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No immediate future for Albright Court

by Jeremy Carroll

About a block and a half south of the Albright campus, on the corner of 13th and Amity streets, stands an uninhabited four story brick building. As students pass this structure, perhaps on their way to nearby Rundel's Pharmacy, they probably take little notice of it. What many students may not realize is that this building is owned by Albright College, and until the spring of 1992, it served as a coed dorm.

Now Albright Court, one of the oldest dormitories, is devoid of life. Gone are the sounds of laughter, blaring music, people engaged in conversation, and shuffling feet on stairs. Today Albright Court primarily houses furniture and athletic equipment; not students.

Converting this 32,000 square foot building from a dormitory, which can accommodate 144 students, to a storage facility was necessitated by declining enrollment.

"We took it [Albright Court] offline because we didn't have the student population to fill it," said Patricia Martinez, associate dean for student services. She added that of all the student residences, Albright Court was the most logical building to close because it was in need of renovations.

From 1989 until 1993, the number of students living in campus housing fell dramatically. In the 1988-89 academic year there were over 1000 students living on campus. In 1992 that number fell to 841 and a year later there were only 755 students occupying residence halls and apartments.

In the last three years, on campus enrollment has increased by 119 students, reaching a mark of 874 at the beginning of this semester. But according to school officials, the College will not need to utilize Albright Court in the foreseeable future despite the influx of additional students. Martinez stated that the dormitories in current use are only at 91% capacity.

It is not certain what the school would do if the student population increased significantly. One option would be to reopen Albright Court, which was built in 1920 and acquired by the College in 1951. Another would be to construct a new facility.

"I would say that we'd look at what it would cost to renovate the existing buildings versus constructing a new building," Martinez said. She continued, "I would just venture to guess that we would probably renovate before we would build."

No definite plans have been made for the building. At this time officials have not fully considered the extent to which Albright Court would have to be renovated before it could be reopened to students.

"The discussion in how far we would go has not been fully addressed," said Howard Holden, director of physical plant. "We have considered several options for the building, but we have not had a full discussion as to what we would do if the building was to be occupied again."

Structurally the building is in very good condition, according to Holden. Its frame is made of steel and the masonry construction has held up well over the years. It also has good fire towers and stair towers.

However, there are some repairs that would have to be made before Albright Court could house students again.

"If we were to occupy it again we would be looking at the typical cosmetic sorts of thing such as painting and patching some areas," said Holden. "Whenever you have a building that has been sitting unoccupied for awhile things happen that you have to fix."

He also said that the school would have to consider purchasing some new furnishings for the building and must address the problems with the ancient elevator which can no longer withstand heavy usage.

For now the maintenance focus will be on other buildings, at least until there is a reasonable chance that students will occupy Albright Court again.

"We are able to accommodate our current student body within the existing facilities on campus and as long as we can do that our priorities will go to buildings students live in," said Holden. "Should the numbers continue to increase, as we hope, we would reevaluate that facility."

Martinez is keeping a close eye on the enrollment projections in an effort to insure that Albright has enough suitable buildings to house all of its future students. She is currently working on an occupancy management plan so the administration can determine when it will have enough students for Albright Court or another facility.

Tonya (Pratt) Gilmore, a 1994 Albright graduate and now a resident director at Albright Woods, was one of the last students to live in Albright Court. She enjoyed her experience there and recalls that there was a "community type atmosphere" in the building. Gilmore noted that she got close to many people in part through her walks to and from campus.

"You would often not know people and then you had to walk back five minutes off campus, or you'd end up walking to class with people you didn't know, so you got to know a lot of people in that building," she said.

Whether other students will have similar experiences at Albright Court remains to be seen.

Election '96 and Albright

by Brett Rothweiler

Becoming the second Democratic President in United States history to win re-election since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Bill Clinton defeated former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, winning the 1996 Presidential election. Unlike his 1992 Presidential bid, Clinton won by a majority this time, receiving approximately 50% of the popular vote. Reform party candidate Ross Perot received approximately half the number of votes that he had received in his 1992 bid for the presidency, but still received enough votes to be eligible for federal funding for the next presidential election, which is to take place in the year 2000.

Despite a last-minute 96 hour campaign effort by Bob Dole and his running mate Jack Kemp in the final days preceding the election, the GOP candidates were unable to persuade voters that they could cut taxes by 15% while balancing the budget at the same time. Of the registered voters polled, seven out of ten believed that Dole would be unable to provide tax cuts and a balanced budget without making large cuts in education, Welfare, Medicare, and Social Security. The Dole/Kemp campaign focused largely on President Clinton's character and exploited his failure to provide a tax cut to the middle class, which was one of Clinton's campaign pledges in his 1992 campaign. The Clinton/Gore campaign drew an association between Dole and Speaker of the House Newt

Gingrich, who currently has a low approval rating among voters. One of the biggest problems for the GOP ticket was its inability to close the gender gap between male and female voters. One poll showed that 60% of all male voters voted for Dole, while 60% of female voters casted votes for President Clinton. Dole's failure to win over female voters contributed greatly to his defeat.

The economy, again, helped President Clinton in his campaign. In 1992, he used the sagging economy as a weapon for defeating George Bush, while in this campaign, Clinton benefited from the growing economy. A recent poll showed that 53% would rate the economy as good and another 4% would rate the economy as excellent. The 1996 elections showed that, in general, Americans are happy with the status quo. The Congressional elections were not an exception either. The Republicans continue to hold a majority in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate as a result of Tuesday's elections.

The two political clubs on campus, the Albright College Republicans and the Albright College Democrats, also participated in this year's campaigning and election processes. The College Republicans worked on the campaigns of Christian Leinbach, who ran unsuccessfully for the seat of the 6th Congressional District, and Kathy Wolfe, who

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Sororities assist with breast cancer education

By Kristin Angellella

On Nov. 5, Albright's sororities and the American Cancer Society held an event to make students more aware of breast cancer. The event was inspired by Denise Moffet, a 1995 graduate of Albright College. Moffet was diagnosed with breast cancer right before she graduated. She is now being treated with heavy doses of chemotherapy. Alpha Delta Pi members Shannon Haag and Andrea Berdona organized the event in honor of Moffet, also a member. The sororities wore pink ribbons symbolizing breast cancer awareness. Haag and Berdona were pleased with the number of female students that showed up. There were approximately 100 women at the event. Unfortunately, no men went to the event, although it was mentioned that a small percentage of men do get breast cancer.

Jane Williams, a psychologist and a survivor of breast cancer, spoke of the importance of early detection. The sooner a woman knows that she has breast cancer, the

easier it will be to treat it. Williams made it clear that women must know their options in order to decide which treatment is right for them. Some of the options women have to choose from are whether to get a lumpectomy or a mastectomy or to get chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

Priscilla Kinney, also a breast cancer survivor, spoke of a connection between mind and body. She said that the emotions people feel will affect their bodies. Kinney said that surrounding herself with things that make her laugh was helpful. She was also thankful to have the people who care about her help her through her two battles with cancer.

Both women bravely shared their experiences and exemplified that having breast cancer came with some positive aspects as well. Williams said that her experience with breast cancer allows her to help and teach other people about the disease. Williams and Kinney told the women in the

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Fundraising solicitation highlights SGA meeting

by T.W.W. Pace

Over the past three weeks the topic of student organization fundraising has been discussed by the SGA executive board in senate sessions. On November 3rd, in executive session, the E-board was presented with the latest information on this continuing issue by President Carissa Kolb and Vice President Kevin Burns.

Kolb and Burns met with Albright College's Vice President for Advancement Don Kirkwood, Vice President for Student Life Carolyn Brooks, and Associate Dean for Student Services Patti Martinez earlier in the previous week. In response to the concern raised by Kirkwood over organizations sending individual solicitations for fundraising to parents, the meeting between SGA and College administrators resulted in the drafting of a plan that would concentrate all student organization fundraising activity off campus into one catalog that would be sent to parents once a semester.

Prior to Kirkwood's move for reform of the public mailing system, any student organization was able to utilize the system to send out fundraising mailings to parents free of charge. In the past, for example, senior and junior classes have offered parents the option of purchasing study aids for their son or daughter during finals weeks. These offers have been made via the public mailing system, as are all Albright College solicitations for

donations. Only five of the college's 74 organizations have used the system over recent semesters. This indicated that most organization leadership is either unaware of or not in need of the system. Even so, Kirkwood believed parents were overwhelmed by the combination of college and student organization fundraising efforts.

The SGA has been charged with creating a pilot version of an organizations catalog, a preliminary publication to be mailed before the beginning of spring semester. This catalog will contain all product fundraising offers intended for parents. However, only organizations that have utilized the public mailing system in the recent past will be invited to contribute to the pilot catalog. If the pilot is successful, more organizations will take part in future catalogs arranged by the college's office of Student Life.

For this and potential future editions, the office of Student Services will administrate the financial management of the program. All payments will be delegated from Student Services to student organizations via the SGA. It is hoped this program will better offer parents organization fundraising items while reducing the perception of overwhelming solicitation from the school in general.

In other business, the E-board discussed the ongoing student athlete standards. Also, the Class of 2000 and Amnesty International applied for funding in the beginning of the meeting.

Community Service Office reborn after many years

by Lori Thomas

"Come to Know Yourself Through Community Service!" This is the theme of the Community Service Office, which is located in Selwyn Hall. Its purpose is to better serve the students and the community.

The office actually existed years ago, but as time passed it slowly diminished and then, eventually, disappeared. It was not until last year when Dean Brooks asked Tim McNichol, who was a freshman at the time, to get it going again. Tim McNichol was already working very hard developing the Shirk Society, but he agreed to take on the project; and through his dedication and long hours of work, our Community Service Office became a reality.

