an opening act. They came out with intentions of being heard and yes they surely were. The lead singer at times would be so engulfed with the crowd singing that he would fling his very microphone into the crowd. To give you an idea what an American Nightmare show is like you have to imagine lots of screaming, lots of dancing and lots of people lunging onto the stage. If you are weak of heart I would suggest you're pansy ass not go near these guys but if you want to see true hardcore music at its best then go see American Nightmare. At last, but certainly not least, it was time for "The Well" to take the stage as so many kids stood around in anxiety. With a burst of energy came Poison the Well who didn't stop until every last drop of essence was given out to the crowd. On this there headlining tour the Well had something to prove ever since there brand new album, "Tear from the Red" had come out. They went into a full set taking us back to "Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" to the present day. And in pure Poison the Well fashion they topped off the show with the song everyone at the show knew "Nerdy". It was amazing and we were glad to have been there for it.

All and all both Adrian and I were extremely happy to be given the chance to write about the music we love. We had an awesome time from going to Heisters to going to the paper meetings on Sunday. It was a great year and we hope we had some people out there who wanted to read this article. For those people out there who read us thank you and we'll see you next fall.

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As I was about to doze off to sleep, I was struck by how evil and unjust the death penalty is. From a social standpoint, together with the economic and racial factors that impact so many capital murder cases, it is clear that our society must address serious questions about the validity of the death penalty. In the words of Justice William Brennan "one is hard pressed to find among our death row inmates a member of the affluent strata of society." Bryan Stevenson, who is the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama, has a very personal opinion when it comes to the issue of economic status becoming involved in the judicial process. More precisely he believes that "when facing the criminal justice system in this country you are better off being rich and guilty, then you are being poor and innocent." The issue of race in a capital murder case has been a critical factor in determining the guilt of the accused and the severity of

the punishment to be inflicted. Research in 1988 found that when a federal death penalty case reached the courts that in "nine out of ten of those prosecuting cases, the defendant was either African American or Hispanic." Furthermore, there is another staggering fact about race and the death penalty. Between colonial times and 1990 some 18,000 people were executed. The total number of white people executed for the murder of a black person was thirty, and the shocking fact about it is that the black victim was higher up on the social ladder than that of the white perpetrator. The nationally recognized death penalty opponent, Sister Helen Prejean, author of the book "Dean Man Walking" states that "most inmates go from Skid Row to Death Row, and from the Ghetto to the Gas Chamber." Additionally, since the Gregg decision in 1976, 3,300 people have been put on death row, equally divided among people of color and Caucasians. But an alarming 83% of the capital convictions and executions have been for the killing of a white person. How can people say there is no bi-

ased in a capital case? The United States Supreme Court said that bias in a capital murder case didn't exist. In one of the most incredible statements in the history of the Supreme Court, *McCleskey v Kemp*, it was stated that "a certain amount of bias in the administration of the death penalty is, in the courts opinion, inevitable."

After realizing that our highest form of justice ironically agreed with the most appalling and degrading form of legal punishment I fell asleep. As I dozed off, the words of slain Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King echoed in my mind "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." This country will one day realize that "each of us is more than the worst thing we have ever done." With the last drop of lethal poison to be injected into someone, or the last volt of electricity to be felt by the masked man, and let us no forget the last bullet to enter the insides of a blindfolded individual, only then will they finally understand that this vengeance was unjust, disgraceful and insulting to our humanity.

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sate, then providing that "partial" dinner should be much cheaper than a weekday dinner. I must make it clear that I have no reliable source to base these claims on, but logical thought is generally a better source of truth than what would likely be released to me. This "partial meal" theory means that there

is a considerable amount of surplus funds being generated, at approximately \$7 an absent head. More plainly, we are paying top dollar for services never rendered.

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Have a great summer!!