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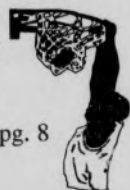
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No Sleep, Lots of Caffeine; Students Cram for Finals



Albrightian/JACK MILLER

With the final days of the semester ahead of them, students are faced with an abundance of papers, final exams and projects. Day and night the library has been full of students trying to meet various deadlines. However, once this week of all-nighters comes to a close, there will be nothing left to do except enjoy winter break. Good luck, everyone!

Albright hires image consultant

Administration hopes to increase enrollment by creating a better image for the College.

by Kim Field

Albright has a dying social life. Albright is financially unstable. Albright's administration is not communicating. These are some of the ideas commonly associated with Albright. Clearly, the College has an image problem. To help improve the image that Albright puts forth to others, consultant Richard Moll was brought on campus and asked to explain from where Albright's image problem stemmed.

"Our Strategic Agenda calls for dramatic growth in admissions," stated President, Ellen Hurwitz. "The market for admissions is highly competitive, so we want to identify areas that need attention, and address them." It is the hope that by improving Albright's image, the College's admissions will increase in quality and quantity.

Moll has been successful at improving the admissions departments of schools such as Bowdoin, Vassar and the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is nationally known for his writing and speaking about the college admissions game. Moll arrived on campus a few weeks ago and met with the administration, faculty and a wide range of students to determine what image Albright puts forth, not only to others, but also, to itself.

Moll acknowledged some of the existing trouble areas at Albright, including the self-perception problem that seems to be plaguing campus this year. He also identified some other areas of the College's image that need to be addressed. These included not only aesthetic aspects of campus but also deeper and more internal problems. He suggested working with Penn State Berks and connecting our liberal arts background with the AlbrightWORKS program and hands-on experiences, such as internships, as well.

Aesthetically, Moll noted that the admissions office, currently located in the administration building, did not convey the warm feeling of community that was evident at Albright. He suggested that the office be moved to a more comfortable and warm location. Albright has the appeal of a small, friendly liberal arts school, but that feeling is not transcended through the current physical appearance of the admissions office. Often the

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Off-campus students will not see benefits of technology fee until 'probably' spring semester of '98

by Robert Tartamosa

Off-campus students will have to wait at least another semester before they see any benefits from the new \$400 technology fee.

Last year when students were notified about the \$400 technology charge that would appear on their bill, students living off campus were told that they would have the same access as students living on campus. However, this has not been the case.

The dorms are all wired for the Albnat, but presently off-campus students have no access. They still can dial into Albright and check their e-mail using the same system that has been in place for a few years.

Being connected to Albright's network has many benefits, the biggest being free Internet access. Being connected also allows one to share information with any other computer that is connected.

When asked about when off-

campus students could expect to see some benefits from their \$400 Dr. Daniel Falabella, director of Computing Services, said, "We hope to work on it during the break, so probably sometime during next semester."

He said the two main issues that still need to be worked out are security and modems. Albright's modem pool must be updated before anything can be done. Once that is in place, a method for keeping people who are not Albright students out of the system must be worked out.

"The technology fee was used just to finance the infrastructure. Once that is in place we will be able to do many different things."

Daniel Falabella, Associate Professor of Computer Science and director of Computing Services

during next semester," said Falabella. Academic Computing Specialist Sean Shannon, who is in charge of setting up Albnat, also said that security and modems were the two big issues that must be worked out.

When asked when he thought the outside lines would be ready, he

said, "I do not know a definite time frame, but hopefully some will be in place next semester."

He said that their main focus right now is developing a new e-mail system for the college.

"It's a slow developing process right now," Shannon said.

Both Falabella and Shannon said that there would be new computers in the labs that off-campus students would be able to use.

"The technology fee was used just to finance the infrastructure," explained Falabella. "Once that is in place we will be able to do many different things."

Dana Larose, a senior living off campus, said he called the computer center to inquire about when and how he could access the network and said he was told it was not a priority.

"I understand that they have to wire the dorms and everything first," Larose said, "but I would at least like to see something out of it. Right now we do not have anything."

Tanya Houser, a senior living on campus, had a different point of view.

"What about people who do not have computers?" said Houser. "What do they get?"

Letter from the President . . .

Dear Editor,

Please know that I have personally reprimanded that administration of Catholic University for its appalling negligence at our recent playoff game. Colleges and

universities need to model civility and good sportsmanship; and it is very clear that our rivals missed the boat, as did their security forces. I have directed our

athletic director, as well, to address the NCAA about the gross negligence manifested at Catholic University. I wish Mr. Krebs had sought me out before printing his concerns. Nonetheless, I applaud his forthrightness and concur with many of his observations.

I believe that just as our College can conduct itself with civility, dignity and moderation at athletic events, so, too, can

we work out a T-shirt policy that is contemporary, moderately permissive and in concordance with our mission and the law. Remember, we are here to educate our students toward civility, not to tyrannize them.

"Remember, we are here to educate our students toward civility, not to tyrannize them."

Dr. Ellen Hurwitz,
President of Albright College

and freely in the best of taste!
Sincerely,
Ellen Hurwitz
President

Cafeteria adopts new admittance policy for '98

Albrightian News Staff

Albright College's dining services are not only preparing for exam week with its traditional study breaks. Effective Monday, Jan. 5, 1998, there will be a new cafeteria admittance policy implemented and enforced.

Dave Tanger, director of Food Services, sent a letter to all students that specified that, "To facilitate

timely access during a meal period, all meal plan holders must present his/her valid ID with meal sticker to the Food Service meal checker."

If a student fails to do this she or he has three options:

- ◆ Return to your room and retrieve your identification card.
- ◆ If lost or misplaced, secure a replacement ID from the Security Office as detailed in the Compass (page 76).
- ◆ Pay the full meal price

Fall Exam Week Meal Times

Mon. - Thur.

Breakfast . . . 7:15 - 8:30
Coffee Hour . . 8:30 - 9:30
Lunch 11:00 - 1:15
Dinner 5:00 - 6:00

Fri.

Breakfast . . . 7:15 - 9:30
Coffee Hour . . 8:30 - 9:30
Lunch 11:00 - 12:30

We will re-open at 7:15 a.m. on January 5.

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Seniors: Have your first job interview over break

PNC Bank Operation Native Talent, an annual 2-day career/recruiting conference sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, will take place at the Adam's Mark Hotel on City Avenue in Philadelphia on Monday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. During this time, students will have the opportunity to interview with hundreds of companies on the spot.