Tim McNichol spends many hours a week working in the office. Barb Bloom, the Community Service Coordinator of the Berks Council on Higher Education, also works there. She works with Alvernia, Kutztown, RACC, and Penn State Berks, as well as Albright College. In addition, seven other students volunteer their time to help run the office.

Albright students are just beginning to use the office to serve their community. Many student service organizations are taking part in helping the community. The co-ed service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, has been a big help in getting this project off the ground. Independent students with no service organization involvement have come to the office as well to find ways to help the city of Reading.

There is a variety of ways in which our students are serving. Many students tutor elementary and junior high students in basic school subjects. Currently, ten Albright students tutor every Thursday at the Hope Mennonite Church. Other students volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. We also have a

student who spends several hours a week helping the Police Athletic League. Some activities are on-going throughout the year and others are one-day events. There are so many options that there is bound to be something for everyone to do.

Only about thirty to thirty-five students are taking part in community service at this time, primarily because many people do not know about the office.

All students are welcome to help. Students are encouraged to go in and look through the directory which contains a list of all the organizations in Berks County in which the office has a connection. Once a student has selected what they wish to do, the office will call the organization and make the connection. Students can become involved in an area that interests them or in something that will help give them experience in what they are studying. There are ways to become involved in almost any field.

The goal of the Community Service Office is to offer Albright students the ability to become involved in their community through community service. Since there was a great amount of interest expressed at the office's open house, the coordinators believe that the lack of response is due to the fact that few students are aware of the office's hours and location.

The hope is that as more students become familiar with the office, the rate of participation will grow and Albright students, along with the members of the community, will prosper because of it. The office is open from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays it is open from noon until 5 p.m., and on Wednesdays one can visit between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. or between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. The phone number is x7621.

Gallery hosts discussion on art and public places

By Rebecca Wasserman

On Sunday, November 3rd, the Freedman Gallery hosted a panel discussion with Chris Youngs, Director of the Freedman Gallery; Robert Murray; and the team of Komar and Melamid.

Each of the artists shared their common interest of integrating the public into the art they produce. Robert Murray is a sculpture artist who has shown his work in many different cities. Many of his large steel sculptures have stirred up a lot of controversy among the general public because they are both abstract and unique. One of his sculptures is currently on view in front of the Center for the Arts.

Komar and Melamid, two Russian emigre artists, created the worldwide web project, "The World's Most Wanted Paintings", which is a web site which is now available for public use through the computer which is set up in the Freedman Gallery, in conjunction with the exhibit "20/20: The Visionary Legacy of Doris Chanin Freedman." The survey which they have devised allows them to paint the "most

wanted" and the "least wanted" painting, according to the results of the survey. Chris Youngs summed up their work as being an example of a "cross-section of public art." In the past they have done surveys to determine the public's color preferences in paintings. They then built a pie graph to display the results. Believe it or not, they have also worked with an elephant named Renee, whom they called their "abstract expressionist." Renee's paintings have been exhibited in various museums and have been well-received all over.

Each individual on the panel had their own opinion about placing private art in public places. Some of the public's questions even countered the artists' ideas. It was very interesting to hear them respond to these challenging questions. The event drew a fairly large crowd, comprised of students, faculty, administrators, staff, and friends, who seemed to enjoy the discussion immensely.

The exhibit "20/20" is on view for the Freedman Gallery's 20th anniversary until December 13. It features 20 artists, who have exhibited and/or have connections with the gallery and the college.

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Proposed GPA standards discussed for athletes

by T.W.W. Pace

The October 28 Organizations Senate of the Student Government Association featured Director of Athletics Sally Miller. The purpose of Sally's visit was to discuss proposed academic requirements for all students participating in athletics at Albright. These tentative standards were drafted by the Student Athletic Advisory Council in response to student and faculty concerns regarding athletes' academic performance. Although a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the College's Division III status does not require student athletes to maintain certain academic standards. Sally informed the Senate that Division I and Division II student athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA to remain eligible for participation in sports.

Standards were suggested for athletes that reflect the College's academic standards for all students. According to the recent proposal, any athlete that fell below a required GPA would be subject to probationary action that would be precluded by a one semester warning period. This last-chance semester would be followed by suspension in subsequent semesters from sports if the GPA was not improved. Sally emphasized the standards and probationary criteria for athletes would strongly parallel academic policy. Students athletes would be required to obtain GPAs of at least 1.5 for their first semester, 1.7 for their second semester, 1.9 for their entire sophomore year, and 2.0 for the remainder of their Albright career.

Some members of the senate expressed support for the proposed standards, but added that all extra-curricular participation should be subject to the same academic standards and resulting penalties. Discussion of this issue

is planned for future SGA and faculty body meetings.

Executive members presented reports following the discussion on students athlete academic policy. Of special note was Kevin Burn's report of low Committee Senate attendance. Kevin conveyed to the Senate that certain representatives must become more involved.

Organization reports followed. The College Republicans reported the registration of 31 new voters at a registration drive a few weeks earlier. The Class of 2000 is currently considering a ribbon race around the campus center, as a part of their fund raising. The Class of 1999 mentioned to the Senate plans for fundraising, including their Mr. Sophomore Pageant, a possible Men of Albright Calendar, and involvement in phone-a-thon efforts. Dart-a-date was a successful program for the Class of 1998. Tri-Beta mentioned a research trip the society will take to West Virginia November 23. The Hillel representative reported attendance at a leadership conference.

In consideration of old business, the SGA executive board was still discussing the limitations on the college public mailing system for fund raising with vice president for advancement Don Kirkwood. In new business, SGA president Carissa Kolb informed the Senate that representatives from the executive board will have met with Penn State Berks Student Government Association officials on November 7. In addition, allocation funds are still available for organizations funding. In closing, Jason Frame reminded the assembly of the SGA radio show, every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. All students are strongly encouraged to call.

Alcohol is a leading factor in acquaintance rapes

by Lisa Zimmerman

Ninety percent of acquaintance rapes on college campuses involve alcohol, according to both researcher Robin Warsaw and a study done at Syracuse University. Other statistics vary slightly, but the connection is consistently high, from 75 percent and higher for both men and women.

Alcohol consumption is commonly associated with male sexual aggression. After drinking alcohol, most men expect to feel more powerful, sexual, and aggressive. In an article connecting the consumption of alcohol and rape in the Journal of American College Health, Antonia Abbey says that even men who only think they have been drinking still become sexually aroused to erotic stimuli and rape scenarios. Also, because alcohol leads to poor judgment, misperception on the part of the man can occur. He may think, although a woman says no, her clothing or previous behavior says otherwise and continue to force sexual intercourse.

Alcohol often has a very opposite effect on women. There is a loss of control that causes a woman to feel weak and vulnerable. Losing her inhibitions, a woman might become more flirtatious and appear more sexually available to men after drinking. Women may also ignore otherwise obvious warning signs of sexual aggression and potentially dangerous situations. Often, when a woman is raped while drunk or passed out,

she is viewed as partially responsible, alleviating some of the responsibility of the rapist.

Because there is a very high consumption of alcohol at Albright College, as there is at most colleges and universities, it is important to be aware of the obvious connection of acquaintance rape and alcohol. It is also imperative that students be aware of the association that fraternities have with acquaintance rape. According to an FBI campus-watch program, the Department of Justice statistics office states that between 1984 and 1993, fraternity members were the aggressors in 93 percent of rape cases. Furthermore, there were more alleged rapes within the property lines of fraternities than any other location, excluding military bases and prisons. This is not to say that fraternity members are by nature rapists. It is evidence, though, that in an environment where alcohol is often prevalent and masculinity is prized, acquaintance rape is more likely to occur.

While alcohol may be the catalyst, it is never the cause of the rape. It is only potentially the cause of behaviors which lead to rape. Alcohol is also not justification for rape. Men who drink are responsible for their actions, regardless of the effects of alcohol. Women who drink should be even more cautious of potentially dangerous situations, and especially their inability to handle these situations as a result of alcohol.

This is the second article in a series by Lisa Zimmerman on rape in our society.

Calendar of Events

November 13-23

Wednesday, November 13

• "Effi Briest" is a German movie based on the novel by Theodor Fontane. This movie portrays a beautiful young woman who marries an older man who is a diplomat. They move to a small town and the woman has an affair with the local beau. The movie begins at 6:45 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall in the Center for the Arts.

• "World of Cultures: The Gods of Our Fathers" - This is an experience event about patriarchal attitudes in today's societies. The program will run from 4:53 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.

Thursday, November 14

• "Career Opportunities Workshop with Mr. Bill Hartz of In Roads. This event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and will take place in the Campus Center South Lounge at 4 p.m.

• "Theater: 'Little Murders' by Jules Feiffer performed by the Domino Players in the Meridian Theater. Show time is at 8 p.m.; and is an experience event. The play is a hilarious look at murder and misery besetting city dwellers. Gup, the experience bouncer, will be in the play!

Friday and Saturday, November 15-16

• "Little Murders" - These are the final nights that the play will be performed.

Saturday, November 16

• "International Students' Association presents a trip to see 'Les Miserable' on Broadway. Cost is \$10. Sign-up at the Campus Center desk.

Sunday, November 17

• "Albright College Recitalists in Concert: An Evening of Musical Pleasure starts at 7:30pm

in Roop Hall in the Center for the Arts. This is an experience event.

Tuesday, November 19

• "Celebration of Women in Words" - Women's Ensemble Theater Company looks at the portrayal of women in poetry and theater works of Shakespeare, Tennessee Williams, Maya Angelou and more. This is an experience event sponsored by the Women's Center. This event starts at 7 p.m. in the Meridian Theater.

Wednesday, November 20

• "Digital Culture" - Timothy Binkley from the School of Visual Arts in New York City will discuss the importance of the digital computer on the world of art and in society. He is a philosopher, mathematician, and software developer. This event begins at 4 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.

• "Strawberry and Chocolate" - this is a Spanish movie showing at 6:45 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall by the Foreign Language Department. This movie is set in Cuba and features an unlikely friendship between a young idealistic follower of the Revolution and a witty gay man. This is a political and comedic drama with some explicit sexual scenes.

Saturday, November 23

• "Albright College String Chamber Orchestra will perform with the Meetinghouse String Orchestra of Philadelphia at 7:30 p.m. in Roop Hall in the Center for the Arts. This is an experience event.

• "The Office of Multicultural Affairs will be sponsoring a 'Harvest Dinner' in North Hall from 3-5:30 pm. All are welcomed to attend.

--Calendar of events compiled by Jen Schestok--

Breast Cancer education

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audience that they need to support each other in fighting this disease.

Maryann Ramsey, the "nurse of hope" at Reading Hospital, said that monthly self-breast examinations are a must. Ramsey also said that the American Cancer Society offers support groups and that talking to strangers who are going through the same thing can be very helpful. Ramsey offered many sources of information for those who wanted more knowledge. She even had a replica of malignant breasts that gave women an idea of what lumps feel like. Albright's Women's Center volunteers also attended to provide extra informative material and suggest more resources for those who were interested.

Ann Rollman, an oncology clinical nurse specialist, mentioned important facts about



breast cancer and who is at greater risk of getting the disease.

One out of eight women in America will develop breast cancer throughout her lifetime. About 184,300 women are diagnosed with breast cancer annually and about 44,000 of those women will die.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women, and sixty percent of women diagnosed will find no identified risk factor.

Dr. Patricia Snyder, advisor of Alpha Delta Pi, commented that every woman, young or old, should be concerned about breast cancer. She told the young women in the audience to check their bodies and go to the doctor for necessary tests.

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Holocaust Library is a hidden treasure

by Emily Ilana Losben

The Holocaust Library and Resource Center is an untapped resource at Albright College.

In 1993 The Jewish Federation of Reading established this library "in memory of those who perished and dedicated to those who are our future." This resource center and library, which is mainly located in the Nolan Room on the second floor of the Gingrich Library, houses approximately 600 sources. Included among these sources are audio and video testimonies of local survivors of the Holocaust and of local servicemen who participated in the liberation of prisoners in the Nazi camps. The room also houses books on the Holocaust geared toward children as well as curriculum guides to teaching about the Holocaust. There is also a computer with an Internet connection so that people who use the room can connect to such sources as Yad Vashem and The National Holocaust Museum. However, most of the books are not kept in the room itself but are located on the shelves throughout the library.

Dan Tannenbaum, the coordinator of the Holocaust Library and Resource Center, expressed the necessity of a center such as this because "the Holocaust must constantly be brought to the attention of the community so that new generations know what happened." He also feels informing the population about this incident is important in order to keep it from happening again. However, he feels that according to what is currently going on in places such as Bosnia,

holocausts are unfortunately still occurring.

The Center, which is funded by both Albright College and the Jewish Federation of Reading, is housed on the Albright Campus to make it accessible to the entire community. The planning for this project began many years ago, but the Federation believed that it was at the Jewish Community Center it would not be appropriate. By housing it at the college, it can easily be used by students of all ages as well as by anyone in the community. According to Tannenbaum, "the Holocaust Library offers the community a vast and ever growing collection of material from the Holocaust and the Nazi Era (1933-1945)."

The Holocaust Library and Resource Center will also be sponsoring its first campus-wide event on Thursday, November 21, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. Rena Gelissen, who is a survivor of Auschwitz, will speak about her experiences. Gelissen has written a book entitled "Rena's Promise," which details her experiences during the war. After she speaks, Hillel will sponsor an informal discussion which will include light refreshments.

Another way to get information on campus about the Holocaust is a new course being offered next semester. Professor Guillaume DeSyon will offer a Holocaust course in the Spring of 1997.

As for the future, Tannenbaum would like to see the center, which is neither used nor known by many people, become something that is utilized by more Albright students and faculty and even by the public schools.

Fair attempts to involve students in community

by Tim McNichol

On October 29, the Albright College Community Service Office sponsored a community service fair. Various organizations from the Berks County area, such as the United Way, were represented. The idea behind the special event was to provide the students of Albright College with an outlet to participate in community service. In addition, it provided the agencies access to a

pool of very gifted students interested in giving back to the community. The day was a huge success with well over 120 students participating.

If anyone is interested in participating in community service they may contact the Community Service Office at extension 7124, where their motto is "we have something for everyone."

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ran unsuccessfully for the seat in the 126th Congressional District. The Republicans handed out literature on the streets of Reading and at voting sites.

In addition, they attended parades and called registered Republicans and reminded them to support their party by voting for the Republican candidates on election day.

Beth Rago, the president of the College Republicans, offered the following quote when asked about the election results, "The results were a real disappointment for us but it gives us more of a reason to come back harder in 1998 and 2000. We [the Republican party] still have the House and the Senate, so he [Clinton] can't do that much."

The College Democrats took a more individualistic route in their participation in the campaigning process. A few members worked for the campaign of Tim Holden while others attended a local gala for the

Clinton/Gore campaign.

Other members participated by handing out literature and signs around campus and in Reading.

College Democrat member Matt Hillman said the following when asked about the outcome of the election, "I was pleased with the results and that he [Clinton] won a majority of the votes. I wished, though, that the Democrats could have regained a majority in the House and the Senate, but I think that the voters want a balance of power."

Although Albright's political clubs were active in this year's campaigning and political processes, the student body as a whole had limited involvement in this year's elections. The student body's apathy toward the election processes reflects the national trend of 18- to 25-year-olds across the country.

Despite efforts to increase the number of votes cast by young voters, such as MTV's Choose or Lose and Rock the Vote, voter turnout among 18 to 25 year-olds remained low.

Attention:

Any and all students who would like to help arrange more choices for social activities on campus that do not include alcohol, please stop by or call

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Editorials/Opinions

The Republican Party is Evil

by Doug Riordan

Let me be frank. The Republican platform that was put forth in San Diego is insane. It is no wonder that when one thinks of Republicans one regards them with the most vile connotations. The Republican Party is not only frightening, it is indeed evil. One need consider Patrick Buchanan only briefly to understand this. In fact, the platform laid out in San Diego was in greater accord with Buchanan's philosophies than with Dole's. Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole only serve to solidify the belief many Americans already hold: Republicans are just downright scary. I can only thank America that Dole and his Looney Tune Crew were not elected. This editorial may be late in this regard, but I think it will do well to see what disasters have been temporarily avoided.

My faith in Americans' ability to recognize evil when they see it has been preserved. Until the next election!

In the late Reagan and early Bush years the immense irony between pro-lifers and nuclear proliferationists was somehow hidden within the recesses of Republican ideology. Then the contradiction was easy to miss because the two issues were never uttered in the same breath. How can one argue against abortion rights, thus arguing for the right to life, while maintaining that the United States should stockpile enormous amounts of nuclear weapons, the deadliest weapons of mass destruction ever created, in order to force the submission of our Cold War enemies?

Viewing life as intrinsically valuable, per the pro-life stance, is incompatible with the view that nuclear weapons are valuable. Republican ideology then was simple in its absurdity. Now, however, Republicans have finally fallen off their rocker.

I would like first to take issue with Republican opposition to same-sex marriages. I find it extraordinary that in an age where "tolerance" is such a pervasive buzz word, and after African-Americans and women have come so far in their efforts for fair treatment and equality, Republicans still insist on denying such a significant minority the same rights afforded other minorities, namely, the right to be treated equally regardless of the characteristic constituting minority status.

What is truly exceptional is the Republican claim that affording homosexuals equal rights via anti-discrimination statutes is a distortion of these statutes. Discrimination on the basis of sexual preference apparently does not qualify for consideration, unlike race and gender, for sexual preference is not as important compared to these other categories. Homosexuals cannot be denied equal rights simply by denying the very characteristic that defines what it means to be a homosexual. A homosexual is discriminated against because of his or her sexual preference and nothing else.

Republicans assert that the United States must reach its goal of equal rights without quotas or other forms of preferential treatment. Republicans confuse equality in the sense that we are all inherently equal with how we are actually treated by employers, institutions, etc. Republicans assume that we all begin on a level playing field. This is true if it refers to our inherent and intrinsic

AlbrightWORKS Update: First Fruits from the WORKStory Harvest

I'd like to share with the Albright community a few words about some significant student accomplishments—the first fruits of an early WORKStory harvest—and, in the process, answer at least some of the questions concerning the College's AlbrightWORKS initiative that may still be out there dangling. Since the second week of the semester, about seventy volunteer participants from all four classes have been helping Professor Christine Bell, Jessica Coffey, and myself to develop and test links between classroom learning, community service, and career exploration as part of an experimental year for the WORKS program.

In part they've been pursuing activities that are perfectly familiar to many busy Albrightians: competing on sports teams, rehearsing in musical groups and performing in plays, organizing club projects, conducting independent studies, and of course, preparing for and participating in their classes. No one student is doing everything. AlbrightWORKS is intended to be a voluntary enhancement rather than a requirement, and participants have been free to choose the areas that interest them. Many have been drawn to serving the Reading community as volunteers either individually or through service organizations. October's GoodWORKS Tree of Warmth was one manifestation of that civic impulse.

As the year develops, the WORKS participants will also have chances for hands-on career exploration and planning. Several are already pursuing internships off campus, but many others will be shadowing professionals for a day at their work sites, joining Albright Alumni (hundreds of whom have already indicated their eagerness to visit campus and to work with students) from various fields for breakfast seminars, and listening, along with the rest of you, to some fascinating speakers.