At last year's conference, 4,500 students from colleges and universities from throughout the United States interviewed with the 110 participating companies looking for qualified candidates. In addition, students received counseling from college placement professionals and representatives from professional and business organizations. Seminars were also conducted on

topics such as preparing a resume and interviewing techniques.

There is no pre-registering or admission fee. But students should bring a resume and \$5 to receive the 100-page Employer Handbook.

Included among the hundreds of participating companies this year are Accountemps, Allstate Insurance Company, American Association of Advertising Agencies, CoreTech Consulting Group, Inc., Federal Bureau of Investigation, Henkels and McCoy, Inc., Integrated Systems Consulting Group Inc., Merrill Lynch, PA Department of Environmental Protection, SmithKline Beecham, Software Design Concepts, Inc. and Vanguard Group, Inc.

For more information, contact the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce at 215-790-3691.

Faculty, students, administration talk with consultant about Albright's image problems

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admissions office must rely upon the friendliness of the Student Ambassador's to convey that communitarian feeling.

Moll's findings also indicated that student morale, as well as school morale as a whole, had to be improved.

"In the past the school has been financially unstable, but for the past two years we have had a balanced budget. Our admissions have increased, our faculty remains as superb as ever, and we have a great student body," claims President Hurwitz. So why has the morale on campus decreased so heavily? Even more importantly what can be done to reverse the effects of apathy? "We need to celebrate our blessings," states Hurwitz.

Other movements are being made to help create a better self-image of Albright. Ron Potier, the former director of admissions at F&M and Elizabethtown, will be advising the President with regard to the admissions department as well as financial aide. The suggestions made by Moll must be examined thoroughly. Not all of his ideas will be utilized, but they will be taken into consideration.

New Cherry Coke Web Site Urges Visitors to "Do Something Different"

How does a budding screenwriter get attention for his creative concepts? How does an aspiring designer begin to stand out from the crowd? How does an unpublished composer get an "ear" for her works? Starting Dec. 2, the Cherry Coke Web site will offer visitors the chance to express themselves creatively in a variety of media -- music, art and writing. Each month, for four months, another competition will begin. A panel of judges will award Cherry Coke hats to 24 semi-finalists and a Sony digital camera to a finalist in each of the four competitions. At the end of the four competitions, the Internet community will pick one grand prize winner from the four finalists, who will be given his or her own theme page within the Cherry Coke Web site. Learn more about the competitions at www.cherrycoke.com.

Discovering the Origins of Western Art

This coming season, Albright College's Friends of the Freedman Gallery will continue its renewal of the highly regarded art lecture series, entitled *Origins of Western Art*, presented by the seasoned traveler and art historian Janice McGill Shiffman.

The series will continue the course it steered this fall in its quest for information and interpretation of art through the ages. Discussions into the antique material culture of the Mediterranean basin will include the Greek and Etruscan influences, concluding with the legendary monuments of the Roman Empire.

The influences of masterpieces of antiquity on the art of our own century will be explored. Through slide comparisons and innovative perspectives, Schiffman will provide examples in contemporary art through works as diverse as I.M. Pei's pyramid at the entrance to the Louvre to Mary Miss' quotations from Stonehenge, among countless other post-modern examples.

The Lecture Series will run for seven consecutive Monday evenings, beginning Feb. 9, 1998 and continuing through March 23, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall.
--information provided by the Center for the Arts

The Domino Players stage a winner last weekend



Albrightian/JACK MILLER

Ritamarie Weiss (L) and Jennifer Thalman (R) rehearse their roles for the Domino Player's production of Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author*. This comedic play, which was performed Dec. 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, is about a theatre rehearsal that is mysteriously interrupted by a family of six who claim that they must complete the tragic and very melodramatic tale their author has left unfinished. When they refuse to leave, a clash ensues between the "real" people and the fictional ones. This play, which was crucial in the development of the modern drama, addresses serious themes concerning reality and illusion in a very dramatic yet funny manner.

Holiday Events:

Koziar's Christmas Village: Route 183, Bernville now until Jan. 1.
Monday - Friday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Call 488-1110 for more information.



Cultural Calendar

FREEDMAN GALLERY

do it: opens Jan. 23 and continues through March 1
Gallery Hours: Tues. 12 - 8; Wed. - Fri. 12 - 6; Sat. - Sun. 12 - 4

LECTURE

*What's Right With Men? panel discussion with PAUL CLARK, MARK KINNEY, and Albright Alumni
Jan. 26, 8 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall

MUSIC

*Dominic Intili, piano and Dieter Wulforst, cello
Jan. 9, 8 p.m., Roop Hall

* Experience Events

Amnesty International celebrates Human Rights Day

Wednesday, Dec. 10 was **Human Rights Day**. It also marked the beginning of a year-long campaign celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on Dec. 10, 1948, and is the most widely accepted statement of human rights. Its purpose is to show that all human beings are equal in value and entitled to certain fundamental rights, such as life, liberty and security. This document serves as the basis for the work of Amnesty International and other human rights organizations.

Over the past few months, Amnesty International has been

distributing pledge cards to all its members; by signing them you are stating that you support the UDHR. These pledge cards are then going to be compiled into "the World's Biggest Book" to be presented to the Secretariat of the United Nations in Paris, on Dec. 10, 1998, to show that the world still cares about human rights.

Thank you to all who have already pledged support; your signatures make a difference. To those who still want to pledge, come by when you see the Amnesty table and help us keep the light on human rights!

--Maggie Ward,
co-coordinator

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Features

A celebration of life: Christmas, Kwanzaa and Chanukkah

by Kristin Angellella

There are a number of differences between Christmas, Kwanzaa and Chanukkah. However, one similarity runs through all three holidays—the celebration of life.

Christmas is the celebration of the life of Jesus Christ. Kwanzaa celebrates the life of the Black family, which has endured oppression, slavery and racism. Finally, Chanukkah celebrates the courage of the Jewish people who have fought time and time again for their beliefs and their ways of life. There is a tremendous spirit that comes with the celebration of each of these holidays.

Christmas:

Jesus Christ was born nearly 2,000 years ago, but no one is sure of the exact date. Dec. 25 was a pagan holiday that somehow became labeled as the day Christ was born. Ironically, the pagans did not believe in Jesus Christ. An attempt to figure out the day Christ was born happened during the third century, when historians tried to decide when the Nativity occurred.

It was known for sure that the Nativity happened on the 25th of one month, but which month was the mystery. It was a common belief that Christ was born on the winter solstice. This was based on the interpretation of prophetic scriptures and the idea that both the Annunciation and the Crucifixion happened on the same day -- March

25th. *The Apostolic Constitutions*, which were also written in the third century, proposed that the feat continue to be celebrated on the 25th of the ninth month. At that time the ninth month was December.

The Roman Church finally declared Dec. 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ after the great persecution that happened around AD 310, and Dec. 25 became universally celebrated as Christ's birthday during the fifth century.

During the late 19th century in America, Christmas was not accepted because it was thought of as a "human invention" since the actual date of Christ's birth had

been lost in time. In 1886, one newspaper, called *The Christian Advocate*, said that Christmas was a day "on which more sin and sacrilege and pagan foolishness is committed than on any other day of the year."

Around 1810, many citizens of Pennsylvania had no interest in Christmas. This began to change with the diary of one Quaker woman, who wrote that she "carried out a vigorous housecleaning before Dec. 25 and baked mince pies and doughnuts and shopped for presents for her family."

During the 19th century, Christmas was present most in New York. Dutch Settlers celebrated New Year's Eve and New Year's Day with Santa Claus, who would visit the children on New Year's Eve. (Santa Claus emerged in Scandinavia

before Christ was born.) New York had acquired many European traditions and interchanged the traditions of each culture.

Christmas observances became secular once emphasis was put on the children, hospitality, seasonal good cheer and military parades. Special performances in theaters and music halls also became part of the celebration. New England, which had rejected the ideas of Christmas until this point, held the first Christmas celebration in 1887. It was in Bridgeport, Conn. and was compared to the mardi gras of New Orleans.

Kwanzaa:

Kwanzaa is an African-American spiritual holiday, which was formulated, devised, developed and initiated by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga on Dec. 26, 1966. Kwanzaa is a festive and joyous celebration of the oneness of life. It is based on the cultural principles of the Kawaia theory, which believes that "the social revolutionary change for Black America can be achieved by the act of revealing and disclosing individuals to their cultural heritage."

The focus of this holiday is for Black Americans to relate to their past in order to deal with the future. To be able to look forward to prosperity is to be able to look back on ancestry. The purpose of Kwanzaa is to maintain a history—a history which is knowledge, identity and power.

There are seven social and spiritual principles of Kwanzaa called the Nguzo Saba, which allow Black Americans to relate to each other and rebuild their lives in their own images.

Nguzo Saba:

1. **Umoja (Unity):** To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
2. **Kujichagulia (Self-Determination):** To define ourselves, name ourselves,

create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

3. **Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility):** To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and to solve them together.

4. Ujamaa

(Cooperative Economics): To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit together from them.

5. Nia (Purpose):

To make as our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

6. **Kuumba (Creativity):** To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

7. **Imani (Faith):** To believe with all our hearts in our parents, our teachers, our leaders, our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Chanukkah:

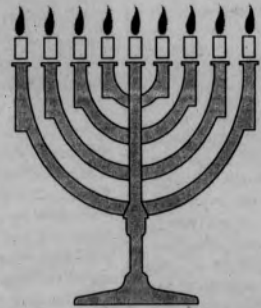
Chanukkah, "dedication," is celebrated on the day 25th day of Kislev, which is the anniversary of the rededication of the Holy Temple by the Maccabees.

In memory of the Miracle of the Oil, Chanukkah lasts for eight days. The Miracle of the Oil occurred years ago. With the early death of Alexander the Great, many generals fought over his empire. Antiochus IV took over the Seleucid kingdom and called himself Antiochus Epiphanes, "God Incarnate".

Antiochus IV outlawed all religions and replaced them with the worship of Zeus. Disobedience was punished by death, which acquired Antiochus Epiphanes the title "The Madman" by the Jews.

Antiochus IV destroyed Jewish

Temples and ordered Yeshivas (seminaries) to be closed and all copies of the Torah (the Five Books of Moses) to be burned. He sent his army to the village of Modi'in, in Judea, to convince Mattathias, the elderly,



honored son of the High Priest, to lead his village in pagan worship.

Mattathias refused and was angered by one single villager who decided to conform. With that he killed the villager and the emissary, which began a guerrilla war between the Seleucids and the people of Modi'in.

Once Mattathias died he appointed his son Judah (called Maccabee or "Hammer") as leader. His followers became known as the Maccabees and won several battles against the Seleucids.

After the battle on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, the Maccabees rebuilt the Altar and purified the Temple. When it came time to light the Menorah (the seven-branched candelabra), there was only enough oil to burn it for one day.

Despite this, the Temple was rededicated on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, 165 BCE. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight full days, until new oil was prepared and brought to the Temple.



"I want her."

Wild with Wellness

Actions you can take to interrupt heterosexism

- I. Stopping Heterosexist Behavior:** Notice and ask people not to tell heterosexist jokes. Notice and stop heterosexist language in yourself and others. Establish guidelines and enforce them gently but firmly. No name calling, joking, etc.
- II. Educate Yourself:** Go to more workshops. Read about lesbians/gays/bisexuals. Talk about the issue with others. Attend gay/lesbian events. Go to see films with gay/lesbian characters or themes. Join organizations on Albright's campus such as BiGLAS (Bisexual,

- Gay, & Lesbian Activists and Supporters.) Make some gay/lesbian friends.
- III. Support Change In Others:** Acknowledge when someone is non-heterosexist. Rename heterosexist acts and comments as unfair or unbecoming.
 - IV. Initiate and Prevent:** Speak to leaders on campus about the campus climate for non-heterosexuals. Develop and agency policy statement against heterosexism in the organizations you belong to. Add sexual orientation to the non-discriminatory policy. Analyze materials for heterosexist bias. Write to members of Congress to support gay rights legislation.
 - V. Model Non-Heterosexist**

Behaviors:

- Be equally physical with men and women. Don't joke or tease someone for non-traditional gender behaviors. Avoid heterosexual credentializing--making a point of your heterosexuality. Don't assume that anyone/everyone is heterosexual. Don't assume that heterosexual relationships take precedence over same-sex friendships. Use neutral examples for pronouns. Expand your repertoire of interests to non-traditional ones. --this information is provided by Albright Allies, a group of faculty and staff who are dedicated to educating the entire campus community about issues concerning sexual orientation. If you have any comments or questions, please contact any of the following: Dr. Judy Geiser, Dr. Ann Myers, Dr. Carmen Salisbury or Dr. Suzanne Nickeson.