And they are writing. Armed with the 30-page WORKStory Book of Questions (an extensive set of suggestive, but open-ended learning questions), participants have turned a reflective, analytical eye toward many

corners of their Albright educations. The WORKStory process has provided a new way for students to assess their learning across the community, and a chance to write about important topics that don't usually come up in course assignments. The first crop of WORKStories arrived at the Selwyn Hall WORKScenter on October 25th, and, on the whole, they make engrossing reading.

Rather than a "journal" entry or a means of emotional venting, these WORKStories are just what the name implies—short narratives of a student's thoughts and actions in a particular endeavor or in relationship to some problem or issue. The story form lends itself both to identifying and diagnosing the author's concerns and values and to displaying that person's knowledge and skills in action. For example:

—By detailing the sequence of events as well as the personal pressures and motivations that led her to take on an extra assignment for her sorority, one student let us see exactly how she comes to decisions and how she accepts responsibility.

—By tracing the torturous academic route that took him from first-year ambitions to his junior year, another student demonstrates his own broadening interests and offers a reasoned justification for his new dual concentration.

—By focusing on the first-year teammate who took over "her" position, another author shows herself discovering a new path to leadership through encouraging and mentoring younger players.

—By recounting the daily, incremental challenges of a summer internship, yet another student analyzes her transformation into an active, confident participant in class discussions.

—By describing every aspect of an encounter with a nine-year-old in an after-school center, a volunteer tutor conveys the daunting challenge and surprising reward of helping others.

Most WORKStory authors have managed to pick out key aspects of their personal learning styles, ways of decision

making, habits of cooperation, and sources of motivation—all of which, we'd argue, are relevant both in the classroom and in the workplace. But when such tales are told—as the best of these WORKStories are—with attention to detail, with a concern for style, and, perhaps, with a sense of humor, they supply added evidence of a mind at work and afford the reader a valuable glimpse of the author's character.

Alongside the charm and humanity that recommend these stories is the solid advice of career counselors. They would urge any applicant for graduate training or a professional position 1) to be clear and realistic about one's own abilities and goals; 2) to know the requirements of the specific position and the general field; and 3) to present oneself and one's qualifications with confidence and conviction. The WORKStory approach, together with the other components of AlbrightWORKS, promises to provide our students with an enhanced four-year preparation not simply for those searches, but for thoughtful, meaningful lives—lives that contribute to the larger society.

The early results of the AlbrightWORKS experiment are encouraging. This year's volunteer participants will continue with their busy, but mindful, pursuits and will share their reflections in two more WORKStory chapters before March. Their efforts and feedback will be crucial to answering a series of questions:

What might be the various benefits of AlbrightWORKS to a student over a full four years? What will be the level of student interest in those benefits? How can the College most effectively deliver those benefits to interested students?

Without predicting the eventual answers to those large questions, I would observe that these first WORKStories have amply demonstrated the desire and ability of Albright students to take themselves and their futures seriously. That's a wonderful place to begin.

--John Pankratz

equality as humans. However, if this means that we are already all treated equally by employers, for example, then I would vigorously question what planet they have been living on since the inception of slavery.

The Republican platform also supports the appointment of federal judges who respect traditional family values. I thought that "Family Values" had been trotted out in the last election as entirely uninclusive of the majority of America. Such values are perceived as elitist and upper-class, both of which are infuriating notions for the majority of a nation who struggles to make ends meet as is.

Family values have become the code phrase for nuclear family interests. Unfortunately for Republicans, such a family structure is no longer dominant and as a product of a single parent family, I can bear witness to the fact that children raised in such an environment turn out just as well as children brought up in a nuclear family.

Moreover, a federal judge must also respect the "sanctity of human life." Federal judges must attempt to stem the tide of decisions like Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey.

For some strange reason, Republicans still insist on treating a woman's uterus as an entity apart from a woman's body into which

they may legitimately invade. The Supreme Court's proclamations on this issue are clear, but Republicans seem to enjoy waging political battles in the halls of the Supreme Court. Interestingly, Robert Bork (Everyone remembers him, right?), a Reagan appointee to the Supreme Court, believes this practice is illegitimate and should not occur. Currently women can control their role in procreation. Nonetheless, Republicans don't seem to like this fact very much and are struggling mightily to change this state of affairs. If I were a woman who wasn't a member of a staunchly conservative political bent or an equally conservative religion, I would be very afraid of the consequences of such a reversal of Roe v. Wade.

Republicans believe that illegal aliens should not receive public benefits other than emergency aid, and those who become parents while legally within the U.S. should not be qualified to claim benefits for their offspring. The platform calls for a constitutional amendment or constitutionally valid legislation declaring that children born in the U.S. of alien parents who are not long-term residents are not automatically citizens. The phrase "constitutionally valid" is important to note because currently the Supreme Court's decision in Plyer v. Doe would strike down any legislation to deny illegal immigrants

public benefits, and the Republicans know this. That is why they also propose a constitutional amendment to this end because the Supreme Court's power of judicial review does not extend to Constitutional amendments.

The battle over what rights illegal immigrants possess is yet another example of the illegitimate battle Republicans wish to carry on in the courts, while denying the nation the right to participate in a discussion of the issues.

Another plank in the Republican platform consists of a commitment to oppose subordination of American sovereignty to any international authority including the commitment of U.S. troops to U.N. peacekeeping operations under foreign commanders. Moreover, American servicemen ought not to be compelled to wear foreign uniforms or insignia.

I am truly dumbfounded by this plank. What on earth does this mean?

The U.S. operates as the world's policeman already; but now, fully wrapped in the cloak of super-nationalism, Republicans seek preferential treatment on behalf of U.S. soldiers. Preferential treatment for minorities is not justifiable, while

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preferential treatment for U.S. troops is.

Whether they realize it or not this plank has the word "Hypocrite" painted on it in neat red letters. Instead of collaborating with other nations in U.N. operations, the U.S. is now exempt from following the orders of an institution attempting to maintain order around the world. Isn't it bad enough that Reagan chose not to pay U.N. dues throughout his administration? Now this?

Republicans also laid out a commitment to abolish the Department of Education. As if the curriculum in colleges today isn't watered down enough, Republicans would terminate the Department of Education when education is consistently cited as a first step toward solving many of the social issues facing us today.

Here's an idea: instead of condemning future generations of children to ignorance, how about making the curriculum in elementary schools and high school more difficult! For whatever reason, Republicans seem to believe that there is too much pressure on our young people today as is and they shouldn't be burdened any further by stretching their minds in school.

Republicans also support the rights of families to choose for their children the option of home schooling. I would question how many families in America could even afford such schooling in the first place, but this option will not remain for much longer when generation after generation of young people

will be receiving a substandard education at the hands of the same people advocating home schooling. Consider that humans are social creatures and need the social stimulation provided by schooling to develop into well-adjusted adults. How could this be accomplished in a nation sustained on home schooling when the stimulation provided is that of common everyday interactions with siblings and parents?

Republicans also support education initiatives that promote chastity until marriage as the expected standard of behavior. Insidious inculcation and paternalistic overtures are the name of the game here, while Bob Dole went even further in levying his support for a constitutional amendment that would permit prayer in schools and enable states to force people to salute the flag. Cherish your right to dissent and disagree now, while you still have it!

I think it is clear at this point that the reason Republicans will be incredibly hard-pressed to win the office of the President is that America lives in fear of the policies that would be implemented by such an administration.

Republicans control Congress, and America can live with that so long as there is a President who can hold them in check. Face the facts, Republicans, the platform rendered in San Diego is too radical.

How ironic that Reagan labeled the former Soviet Union the "Evil Empire" when it is his beloved party that now represents oppression veiled in political discourse.

Rainforest campaign targeting Mitsubishi

Students with the Rainforest Action Network (RAN) have charged that Mitsubishi Corporation is "the world's worst corporate destroyer of tropical, temperate and boreal forests."

For this reason, student members of RAN have organized an international boycott against Mitsubishi based on a model set by the World Rainforest Movement and the Taiga Rescue Network.

RAN organizers say a key component of their strategy is the group's campus campaign. Member students are encouraged to pass a resolution through their college administrations which terminates all financial involvement with the company, including job recruitment.

The resolution already has been passed on 32 campuses, stating, "This governing body hereby proclaims that the sale and purchase of any Mitsubishi products or campus recruitment by any of said companies shall be prohibited until such time that this body concludes that the logging, mining, and trading practices of Mitsubishi companies are truly and verifiably sustainable."

In April 1996, the Bank of Tokyo merged with the Mitsubishi Bank to form the largest bank in the world with assets of \$800 billion.

Student activists assert that Mitsubishi abuses its economic power by engaging in destructive logging ventures throughout the world's endangered forests. Thus, the corporation contributes to the destruction of

ancient habitats and native cultures.

RAN provides students with campus kits which include guidelines for passing the boycott resolution. In addition, campaigners loan out a 35-foot inflatable chainsaw for "Boycott Mitsubishi" demonstrations.

"We don't have the time to hold (students') hands," said Jim Ace, a RAN campaign consultant. "They are taking their own initiatives because they are tired of the corporations manipulating their relationships with college campuses."

Students work to pass the campus resolutions by participating in awareness activities and direct actions. Students at the University of Colorado-Boulder have set a new standard for the campaign by sending a letter to the university president outlining their desire to live on a "corporation-free" campus.

The boycott strategy has been particularly effective in its isolation of Mitsubishi Motors and electronics divisions. These two key components of the Mitsubishi empire have suffered image problems from environmental direct action campaigns. As a result, officials are cooperating with the boycott by putting pressure on the parent company to change its logging and trading practices.

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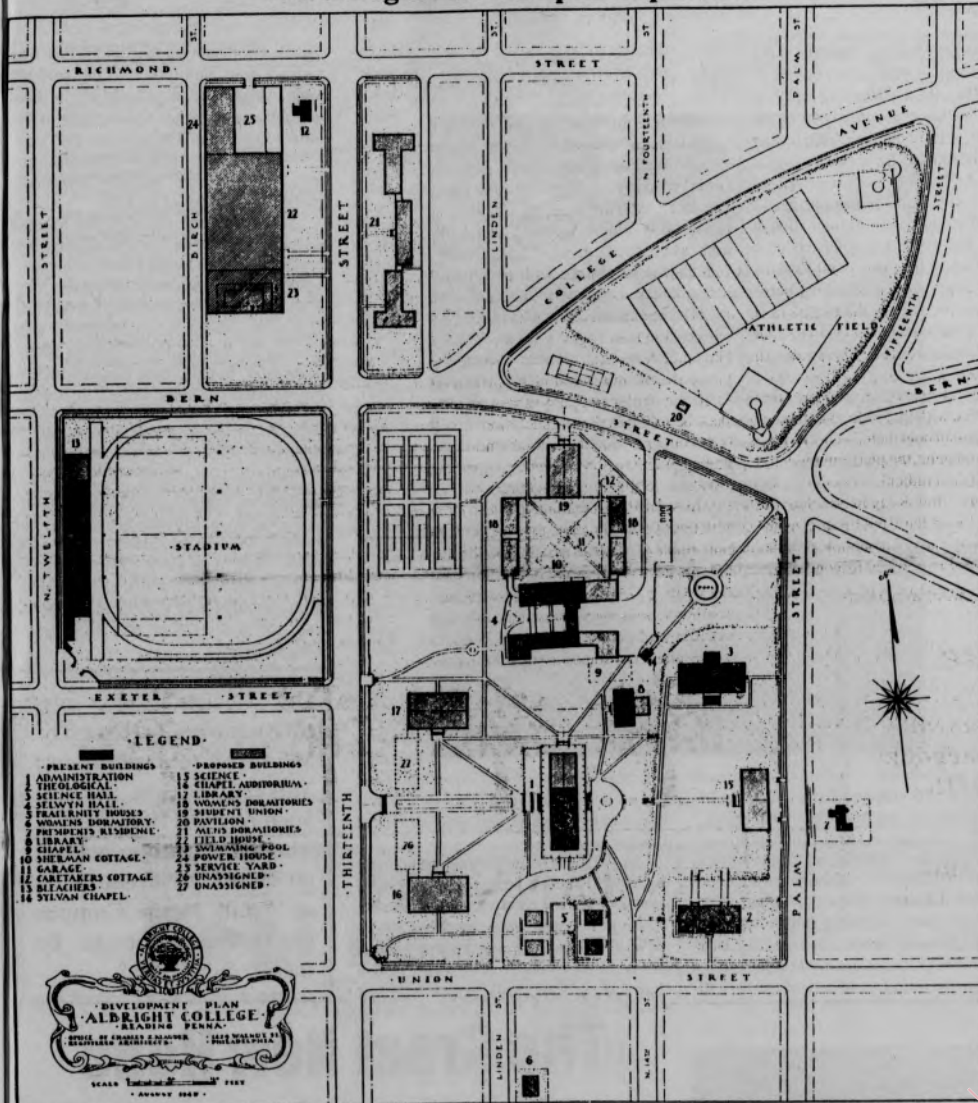
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Albright Traditions

November 6, 1945
Work Begins on Campus Expansion



--An architect has been selected and instructed to proceed with plans for the addition to be built to the Alumni Memorial Library, announced President Harry V. Masters today. President Masters explained that this will be the first step in actual carrying out of the new campus blue print recently approved by the Executive Committee of the College. Actual construction will begin next summer. The Addition will be made in the rear of the present building. Its chief purpose is to provide a stack room and also washrooms for men and women. Additional facilities will be installed inside to main entrance for wraps and umbrellas.

September 27, 1980

Current Housing Shortage Termed Only Temporary

Despite the current housing squeeze in dormitory space at Albright College, J Randall Miller, Dean of Housing, is confident that the overcrowding situation is only temporary and, "will improve as soon as the new apartments are completed."

In addition to the need to provide temporary housing for the students waiting for the apartments, Albright is greeting the largest freshman class in the history of the college, and this somewhat unexpected growth has put pressure on the dean of students office to provide adequate housing for the record resident population of 1300.

Incoming freshman and transfer students who notified Albright after May 1, 1980 of their intention to enroll this fall were not guaranteed housing, and rooms were set aside for the 24 summer trial freshmen who qualified to return this fall.

But, with the unpredicted delays that have slowed construction of the new apartments, the tight housing situation that clouds every September is cloudier than usual. In an effort to alleviate some of the pressure, many of the students waiting for the new

apartments have been living at the Holiday Inn, 5th Street Highway, Reading, for the past two weeks, using the newly purchased health center emergency van to shuttle them to and from campus.

It would have been feasible to house these sixty students on campus for the two week interim before all the apartments were ready for occupancy, but such an arrangement would have included housing groups of students in lounges, offices, and forming more triples.

Because this would have but the students in awkward and virtually unacceptable circumstances, Albright chose to spend the money to rent rooms and provide transportation to and from the campus.

The college, housing 60 students the first week and 30 students the second week, paid full price for the rooms, according to Dean Miller. The bill for the rooms alone will come to an estimated \$10,000.

But the students living in the Holiday Inn are not the only ones in temporary housing, Dean Miller said. "Although we do have some students living in situations that

are unsatisfactory, they are aware of the present housing problems and have been very cooperative.

These unsatisfactory situations include housing freshmen in the health center, Pi Tau Beta fraternity house, offices in the counseling center, and Mohn Hall, study rooms in Albright Court, and triples in Court and Smith Hall, and housing freshman women in the basement of Walton Hall, study rooms in the basement of East Hall, and in rooms with resident assistants.

However, not all these situations will be remedied when the construction on the new apartments is completed. "We will," according to Dean Miller, "be cutting it close, very close."

The term temporary, therefore, does not necessarily mean that these students will be transferred to more appropriate housing immediately.

The length of their wait depends on the progress of the new apartments, and on how many students decide during the semester to drop out, transfer, move off campus, or join a fraternity, according to Miller.

September 19, 1958 Building Additions, Renovations Greet Returning Albright Students

Students returning to Albright have become aware of the major building additions and renovations which took place on campus during the summer months.

The Food Service building, dominant in its position on the northeast corner of the campus, will, upon completion, accommodate 650 persons. Dr. Harry V. Masters, president of the college, commented in a recent letter to Albright students that progress on the dining hall has moved along rapidly; however, due to general strikes which delayed work, the building was not ready for use this fall.

The main dining hall, equipped with folding panel doors, come be divided to produce two private rooms, forming a north wing and a south wing. The remaining area of the hall will seat 490 students. The spacious building will be ventilated by eight roof fans, lighted by an overhead diffused skylight and heated by gas radiated heat.

Lounge for Leisure

Students may spend leisure time after meals in the front lounge of the hall. Pledging \$5,000 to provide furnishings for the lounge, the Woman's Auxiliary already has donated \$1,000 of the amount.

In addition to its primary role, the food service building will contain an electric transformer vault room which will be the first phase of a three-year project to replace the college's present overloaded electrical system. All incoming power will enter via the transformer and then be channeled underground to other campus buildings in a more economical manner than the present. Additional boarding facilities have been obtained this year through the purchase of two off-campus fraternity houses and the newly renovated South Hall. South Hall, formerly two campus houses occupied by the Kappa Upsilon Phi and Zeta Omega Epsilon fraternities, is now a woman's residence hall.

House Mother's Quarters

A central section, joining the houses into one unit, was constructed to form the house mothers quarter. In addition to a kitchenette and laundry facilities, the house has a basement television and recreation room. In the new center section of the basement a central gas-fired hot water heating system with zone controls will be employed.

The former Zeta social room on the first floor serves as the reception quarters. South Hall accommodates thirty resident women.

The two new fraternity houses each provide living quarters for 18 men. 1601 Hampton Boulevard, the house occupied by the Kappas, is a large, single, brick, corner dwelling with a terraced lawn. A large social room and the house mother's living quarters are located on the first floor. The second and third floors contain seven bedrooms and two baths. The basement houses a recreation room.

Locations

The new residents of the Zeta fraternity is located one block above the Kappa home, at 1607 Alsace Road. Also a ten-room home, this building has in addition to the social room and house mother's quarters, six bedrooms, three baths, and a basement recreation room.

With the addition of these two houses all four fraternities occupy off-campus dwellings for the first time.

Features

The Wedding Present to Play at Albright

Thanks to the efforts of WXAC, Albright College radio, the entire Albright community very soon will be able to enjoy the sounds of some excellent bands. One of those bands, **The Wedding Present**, has had a long journey until it reached the success that many people know of today.

In the summer of 1985, David Lewis Gedge boarded a coach in London with a handful of dreams and a pocketful of ideas and about 500 records packed into his mother's suitcases. In this fashion, the single "Go Out and Get 'Em Boy!" was collected from the pressing plant, delivered to the distribution company, and **The Wedding Present** was born. The pioneering spirit has been at the core of the band's philosophy ever since. From "George Best" and early singles compilation, "Tommy" - the first two full length releases on their own Reception Records, - to "Saturnalia," the new self-produced top 40 mini-album on Cooking Vinyl Records, the band has charted an appealing and often eccentric course of their very own. Take just one example: the final release from "Reception," "Why Are You Being So Reasonable Now?," even came in a version sung in French.