Critics Corner

Music Review

by Emily Yoder

Scream Soundtrack

Have you seen *Scream* yet? Well, whether you have or not, the soundtrack will be plenty to get your heart pumping. The soundtrack takes all different musical styles and mixes them together to create the feel of the movie.

This soundtrack was excellent overall, but the fact that the producers put two remakes on the album--remakes which are nowhere near as good as the originals--takes away from the entire effect. *School's Out*, originally by Alice Cooper, is redone by The Last Hard Men, and does not sound nearly as good as the original. The main thing that I can't understand is why they used the original song during the movie yet neglected to place it on the soundtrack.

The other mistake was putting *Don't Fear The Reaper* on the soundtrack, performed by Gus rather than by The Blue Oyster Cult. This version is much softer and much less effective than the original. What a waste of space that could have been filled with something so much better!

However, not all of the songs on the soundtrack are horrible. For instance, the techno song *Artificial World* has a beat that is perfect for dancing and seems to lighten the overall mood of the soundtrack. Another good tune is *Red Right Hand* by Nick Cave. You're sure to

recognize his voice and style if you're heard or seen *Natural Born Killers*.

There is one popular song on the album which you're sure to have heard on the radio, *Youth of America* by Birdbrain. If you were looking for that song, this is the only place you're going to find it. It is not on any of Birdbrain's albums.

My favorite song from the soundtrack is *Sidney's Lament*, the most powerful song by far on the entire album. The song begins soft and slow with light operatic singing in the background. All of a sudden there is a terrifying pounding, almost like that of the human heart. Then a bass line comes in with drums and a sort of Nine Inch Nails tone. This song is one that can definitely not be overlooked.

The *Scream* soundtrack was released onTVT Soundtrax. You'll recognize some of their other works such as *Seven*, *Mortal Combat* (all of the Combats, of course) and *Two if By Sea*. As most of us well know by now, there is a sequel out to *Scream* and, yes folks, there is a sequel to the soundtrack, available right now. Even better, there are no sorry remakes on the second soundtrack! Perhaps the second one will truly be worth its name, but the first one only makes a "Screch."

Movie Review

by Lou Walters

Scream 2

The survivors from the blockbuster original *Scream* are all back for the sequel. Sidney and Randy are freshmen at Windsor College. Gail Weathers' book *The Birdsboro Murders*, which tells the story from *Scream*, has been made into a movie. The murders begin at a sneak preview for this new movie, *Stab*. The carnage quickly makes its way to the Windsor campus.

Sidney is again the killer's main target. Dewey, who received crippling nerve damage from a previous knife wound, shows up to protect her. Gail also visits the campus, bringing with her Cotton Weary, who spent a year in jail after being falsely identified by Sidney as her mother's killer. He wants retribution for her false accusations.

Just as in the original, everyone is a suspect, including Sidney's new boyfriend, played by Jerry O'Connell from *Jerry Maguire*. The costume, phone calls and creepy voice from the original are all in the sequel as well. That was the problem with *Scream 2*; it tried too much to be like *Scream*. Instead of taking what was done in the original to a new

level, Wes Craven tried to make the same movie again. The old characters did not have the same appeal as they did in the original, except for Randy. He was the only worthwhile character in the movie. The new characters made an unsuccessful attempt at being the characters they replaced. New, original characters would have improved the movie experience. Even the whodunit aspect got old.

Although *Scream 2* is a fairly good movie, it is no *Scream*. Instead of making a fresh, original sequel that could stand on its own merits, Craven tried to recreate *Scream* in every way and failed. There were a few creative scenes, but viewers will be disappointed overall, especially by the Scooby Doo ending.

Moviegoer Scott Gleason summed it up best. "It was like a one night stand. It was fun while it lasted, but by the end you feel cheated," he said.

If you want to see a fresh and creative film, I recommend *100% Polyester*, a short film by Albright's own Rusty Ward, Jason Richter and Ken McMenamy.

"LAST CALL" Bar Review

by Darren Was and Wayne Gehris



Various Reading Bars

Four and a half years of college have gone by in the blink of an eye. It seems like just yesterday we were finishing up our Freshmen Orientation program and anxiously awaiting the beginning of college. Now, instead of looking for our first college beer party, we are looking forward to our first job and our start in the real world. Wow, that's a really scary thought--Darren and Wayne in the real world.

As we look back on college, we have many, many fond memories. The people we've met, the times we've shared with friends and the parties we've lived through are just some of the things we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. Never again will we have the ability to sit around, drink a beer and do absolutely nothing with no consequences.

College is the perfect time for that. It's a time to find friends, loved ones and most importantly yourself. This may not sound like a bar review, but it is. Many of the experiences that we will take from Albright and carry with us the rest of our lives were results of times that we've had in a bar. However, just because we are bar regulars doesn't mean we always go to get drunk. Many a good conversation has been had at the bar and many more have been had afterward. Just as many good friendships have been formed at the bar or have resulted from trips there.

In our final issue, we would like to do an overall review of all of the bars we've gone to this semester in case you've missed one. Despite what we thought of these bars, check them out for yourselves because opinions vary. Wherever you

choose to go, make sure it is a place where you can kick back and have a good time. Experience the times and opportunities that we have and enjoy yourselves. We hope you will have as many happy memories as we have had and you will build as many lasting friendships as we have built as well. Here is a brief review of the bars and a word or two about each. The following is based on a five star scale.

Bixlers Lodge = (*****) - Warm comfortable atmosphere, good beer, live entertainment, friendly service, nice place for a date.

Firehouse = (*****) - Mature drinking, fun crowd, great happy hour specials, great beer selection, live bands, college night, large menu.

Frey-movers = (*****) - Our home away from home, quiet, peaceful and friendly atmosphere, inexpensive, best popcorn in PA, juke box.

Illusions (Ramada Inn) = (***) - Very mature atmosphere, fun happy hour, good drink prices.

Ronics = (*) - No Homecoming, no go.

Sam's Goosehouse = (****) - Good drink prices, college night, live D.J.'s, dart board and pool table, Stricker.

Slammers = (*) - Don't waste the gas driving there.

Spud Bar = (***) - Kevin Burns, Kevin Burns, Kevin Burns.

Third and Spruce Café = (*****) - Yuppy crowd, live bands, 34 beers on tap, plenty of TV's, pricy but worth it.

Of all of the places that we've visited over the past few years, there's one place that has become our favorite place to drink. It is a small, comfortable place that some people can even call home. It has any beer for which you're willing to

pay and any song that you could possibly want to hear. The crowd consists of nobody but your friends and you never have to worry about tipping a bartender. We can honestly say that we've never had a beer there that we haven't enjoyed. Rumor has it that even people under 21 used to drink here, but that's never been proven. There's a TV, a microwave, a clean bathroom, a dartboard and ample room for beer games. The ironic thing is, it's not even a bar. The place we are talking about is our apartment, A2.

Being part of A2 is something that cannot be explained in words. For those of you who do know what we are talking about, we are sure you will agree that A2 is something that must be experienced rather than discussed. A2 has a tradition to it that many people don't understand, but we do. I've lived here for the past three years and Wayne has lived here for this past semester. Years ago, some of our older friends lived here and their names are still carved into the hallway archway. The memories from this apartment are legendary and will never be forgotten. They will hopefully continue to be created in the future and carried with people for their entire lives.

Just as all of you have your favorite places to drink, we have ours. The only difference is that ours is actually ours. We hope that all of you will someday find your A2 where you can create the kind of friendships that we have and where you, too, can carve your name in the hallway archway. Good luck, thanks and a Polly Wolly to everybody. It's an A2 thing, you might not understand.

Restaurant Review

by Matt Hillman



Mom Chaffe's Cellarette

Address: 148 Tulehocken Avenue, West Reading

Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call 374-5733 for directions and reservations

Price Range: \$8.95 to \$18.95

Atmosphere: Invitingly warm, cozy and intimate

Snugly located behind the Vanity Fair Outlets in West Reading since its establishment in 1936, Mom Chaffe's Cellarette is truly a diamond in the rough. Situated within the middle of a residential block, the restaurant's external brass fixtures and cozy red door cannot be missed. This delightful cellarette has offered one of Reading's most reputable menus in Italian cuisine for over sixty years. Specializing in a carefully selected menu of red sauce dishes, this distinguished establishment has sought to carefully perfect each dish.

Upon being kindly greeted by the elder owners, my company and I were personally escorted to our reserved table. I was immediately struck by the coziness of this well decorated restaurant. The low ceilings and rich green colors provided a very romantic setting. I was most impressed by the beautifully framed oil paintings that were hung throughout the candle lit restaurant. After we placed our drink order for two Merlot's (red wine), I

took a moment to casually wander through the restaurant to glance over these carefully chosen pieces of art. These charming selections further accentuated the intimacy of this comfortably cozy cellarette.

When I returned to my seat, I decided that it was time to examine the menu and make my selection. Although Mom Chaffe's does not offer an extensive menu, the menu has been carefully chosen to offer the finest quality. I was eager to try Mom Chaffe's homemade sauce, so I placed my order for the rigatonis with tomato sauce and hot Italian sausage (\$9.95). My company decided to try the cheese filled ravioli with meat sauce (\$9.95). Both of our meals were accompanied by a delicious dinner salad of romaine lettuce.

After we finished our salads, the waitress placed our generously portioned meals in front of us. The steamy aroma of the tomato sauce was divine. I quickly indulged in my meal and was immediately delighted with my choice. The sauce had a pleasing hint of onion and garlic that gave it that extra pizzazz. The cheese ravioli also received rave reviews. This was the best sauce I have ever tasted. Nonetheless, I got a craving for it two days later and returned to Mom Chaffe's for another meal. In my second trip, I ordered the fedelini with meatballs. The homemade meatballs were

extremely worthy of a second trip.

Other selections I would recommend are the Filetto Con Funghi. This selection of prime Angus filet mignon is smothered in mushrooms and sherry. The Veal Corenzo is one of the most popular dishes and is made with medallions of veal covered with prosciutto and provolone cheese. For the pasta lover, the sky is the limit. You have your choice of tomato sauce, Italian hot sausage, basil pesto, meat balls, butter sauce and agio olio to place upon your choice of rigatoni, ravioli, linguine or fedelini. Moreover, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, Mom Chaffe's offers their highly revered lasagna dish.

Although we were stuffed, we could not resist ordering a final selection from the five star desert tray. Along with our freshly brewed coffee, we ordered a lemon bar and slice of the light chocolate mousse pie topped with fudge shavings. The chocolate lover would be in heaven with the extremely rich and sweet chocolate mousse pie. I was most pleased, however, by the thick and creamy taste of the lemon bar. I would further recommend the pecan banana rum pie or the whipped peanut butter pie.

Needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed my dining experiences at Mom Chaffe's. This remarkably romantic and elegantly decorated cellarette provides the cost efficient diner with a wonderfully intimate setting. Mom Chaffe's comes with my highest recommendation.

Have a safe
and happy
winter break!