With the independent releases, **The Wedding Present** had acquired a reputation for bittersweet, breathtakingly real love songs immersed in whirlwind guitars, so it was quite extraordinary that Ukrainian Vistupi V Johna Peela, with the band exploring traditional Eastern European folk music, should be their major label dispute on RCA. However, this was followed by the more traditionally incendiary "Bizarro," which featured their first hit single, "Kennedy."

The next step, made with characteristically twisted **Wedding Present** logic, was to enlist noisemonstering engineer Steve Albini's aid, at a time when everyone else was releasing dance mixes by big name producers. The resulting "Seamonsters," recorded

in the snowy wild of Minnesota in just 11 days, suggested a more thoughtful **Wedding Present**. The guardian newspaper noted that,

"Albini has given **The Wedding Present** considerable weight, with David Gedge's voice trickling between banks of scowling guitars." Indeed, the singing ranged from sensual whispering to feverish screams, as Gedge investigated weightier subjects.

1992 brought another intriguing idea. By the end of December the group had releases 12 records, one in each month, which equalled Elvis Presley's 35-year-old record for "most hits in one year," rekindled everyone's interest in that ultimate pop format, the 7" single, and led the NME to describe the band as "casually revolutionary and underhandedly unique." A gang of impressive names, including Ian Broudi from **The Lightning Seeds** and legendary **Rolling Stones** producer, Jimmy Miller, collaborated on the industry challenging project, ul-

timately to be compiled on the two Hit Parade albums, awarded "record of the week" by Tony Parsons in *The Daily Telegraph*.



"Watusi," produced by Steve Fisk (a prime mover in the celebrated avant-garde scene of Seattle, Wash.), whisked the band off into yet another new area with its trademark lo-fi pop, three-part a cappella harmonies and Waikiki-ready surf strains. This mul-

tifaceted recording, sprinkled with 60's and 70's pastiches and even a brass section, was described by critics as their most varied and dynamic to date.

In 1995, just before they signed to Cooking Vinyl, Britain's largest genuinely independent label, the band released yet another 7" single, "Sucker," and completed a British tour with two drummers. The London date became part of the celebrated "Camden Crawl" event where police had to be called

to quell a riot amongst disgruntled fans who couldn't gain admittance to the sold-out event. Although the record sold several thousand copies and reached number three in *The Festive 50* (veteran BBC DJ John Peel's end of the year listeners' poll) it didn't make any other charts, because, typically, it was only available at concerts or by mail.

So far this year the band has released the car-themed "Mini," in which Gedge was recently described by the NME as the missing link between Morrissey and Jarvis Cocker, which tells his tales of love, lust and infidelity with automobile iconography, in what can only be described as a concept album. "Saturnalia" has also been lauded with rave reviews from the music press. In between they have played sets at the 1996 Reading Festival and the BBC's prestigious Sound City Event, held this year in Leeds.

Throughout the many Top of the Pops appearances, world tours and that highest of accolades, the unauthorized biography, **The Wedding Present** has always managed to remain close to its roots. The band has a large and devoted collection of admirers... no doubt attracted by the fact that with this band, you're never quite sure what's going to happen next!

Hey Albright! Don't miss this opportunity to see The Wedding Present and Yatsura with the possible opening band Driver UFO. The bands will be playing on Saturday, November 23, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge. Be there!

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Natasha's Stars

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're so self-absorbed this week that you're not recognizing a close friend needs you. Make an effort to be a good listener. Your support is appreciated. The weekend brings a happy social surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are tempted to withdraw into yourself, especially on the home front. This could cause difficulties with a loved one. Remember, moody behavior is not in your best interests. An intriguing social invitation has potential.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's not what you say that matters; it's what you're not saying. Your desire to keep to yourself leads to relationship difficulties or misunderstandings if not addressed. If you communicate more effectively, you will be better off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Something occurs on the job that leads to some scheduling changes. Some find themselves making spur-of-the-moment travel plans in the middle of the week. A friend is being unreasonable about a planned social event this weekend. Use patience in this situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) While you are a hard worker, try not to worry so much about tasks at hand. Any delays that occur smooth out eventually. Try to be patient in the interim. Weekend activities are of a group nature.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You are easily distracted and find it difficult to concentrate early in the week. However, don't let this interfere with what must be done. Self-



discipline must be maintained. A weekend getaway provides a welcome respite.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A domestic situation has you taking on some extra responsibilities at a most inopportune time. Try to balance work and home life. Get in touch with friends you want to see before the weekend sets in to avoid a scheduling conflict.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You face an unexpected challenge on the job. Persevere and you'll be pleased with the results of your efforts. The weekend favors domestic activities and tending to chores.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Avoid taking any financial risks. A proposed investment opportunity isn't all that it's cracked up to be. This weekend, your mood isn't conducive to socializing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You spend much time trying to decipher mixed messages about business. However, you do make some progress by week's end. It's just not as much as you'd counted on.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You feel obligated to help someone out who has personal problems. However, avoid getting overly involved. You are too easily taken advantage of at times.

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Real Issues

by Pauline Skiadopoulos



Question: How do you feel about the outcome of the recent presidential election?

"I wasn't surprised and I wasn't disappointed."

-Nicole Randazzo '00

"I was disappointed but it gives the Republicans hope for 2000, and they still have control over the House."

-Beth Rago '98

"It didn't really bother me because everyone would eventually find something wrong with whichever candidate was elected."

-Shawn Adams '00

"I think the saddest thing about the election was that there was such a low voter turnout. I didn't register either though, so I can't complain."

-Mel Washington '99



International Students Strut Their Stuff

by Karen Wert



Ethnic flavor abounded, once again, at this year's annual International Day Dinner, which took place on Friday, October 25.

The dinner, presented by the *International Students Association*, the *Asian American Council*, *Women of the World*, the *African American Society*, and *Hillel*, featured a wide range of talent and food taken from the various international backgrounds represented in Albright's student body.

Many different nations were accounted for including India, Morocco, Spain, France, Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, Puerto Rico, Yugoslavia and Armenia.

After participating in her last International Dinner, senior Marija Tesic said, "The dinner shows the strength and diversity of the entire Albright community and the importance of multiculturalism on campus and in the world." Tesic also praised the time and energy that all of the participants put into making the dinner such a success.

With the help of the cafeteria, the students prepared the food which exemplified the diversity of their various cultures.

Following dinner, the same variety and diversity was presented in a display of cultural entertainment with emcees Gieve Patel '99

and Tesic.

The performances included a beautiful traditional Vietnamese dance, a demonstration on Japanese martial arts, a native Mexican song sung by Tamara Weimann '98 and a traditional Burmese piano composition performed by Zaw Myint '00, a member of the royal family of Myanmar.

There was also a skit which portrayed various common stereotypes that are often associated with foreign people. This skit is presented every year and is changed according to the new experiences that many international students encounter.

The audience had a chance to participate when Emily Losben '99, a member of *Hillel*, led everyone in the Hora, a popular Jewish dance of celebration.

Dr. Sidney White Crawford was one of the participants in the Hora and said, "The International Dinner really serves to bring the international students very sharply into focus. They were very gracious in sharing their culture with us and surpassed themselves with the food this year, which is always delicious."

Overall, the International Day Dinner served to educate, entertain, and to make the Albright community aware of the different and truly valuable cultures that are present right here on campus.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

Sleepers

The reviews on this flick are overwhelmingly positive. While it is a well-played movie, it's very politically correct. It takes the concept of "victimization" as an excuse to commit a crime and raises it to a higher level.

The movie takes place in two parts, the first being in the 1960s in New York's tough Hell's Kitchen neighborhood. Four young boys have forged an alliance in the streets and try to stay out of trouble. This is very hard to do, given the role models offered to them, such as a local mobster played by Vittorio Gassman. A bright spot is Father Bobby (Robert DeNiro) who tries to be a positive mentor.

The boys get in trouble when a harmless prank they pull goes deadly and a man ends up getting killed. Shipped off to a juvenile detention center in upstate New York for a year, the boys are brutalized, raped and beaten by the evil guards, led by one named Nokes (Kevin Bacon). This is an experience which colors the entire remainder of their lives.

Fast-forward to the 80's. Two of the boys, Tommy and John (Billy Crudup and Ron Eldard), have become murdering punks; Lorenzo (Jason Patrick) hacks for a newspaper; and Michael (Brad Pitt) is an assistant district attorney. Once again, the four find their lives converging when Tommy and John bump into the malevolent Nokes in a Manhattan restaurant and promptly rub him out. Of course, the case goes to trial with Michael prosecuting it.

Dustin Hoffman does a turn as Tommy and John's defense attorney. He's a burnt-out druggie whose life has reached bottom and he and everyone else knows it.

All of the actors give a talented performance, however, it is DeNiro who truly shines as Father Bobby, particularly when he is called to take the stand at the murder trial. He is a man tortured between his love for the boys and his vows of the priesthood. His dealing with this particular moral dilemma was, for me, the heart of the movie.

Roving Reporter

by Pauline Skiadopoulos

Q: Why do cats like to be scratched behind the ears?

Answers

"For the same reason as me... so nice!"
-Brooke Blair '99

"They like their ears to be scratched because they can't lick them."
-Kerri O'Malley '97

"Because they, unlike me, can't reach their legs to their ears."
-Denise Gilman '99

"Playing with my ears would make me meow too."
-Gwyne Olsen '98

"I think they would prefer if you licked them, but you'd probably get a hairball."
-Tonya Clauser '97

"Here kitty, kitty, kitty."
-Kim Fields '99

"Guys, what's a cat?"
-Ayesha Haj-Omar '00

"I'll scratch anything."
-Chris Chesonis,
Women's Rugby Coach

"Because they don't have fingers and can't do it themselves."
-Karen Llanos '97

"Screw the cat, scratch me behind the ears!"