Personals

- Wayne Gehris,
Why don't you give me a call (555-BALD). I think I can help you with that new hair style of yours.
--Sy Sperling
- Did anybody know that Bob Holliday was Marky Mark's body double in "Boogie Nights?"
- On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a ill Korean with a big...
- Melissa and Lauren,
Did you guys ever find that soldier?
--Wanda
- Hey M!
Takes one to know one!!
--Your favorite sell-out
- Holy Sh*t, Holy Sh*t! Wendy came out!
- #85,
You're too good looking to stay in! Where are you?
--Your Secret Admirer
- Forget make-up sex! How good is sex with your ex!
--T
- Girls,
They will cum and go... but friends last... forever.
--us and power
- Darren, Sharona, Vince and Wayne,
We'll miss you!
--Krebs
- Kim and Kate,
Bring it on! We are the champions! And, we have bruises to prove it! We're like virgins!
--Melissa and Lauren
- Theresa,
You better stop being naughty. I'm watching you.
Love, Gencauski
- We Miss Stubie!!!
From a basketball FAN!
- Trina,
Why don't you stay away from Wrona and hit on another Pi Kapp--he's mine!
From a jealous sister in your pledge class
- Joel,
Get a life.
Love, Albright Girls
- Pumpkin,
Only 4 days left to hook up.
Love, this semester's goal
- D--
I know what you're getting for Christmas! Santa told me....
-K
- Wayne,
You may be a weenie, but at least you're our weenie.
Love, A2
- Lou and Darren, a.k.a. "Crash Test Dummies"
- Becker and Eisenhower,
Let's bring in the new year right!
Love, your favorite girls
- Jill Jones,
Shmeetz.
Love ??? and ???
- "Caution: This door is armed." What is this, college or the FBI?
- Charlene and Alyssa,
Practice makes perfect, even in Beirut.
Love, Darren
- The Goose House's name should be changed to Gol's house.
- Racis is the professional.
- How's the collar bone, Perry?
- Ferlick and Grevy,
Thanks for moving in together. Cody and I could never agree on which one of you we wanted to visit.
- Viti, what's the score now!!!
- Gene,
Good luck during the rest of the basketball season. Remember to keep playing Opie; he's going for 500 pts.
From your #1 fans Darren Was and Jeff Beaudette
- Wow, I'm really going to miss this place.
- Hey Snyder, what position did you use to play?
- Nick Curcy,
Other doors aren't as nice as I am. Get well soon.
Love, The Back Door
- Hermansky has no fear, dude!!
- cooth does work
- Ladies,
No matter what--nothing equals a night with the girls!
--the party host!
Glass of wine anyone?
- Smitty,
Thanks for holding my hair. Senior Night is BAD news, man.
- CENSORSHIP SUCKS. 'Nuff said.
- I love final exams, the same way I love coach Maier.
- Petye is a hedgehog.
- 100% Polyester has arrived.
- Has anyone seen the coat rack from North Hall?
- Dear Ellen,
You're my favorite figurehead.
Love, Paul
- M,
If it looks, talks and walks like a wife beater, it must be!
- All American, TJ, are you kidding me?
- Wendy,
We have proof you were actually out!
- Lisa and Amy,
I swear that I didn't do it!
--Melissa
- Llama boy, what is good in life?
- We'll never forget the Spirit of #76.
- Happy Christmas to you! An' stuff.
--Guess Who
- P, little one, & Brooke you are so hot.
- I hear that binge drinking causes radon poisoning.
- Melissa & Lauren & Kim & Denise,
The Nun is back!
--WH
- The Lehigh Valley, where beer flows like water....
- Dear newly initiated Sigma Kappas, I want my underwear back.
Love, Lou
- Crazy roommate....
- Melissa,
You can be my partner for cards anytime--yeah baby!!
- All I want for Christmas is a diploma... and a kiss from Trina under the mistletoe.
- Dear Everyone from Albright,
Thank you.
Love, Darren
- How are the goat races, Alexander?
- Sell out!
Did that hurt you as much as it hurt me?
--Broken Knee
- It is not easy being sleazy, but it's fun JERSEY STYLE.
- Darren and Wayne, gone but not forgotten.
- Jarra,
Hang in there, baby!
Luv, Dana
- Stubbe--the nicest scary person you could ever meet.
- Where did Matt Behornar go?
- Maria & the AGON staff,
Awesome! Congrats. Best ever!
- Amy and Lisa,
You missed out this evening.
--Your loveslave
- Dapper,
We haven't seen you in weeks. When did you transfer?
Love, Your brothers
- Nadar, where did you park your car?
- Dear Albright,
The only thing about you that I miss is Johnny Kim and Donkey Kong.
Love, Gleason
- Wrona,
Do any reading lately? I heard you have a new book.
Love, Mrs. Claus and some happy little elves
- Moffa needs loving, anyone interested call 555-love.
- Eberts, you are an a-hole!
Love, Dad
- Oh my God! Does anyone have a camera? Is Wendy actually drinking with the girls? I guess a picture is worth a thousand words.
Love, your favorite sisters
- F-3,
I feel a Margarita night coming on.
- Woody, how fat is your ass?
- I miss Jimmy Roberts, yeah right!
- Cooch is jacked, really though.
- HEY, Raccoon, how about giving Jersey some love?
- PETEY YOU REALLY ARE Behornar's little brother.
- Dear Wertz, Netznik and Baxter,
If it wasn't for the Polly Wolly, you three would just be normal Political Science majors.
- Petye how good did Laura look, huh!
- Strubbe, is that a new black shirt or is it just rotated?
- Oh my God, it is Joe Viti!!!
- L--
We have to be the biggest alchi's on campus! And proud of it... besides Kim of course. Yeah, Baby! --M
- To Viti "Talk to me goose" From: Gd
- K--
You may not know how to use commas, but you sure can paste up!!
Love You! --D
- Scotty, how old is that B.U.M. equipment shirt?
- Stratz is the best looking guy on campus, come on dddude.
- Wanda,
Cheese curls? Can I spray your butt again?
--residents of C-1
- Hopes,
I love you.
- I don't chase, I replace JERSEY STYLE.
- Kozerski, have another one.
- Scotty, you really lost a lot of weight in your head.
- Bobby,
Shut up b**ch!! By the way, I always have a COUPLE of minutes to spare for you!
Love, "Big Eyes"
- Look out M & L! There's a new dance couple on the scene!
- We love you Hummer.

Horoscopes

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You are called upon to shoulder additional responsibilities on the home front. A family member doesn't see eye to eye with you about one of your plans. The weekend is made special by a romantic outing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

If you continue to worry so over trivialities, you're liable to develop permanent frown lines. Lighten up and try to gain perspective. A minor delay could cause you to go into a tailspin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You spend much of your week trying to make plans for a special get-together with a friend. Unfortunately, your schedules are not in sync. At work, help comes from an expected source.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Avoid a tendency to sell yourself short. You derive more pleasure from friendships than business. A close friend in particular is thoughtful and giving.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

You are in somewhat of a rut on the job and need to find ways to stimulate your creativity. A family member doesn't comprehend your views. Tend to domestic concerns this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

An unexpected household expense catches you by surprise, but it's a minor one. Someone you deal with this week is unsympathetic and crude. Warmth and understanding rule this

weekend in romance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

An inconsiderate friend has you cooling your heels as you wait for this person early in the week. Don't let this interfere with all your plans for the week. The situation improves as time goes on.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

No matter how hard you try, delays and mix-ups are the order of the week. Try not to let too much frustration build up. Chalk this up to "just one of those weeks."

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Despite all your efforts, your hands are tied in a particular work situation. By the same token, another project goes smoothly. A co-worker pitches in to help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your misgivings about a friendship are warranted, but try not to be too judgmental. In romance, it's a time of heightened rapport and understanding. A financial delay occurs later in the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Someone unexpectedly does a favor for you at work. Advice received is so contradictory, you find you must rely on your own thoughts. Tune your inner ear to your intuition this weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Indecision and uncertainty mark the early part of the week. Some find that children bring unexpected responsibilities. Special joy comes through artistic endeavors this weekend.