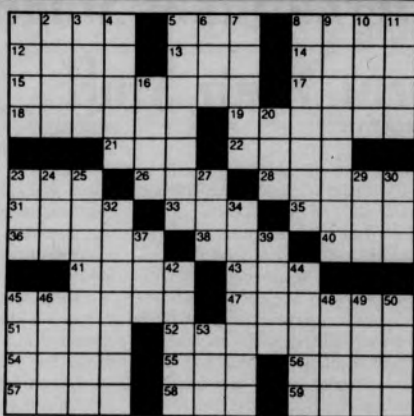
-your faithful Roving Reporter '99



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Soap Talk

All My Children: Harold continued digging up evidence of Kinder's corpse. Erica, meanwhile, confessed she pushed him to his death to protect Bianca. Tad was shaken by Gloria's amorous attentions. Bianca told Erica she won't let her take the blame. Skye and Janet planned to dig up Kinder's corpse to save themselves. Grady posed a threat to Julia. *Wait To See:* The world changes for Julia and Noah.

Another World: Kirkland's attic friend turned out to be Ryan who had to work on making it possible for him to protect Vicky from imminent danger. Josie left the charm bracelet Gary gave her with their secret wedding date on it at Sharlene's. Meanwhile, Grant worked up a plan to learn the location of the wedding, and then meet with Cody. Rafael persuaded Maggie to tear up the prenuptial agreement. After Cody left him tied up in a dumpster, Grant freed himself and headed for the wedding, unaware that Carl was hidden in his car. *Wait To See:* Cody's evil plan begins.

As The World Turns: Tom and Margo didn't buy John and Barbara's suspicions of Martin. Later, Lisa tossed John out of her house when he tried to show her a tape about Martin. Mike was stunned at what he found in the mystery woman's hotel room. James Stenbeck's ghost told Paul he can't handle his feelings for Emily. Ben was puzzled when Zoe left suddenly after a phone call. After getting a "reminder" from the cartel, Martin urged Lisa to go on a cruise with him. *Wait To See:* Mike makes another discovery.

The Bold And The Beautiful: Jessica and Maggie shared a tearful good-bye before she left for school in London. Before the men's fashion show, Brooke hinted to Grant to "go with the flow" no matter what happens. Later, at the press conference, she proposed to Grant. Although stunned, he "went with the flow" and accepted. Ridge accused her of doing this on the rebound, but refused to call off his engagement to Taylor if she would call off hers to Grant. After Sheila said Maggie might cause her to lose James, Mike took things into his own hands. *Wait To See:* Ridge won't let Taylor break their engagement.

The City: Carla freaked to learn Gino was dining with Tracy. Richard admitted he persuaded Sydney to help push up Nick's place on the transplant list. A money-strapped Tracy learned Jacob had \$15,000 to invest, and arranged to use one of Beth's (Dillon's nanny) friends to lure him into giving to her "cabled youth" charity. Tess met with a Broadway producer who seemed more interested in her than in her singing. *Wait To See:* Jealousy threatens Tony and Aly's relationship.

Days Of Our Lives: Marlana waited in

the car as Kristen panicked in the doctor's office, hoping for a miracle. Realizing Pete planned to kidnap Jennifer and Abby, Jack found a file that could provide more information. Kristen's "miracle" appeared in the person of her "twin." Doug and Julie arrived as Hope and Bo were enjoying their pre-wedding festivities. Later, Bo raced off after learning the attacker might be after Billie. *Wait To See:* Stefano makes things "clear" to Kristen.

General Hospital: Emily was upset to see Brenda and Jax together before their wedding. Jason brought Robin home for the nuptials. Sonny stirred things up when he arrived, uninvited, with a mysterious guest. Bobbie's world came crashing down after learning of Tony's feelings for Carly. Dorman had a plan to disrupt the Quartermaines. *Wait To See:* Jax faces a new challenge.

Guiding Light: Blake gave birth to her twins with Ross and Rick in attendance. Zachery was uneasy about seeing Michelle with J. Roger's plan backfired when he realized he might be stuck with Dinah for good. Alan collapsed in Phillip's arms when he heard his son was leaving Springfield. Blake was worried when Ross insisted giving blood to one of the twins. Annie had a "solution" to her Reva-and-Josh problems. *Wait To See:* Is it the moment of truth for Blake?

One Life To Live: The gun went off, but neither Kevin nor Viki were hurt. Bo didn't buy Dorian's story of why she was at the inn. Larry later assured Viki she can be deprogrammed. Maggie and Marty escaped from Grant and sought safety at the Wild Swan. Marty and Patrick gave Bo the book. Later, Keneally's loyalties were revealed. Alex realized she'd been set up by Carlo and told Todd she had information linking Carlo to Poseidon. Max tried to intercede with the Mother Superior on Maggie's behalf. Later, Maggie told him she's being reassigned to the Philippines. Elliot disappeared. *Wait To See:* Drew makes an important decision.

The Young And The Restless: Tim was upset when Phyllis said she might not marry again. She and Danny later found little Daniel running a fever. Dru felt Neil had been unfair in coercing her into rejecting the modeling job. Kurt realized Kay and Ester were uneasy about him, and offered to call the police to have them check him out. Nikki learned Hope's husband died, and decided to ask Victor if that was why he didn't show up for their meeting. But before he could answer, Hope arrived with Victor, Jr. Chris explained to Paul that Benita's ex-husband was being released from jail and threatened to kill her. Nina arrived to help Cole meet his deadline. *Wait To See:* Sharon may have told Nikki too much.

An Evening of
Musical Pleasure
Recitalists in Concert
Sunday, November 17th, 7:30 p.m.
Roop Hall
An Experience Event

Health and Nutrition

Asthma and Mushrooms

Asthma:

Asthma is fast becoming one of the most common conditions that doctors are asked to treat.

In the same way that diabetics learn to use syringes and glucose meters, asthmatics need to learn how to use a nebulizer, on occasion, an inhaler daily, and a peak flow meter regularly.

The peak flow meter is a small device used to measure lung function, and is typically used every morning. To do so, one needs to take a deep breath, and then blow as hard as possible into the mouthpiece. This is done three times and the best reading is recorded. When the asthma is not well controlled, the peak flow reading drops. This can happen before symptoms develop, so that an otherwise unexpected attack can be anticipated and prepared for. (The symptoms include coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, increased or labored breathing, difficulty in speaking, eating or walking.) The doctor should give written instructions on which medications to take for each peak flow reading, and for when symptoms appear. If there are any questions the doctor must be called: No second guessing.

An inhaler delivers medication to the lungs. Inhalers also function as bronchodilators for delivering the drugs that allow the muscles around the airways to relax and stay clear.

A nebulizer is a device used to deliver bronchodilating medicines in mist form via

a mask covering the nose and mouth. Nebulizers are often found kept in hospital emergency rooms and in the homes of asthmatics for emergency use.

The best "device" of course, is the doctor. Never delay calling him or her for help.

Mushrooms:

Many cultures around the world have cultivated mushrooms and related fungi for centuries to use as medicines for various diseases. Penicillin is an example.

Besides their effectiveness as antibiotics, mushrooms and fungi have other properties that may provide compounds that could prevent or delay the onset of various cancers.

Some progress has been found in the use of the Jack O' Lantern mushroom - which is highly poisonous - as an effective cancer-fighting drug.

For years, scientists have known of anti-cancer activity in illudin S, a substance isolated from the mushroom. However, illudin S, while it could attack cancer cells, has also attacked normal cells. But now, a team of researchers at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) led by Dr. Trevor C. McMorris, has converted illudin S to a new compound with the shortened name of HMAF. It appears to have more selectivity in attacking cancerous tumors, rather than normal cells. So far, early studies show it's effective in shrinking human metastatic lung cancer tumors, and has also been effective against solid tumors such as human breast, melanoma, and colon cancers implanted in mice.

DOMINO PLAYERS
PRESENT...Playwright of the Month -
Neil Simon

Come join us for an evening of situational
comedy that will leave you rolling in the aisles.

Monday, November 18th, 7 p.m.
Meridian Theatre

Personals

If a girl wants a back rub all she has to do is day please.
Ken box 655

To Goody, Fred, Clint and Joel,
"Somos los bandidos"

Dear Lapper,
How many times do I have to tell you to stop trying on my clothes? They're starting to stretch, you Twinkie.
From Summa

Paul
I'll see you on the hook up couch.
your fellow P.S.

Hey only child-
Thanks for the message. I still feel MUCH LOVE. Who knows the year isn't over yet. Call me and we'll go for a walk like we used to, OK?
MUCH LOVE! FRESHIE
OTHER ONLY CHILD

Francesca,
So tell me, been checking out any units lately? Hee, Hee! Wishing you live, peace, + soul!
A fellow rebel

Dear Pete Miller,
Please control your girlfriend. She is out of control. Thank you.
Darren

Blood is red
Bruises are blue
Hey Rugby Girls-
Let's get win number 2!!!

Jamie & Kara,
Am I included in B-200, Home for the Big Ones?
Love Brooke

Emily-
We gotta talk about our partnership.
-K

Hey Ben-
It's almost the last day of school, get ready!
Love me

Nothing says loving' like spooning with Amy Blescia!

To Jackie Close,
Wait'll you get a load of me.
-The Joker
So Mer,

How was the concert? You know, Frankie, Beverly and Mazer?

Regs,
Don't cry. Bill is a very nice guy. He told me he wants to take you to McDonalds for lunch.

Dear Shinebox,
You really know how to melt a girl's butter. Drip. Drip. Live, Helplessly Hoping

Hope - you gotta chill

"Bucky"
I think you-know-who moonlights as the stir-fry guy. Don't get upset, a man who can cook adn then put out his own fire is a good thing.
--Z

Hot Garbage?
That's disgusting.