1997 College Bowl Lineup

Dec. 20 Las Vegas Bowl - This year's version of the "Who Cares Bowl" features an unranked Oregon team (6-5) against #21 ranked Air Force Academy (10-2). This is not the same Oregon team that played in the Rose Bowl three years ago. Of course, that team wasn't actually very good either. The oddsmakers have Oregon by 3 1/2, but Air Force will win this one easily.

Dec. 25 Aloha Bowl - Even when the game isn't very good, the scenes of sunny Hawaii make it worth watching. This year's installment should be a good one though. #23 Washington (7-4) is a 4 1/2 point favorite against Michigan St. If the Trojans can remove their foot from Penn State's throat, look for the underdogs to finish an up and down season with a big up.

Dec. 26 Motor City Bowl - In the first of the "Is this really a Bowl?" games, Mississippi (7-4) plays Marshall (10-2). If you haven't seen Randy Moss play yet, check him out. He should be a minor diversion in an otherwise lackluster beating by Mississippi.

Dec. 27 Independence Bowl - This should be the "Charity Bowl". Notre Dame (7-5) "earned" their way in by squeaking past the Mighty Rainbow Warriors 2 weeks ago. #15 LSU wins in a laugh. Is that game on NBC?

Dec. 27 Heritage Bowl - Check out Southern (10-1). They are a quality football team. Should edge South Carolina St. (9-2) in one of the better games of the season.

Dec. 27 Insight.com Bowl - Don't know what this is? Don't worry...nobody else does either. Nor does anyone care. Arizona (6-5) vs. New Mexico St. - call it.

Dec. 28 Humanitarian Bowl - See Above. Utah St. (6-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4) - line Cincinnati by 3.

Dec. 29 Carquest Bowl - In what is usually a good match-up, the Carquest Bowl has come up short this year. Two mediocre teams go at it. Give West Virginia (7-4) the 2 1/2 over Georgia Tech (6-5).

Dec. 29 Holiday Bowl - In a traditionally high scoring game, #17 Colorado St. (10-2) should feel right at home. #20 Missouri (7-4) already played their best game of the year...and still lost. CSU by 5...at least.

Dec. 30 Alamo Bowl - Another match-up of mediocre teams. #24 Oklahoma St. (8-3) returns to the bowl picture, but look for #16 Purdue (8-3) to spoil their return. Purdue by 4.

Dec. 31 Sun Bowl - Not the same #18 Arizona St. (8-3) that went to the Rose Bowl a year ago, but still good enough to beat Iowa (7-4) at home. Give Arizona St. the 3.

Dec. 31 Liberty Bowl - In the "Jackie Sherrill Bowl", #22 Southern Miss (8-3) meets Pittsburgh (6-5). Yes, that Pitt. New uniforms, new name, but same old Pitt. Southern Miss by 8 1/2...easily.

Dec. 31 Fiesta Bowl - Thank heaven for the Bowl Alliance. Otherwise we wouldn't have this match-up, which isn't worth the New Year's Eve billing. If the real #14 Syracuse (9-3) shows up, they could win, but it's unlikely. In a game of two teams who do not play well in big games, look for #9 Kansas St. (10-1) to take it by 3.

Jan. 1 Outback Bowl - This is a good match-up of two teams who didn't get much attention, but are quality programs. Georgia (9-2) by 9 against Wisconsin (8-4) is a bit much, but they should reward their coach for remaining a Bulldog.

Jan. 1 Gator Bowl - North Carolina (10-1) gets screwed again. One of the best teams in D-1 is stuck playing an overrated Virginia Tech (7-4). UNC wins a lot to 0.

Jan. 1 Citrus Bowl - One of the better bowl games. The heart says #12 Penn State (9-2), the head says #8 Florida (9-2). Joe Pa will have his boys ready for an exciting win.

Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl - #6 UCLA (9-2) is one of the hottest teams in D-I. #19 Texas A&M can't win big games, much less bowl games. UCLA by 10 1/2...at least.

Jan. 1 Rose Bowl - This is the best non-Alliance match-up, if not the best match-up of the year. The best team in the nation, #1 Michigan (11-0) goes up against the best QB in the nation, Ryan Leaf of #7 Washington St. (10-1). Look for Charles Woodson to be challenged, and expect the best player in college football to respond. Michigan by 7 sounds about right.

Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl - #4 Florida St. (10-1) has to beat #10 Ohio State convincingly to keep their slim national championship hopes alive. Ohio State's inability to beat a good team will continue. Florida State by 6 1/2.

Jan. 2 Peach Bowl - Two more overrated teams who simply are not worthy of a 1998 bowl billing. #13 Auburn (9-3) by 6 1/2 over Clemson (7-4).

Jan. 2 Orange Bowl - Peyton Manning's weaknesses will be exploited. #2 Nebraska (12-0) should beat #3 Tennessee (11-1), but so far a 12-0 record has not gotten the Huskers the #1 ranking. Will the retirement of Tom Osborne be enough to get them the National Title?

--Albrightian Sports Staff

Albrightian Top Ten

Division I Men's Basketball Poll

by Chris Farley

#1 Duke (9-0) No question. The deepest team in the nation looks to the final four once again. CNN Poll - #1

#2 North Carolina (9-0) Antawn Jamison...and that's just the beginning. Get used to being #2, at least until Feb. 28 when they visit top ranked Duke and the Cameron Crazies. CNN Poll - #2

#3 Kansas (10-1) The best big men in the nation in LaFrentz and Pierce will be the team leaders. They can only go as far as their guards can take them. CNN Poll - #3

#4 South Carolina (5-0) Experience and disappointment will carry the Gamecocks. A 24-8 record last season ended in the first round at the hands of Coppin State. CNN Poll - #8

#5 Kentucky (7-1) Pitino's gone to the NBA and so are most of last year's stars. They are still Kentucky, and they still have the full court press. CNN Poll - #5

#6 Utah (8-0) No more Van Horn, but they may have the best center in the country. Mike Doleac can and has carried this team. CNN Poll - #6

#7 UConn (8-1) Yes, a Big East team in the Top 10. Two reasons: sophomore Richard Hamilton and freshman Khalid El-Amin.

#8 Arizona (6-2) They are the defending national champions and they have their entire starting team returning. Mike Bibby and Miles Simon won't be able to sneak up on teams, however, as they have learned already. CNN Poll - #4

#9 Stanford (5-0) Stanford is a deep team that won two games in the NCAA tournament last season. The Cardinal will battle UCLA for the PAC-10 title. CNN Poll - #11

#10 Arkansas (7-0) They're back and still runnin'. The run and press style of coach Nolan Richardson will get the most out of this experienced team. CNN Poll - #16

Women's hoops team struggles

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work. From the second half whistle things went from bad to worse. The Falcons got second and third shots, while the Lions were lucky to even manage to get a shot off. With Rusnock, Houser and Connolly all on the bench, Messiah blew the game open. What had been a single digit lead at half ballooned to over 30. The game ended with the Lions in disarray, looking for answers.