I'm sorry Shompfra... you get a shompf call too.
Schompflair

Darren
though your's only #6 on B-200's list, you're #1 on mine!

To Jill Auer,
Congratulations on making the first move. Next time, please try to keep your hands and feet to yourself. Public displays of affection are often frowned upon in eating establishments. By the way, did you swallow his ear?
The Staff at T.G.I. Fridays

For a good time, call x7605.
Ask for Rusty.

Hancy
I want to bite your neck +suck your blood...vut I'm on a diet. Hee Hee! P.S. Don't disown "Red #2" she's family!
Vladimar's little

Joanne-
I'm glad the list and associated conversations are entertaining to you.
-Kim

37 SHOTS!!!
OUCH TOMMY

S.A.
Rubber ducky your're the one,

you make bath time lots of fun... Oh wait - you wouldn't know about that! Just kidding!
S.A.

To Rhonda Seaman,
You are the prettiest girl in the whole school. You make me feel like I'm 10 ft. tall whenever you're near.
Love always, Lapper

Dear Darren,
Why have you been ignoring me lately? Is it the flowers that I sent you, or the chocolate. Or was it those "special" packages? Maybe you're just playing hard to get. I like that in a man, it makes it more of a challenge! In that case, GAME ON!!
Love, Sue Williams

J- Enjoy getting smashed! the wedding too.

Came
You are the best! You make me feel like a natural oddball. Here's a hi-five on your forehead!
Love Mellzy

Dear Rhonda Seaman
I think I left my aqua socks in your shower. Please return them along with my gravity boots.
Love, "Big" Lou

Wendy,
Here's some advice. Don't wear wrap-around skirts on windy days because their will be a strong chance of chach visibility.
From someone who knows

Delruso
Better get to the Doctor's Farkus' throat isn't looking too good!

To Juliet
Bad things don't always happen....
I love you!!!! Romeo

To Bob Holliday,
Revenge is mine.
-The Great Pumpkin

Hey,
What ever happened to Sha-moo (not the whale)?

Shompfadopolus,

Personals

If you want to say *Hi* to a friend or send them a *silly message*, then just drop them a personal in the *Albrightian*! Just fill out this form and drop it in the mailslot at the Albrightian office (next to the mailroom) by next Monday so it will be in the next issue.

If you lose this form, don't worry about it. Just write your personal on a piece of paper and put it in the door.

Have fun and use your imagination!

Did you get shomplped on the comparative shompf? I know I did. Shompf love, Shompflair

To Lipschitz,
You can liik, but you can't touch.
-Cocktail

you put your left foot in, you put your left foot out, you put your left foot in then you sprain your ankle. you do the hokey pokey & you wind up with crutches that's what Dave is all about!

Hey fellow education gals- get ready to cheer on.

Tad-
Thanks for the encouragement. At least someone appreciates all the hard work and late nights we put it.

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Sports

Women's Tennis completes a record-breaking season

by Gina Roselli

The women's tennis team recently wrapped up the most successful season in Albright's history. They finished with an overall record of 9-6, breaking the record for the most wins in a season. In addition, the number one singles player earned a silver in the MAC Individual Championships, and a freshman phenomenon completed the season with an untamished 15-0 individual record.

October 24, the Lady Lions trounced visitor Lebanon Valley College by the score of 9-0. They then lost a close game to Messiah, October 26, by a score of 5-4. After these last two games of the season, the women's league record was 3-4. This was good enough for a fifth place finish in the standings.

The Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Singles and Doubles Championships were held November 1-2 at Elizabethtown College. Junior Jarra Rusnock was seeded number two in the tournament. Unseeded Sherri Wakeling also took part in the singles tournament but, unfortunately, lost in the first round. Rusnock, on the other hand, played strongly in the first round and advanced to the quarterfinal round. Here she soundly defeated Mindy Romeo of Drew University (4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3)). Rusnock then

eliminated third seeded Jen Timmons of Elizabethtown by the score of 6-1, 6-0. In the finals Rusnock was defeated by fourth seeded Drew player Brecken Durham (1-6, 6-4, 2-6). However, her consistent playing earned her a silver medal.

Rusnock has played number one singles for three years now. She says that she does not feel a lot of pressure in this position, but rather "enjoys the challenge." Rusnock describes the MAC tournament as the "climax of the season" for her. Rusnock won the silver medal in her freshman year but was unable to achieve that same distinction in her sophomore year. This season, Rusnock was very content with her finish in the tournament and credits her success to "two days of solid playing."

Freshman Andrea Dennis finished the season with a perfect 15-0 record. She began the season as the number five singles player and worked her way to the number three singles position. Her record is phenomenal, and with three years left to play, Dennis will definitely be an intricate part of Albright's future plans.

This year Albright narrowly missed the playoffs. However, with such a young talented team, the Lady Lions hope to continue to advance and improve in the future.

Women's Volleyball finishes season with two big victories

by Kurt Krebs

Albright's women's volleyball had a big week to end their season. In two matches, they dropped only a single game en route to victories over King's and Alvernia.

Albright traveled to King's on October 24 and made quick work of the Monarchs. In a match that did not last as long as the trip there, Albright took three straight games, holding King's to single digits in the final two games. Albright then returned home last Monday to host Alvernia in a battle for the bragging rights of Reading. As it turned out, the battle was more of a beating. Albright quickly opened up a two game advantage. After dropping the third game, Albright did what they had struggled to do earlier in the season—put a team away. They came out fired up for the fourth game and made it quite clear that there would be no comebacks this night. They opened up a big lead and blew out Alvernia for the match 15-2.

In their last matches for Albright, seniors Gena Groner and Holly Truckermiller went out in style, leading the team with their play and example. They were number one and number two in virtually every statistical category for the team this season, but it will be the experience, leadership, and heart that will be harder to replace.

The victories over King's and Alvernia completed a strong second half of the season for Albright, in which they won five of their last nine matches. Albright finished the season 11-15 (10-9 non-conference), and they led the entire MAC in digs.

Individually, Groner ranked among the league leaders in kills, and she led the MAC in digs and digs per game. Freshman Kim Parisi also ranked among the league leaders in assists. Her performance, as well as the performances from the remainder of the freshmen and sophomores indicates a bright future for the women's volleyball program here at Albright.

Intramurals

IM Football Results

Sig Ep A defeated SAE 7-6

IM Frisbee Results

Pi Kapp defeated Sig Ep A by forfeit

*watch for IM basketball coming up soon



**Congratulations
to the football team**



**for defeating Susquehanna 41-14
and for securing the MAC
Commonwealth League title**

Women's Soccer concludes their second varsity season

by Dana Peterson

The women's soccer team ended their second varsity season October 26, with an overall record of 5-10-1. Although the women were unable to achieve their goal of a .500 record, this record does show a considerable improvement over last year's record.

"We entered this season hoping to obtain at least a .500 record," said junior Tina Franks. "But we had some tough breaks and were unable to achieve this. But we also expected to be a better team than we were last year, and these expectations were definitely met."

When Franks started playing for Albright, the team was not yet a varsity sport. However, because of the vast amount of interest, dedication, and talent on the club team, the women knew that a competitive

varsity program was a reality for the future. The women have worked hard to make this dream come true for them.

"The improvements we have made are phenomenal," said Franks. "We worked so well together as a team this year."

The good teamwork shown this year will most likely continue into next season, since the women are losing only three of their 21 players. As they look toward next year, the women want their focus to be on offense, especially since they will be losing their leading scorer, senior co-captain Steph Clark, who contributed seven of the team's 20 goals this season.

Next year will be another exciting season for the women as they enter the MAC Commonwealth league for the first time. If the women continue to progress as they have thus far, they should prove to be real competitors in the league.

Field Hockey views tough season as a building block

by Abe Antler

Kelchner Field is very quiet at 4:00 everyday. The women's field hockey players have put away their sticks and ended their season for another year.

It was a discouraging year for the women, who finished with an overall record of 1-11. However, they have not allowed the results of this season to crush their optimism for the future. With six freshmen and a new coaching staff, the women feel that the program can only get better in years to come.

"It [the season] was really just a building year," said head coach Debbie Wilkins. "I expect that next year there will be a big improvement in the team. I really saw a lot of improvement on the whole from both individuals and the team itself, so I am sure that there is a lot to look forward to."

Top scorer for the team this year was Rhiannon Maniscalco, a freshman from Collegeville, PA. Maniscalco claimed that,

despite the losses, she got a lot out of the season.

"It was disappointing not winning games this year, but our record doesn't indicate how much we improved as a team. I got good insight into the game, and more importantly, I made a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun," she said.

Co-captain Jennifer Myers certainly will not dwell on the losing season at all. "In the three years I've played, I've really enjoyed it," she said. "This year was our best year, although our record doesn't show it. We finally began to play as a team, and we definitely improved during the season."

The team will lose five seniors this year: Myers, co-captain Megan Maniscalco, Pam Morris, Stephanie Schneider, and Carol Smith. However, with heavy recruiting and support from all of the returning letterwinners, the team hopes to build on this season's improvements to accomplish a lot more next year and in years to come.

Any women interested in playing indoor field hockey this winter should contact Rhiannon Maniscalco x6230 or come to the upstairs gym in the Bollman Center Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm.



Anyone interested in reporting on Albright sports or writing sports editorials about what is happening in the sports world *outside* of Albright should contact Dana Peterson x6272.

Kudos to...

...Jarra Rusnock for winning a silver medal at the MAC tennis championships.
...Bryan Snyder for being named Eastern College Athletic Conference/Budget Football Division III Metro Region Offensive Player of the week for the week of October 27 and to Jason Howe for being named to the honor roll.