It's hard to pine down exactly what's wrong with the Lions at this crucial juncture in the season. Despite the big deficit, the women

were still playing hard. Players from Houser to Jancele were hitting the floor after loose balls, and Michelle Byer was battling two taller women and a flurry of elbows for rebounds.

Whatever the problem, the women simply are not winning. As a result, players are becoming increasingly frustrated. The frustration is not so much with losing but with the way that this very talented team has been playing.

When Albright returns from break, they have a four game non-league schedule during which they need to find a winning formula. After that, 11 of the Lions' final 12 regular season games are against MAC Commonwealth opponents. With a run in January and February, the Lions' struggles during December will mean nothing.

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NFL

Sorry Eagle fans...Bobby Hoying is mortal. Jerry Rice, on the other hand, may not be.

NCAA football

Ge, who (Peyton) do you think (Manning) is going to win the Heisman Trophy?

Way to go Notre Dame. If a last second victory over the mighty Rainbow Warriors doesn't legitimize being in a bowl, I don't know what would...except maybe a win or two against a decent team.

NCAA basketball

John Chaney is the Man.

Coach Tyler, that is not the proper way to start a game clock. Nor is that the proper way to do a slam dance in celebration. Congratulations on three exciting wins!

NHL

Maybe the Penguins don't miss Mario Lemieux after all.

The Rangers showed some real class in what they did for Mark Messier...personally I was pleasantly surprised.

NBA

Now that Latrell Sprewell is suspended from the NBA, he should sign on with the Buffalo Bills...they choke under pressure, too.

All of the critics of the Chicago Bulls, come talk to me in May when the NBA finals are about to begin.

NASCAR

Someone at Elizabethtown actually wrote to their paper to complain about NASCAR fans being characterized as "backwoods inbreeders"...says a lot doesn't it?

WCW/WWF

Hogan/Sting - Starcade '97...nuff said.

There are only two things keeping the WWF in business...Sabel.

* If you have any comments for Sportschat, drop them in the Albrightian office or box 781 any time.

Albright swimmers sink Susquehanna and continue quest to repeat

by Kurt Krebs

The Albright swimming teams have continued their winning ways, and each enter the holiday break with five victories against only a single defeat.

The Albright men's team won their fifth dual meet in a row Saturday afternoon, routing MAC Commonwealth opponent Susquehanna 126-77. Albright won eight of the 10 races. Brian Slepetz scored two individual victories and two team victories. Scott Long had an individual victory and two team victories. Chad Rutt registered an individual win and a team win. Jason Stumhoffer added an individual win. Mike Hanth, Ed Pearlstein and Jimmy Goodreau were also members of relay victories.

The men sit atop the MAC Commonwealth at 2-0. Their biggest win of the year came over the biggest challenger for the MAC Commonwealth championship, Elizabethtown, whom they pounded 122-75. Their only defeat of the season came against non-league powerhouse Western Maryland.

The Albright women's team is also currently 5-1. They completed the sweep Saturday by drubbing Susquehanna 114-71. The victory kept Albright in the running for another MAC championship.

The victory over Susquehanna was highlighted by several outstanding individual and team performances. Angie Bretz led Albright with a pair of individual wins to go along with a relay victory. Kate DeVenney, Megan Fauth and Mary Scania each added singles victories for the women. Adrienne Bowman, Kelli Bracken and Bobbi Butterwick rounded out Albright's victorious 400m medley relay team.

The Lion's return from break to tear right into the heart of their schedule. They will host the first two meets of a stretch of four consecutive MAC meets. This two week period in January will greatly determine whether Albright is still swimming come the third week of February. If Albright continues to perform as they have been thus far, they can start looking into reservations in the Lycoming area for the weekend of Feb. 20-22.

Watch for intramurals coming next semester: basketball, softball, powder puff football, golf, soccer . . .

for more information contact Jeff Tatum or Coach Ken Tyler

Coronary Kids pull triple duty

by Dana Peterson

With no time left in regulation and only one Albright starter remaining on the court, the men's basketball team prevailed over Alvernia, 87-83. The upset of nationally ranked Alvernia was Albright's third consecutive overtime victory.

After returning from the New York University tournament where they finished second, the men's regular season got off to a shaky start, suffering losses to Franklin and Marshall, Division I Lehigh and MAC Commonwealth League opponent Widener.

With a 16 point deficit and only 3:53 left to play in their next game against Messiah, Dec. 6, it seemed as if this losing streak was only going to continue. However, stellar performances from Summer Hemphill, captain Shawn Swavelly, James Drewry and Howard Payton led the team to a 77-73 victory in overtime.

Three days later, with a 1-1

league record, Albright traveled to Moravian. Again the men were unable to secure a victory in regulation play; yet, again the men were clutch in overtime, winning their second straight league game.

As exciting as these performances were, the most surprising win of the season thus far came to Albright on Dec. 11 in Alvernia's Physical Fitness and Recreation Center. As a nationally ranked team who made it to the NCAA Division III Final Four only last year, the Crusaders took their home court with confidence. However, the momentum which had spurred the Lions to their last two victories was still alive.

When leading scorer Swavelly took an elbow to the nose and was taken to the hospital only 11 minutes after tip-off, it looked as if it was going to be a long game. However, players began to step up and fill the roles the needed to be filled.

Hemphill contributed 18 points before fouling out late in the second half. When the Lions entered overtime they were missing starters

Swavelly, Hemphill and freshmen Mark Moritz and Matt Clair, both of whom had also failed out. Sophomore James Drewry was the only starter left on the court, but he was enough.

"I knew I had to step up and be the leader. I knew I had to produce," said Drewry. That is exactly what Drewry did, scoring a career-high 30 points. "We had the game won before we even entered overtime," he said. "I knew we were going to pull it off."

Freshman Anthony Bumbry contributed a career-high 22 points, shooting 14-for-15 from the line.

"I am so pleased with how we came together in our last three wins. These incredible victories showed us that hard work does pay off," said head coach Ken Tyler. "I want to use these wins as a spring board to take us into the rest of our season."

Albright will host the Ramada Inn Tournament on Jan. 10-11. The men are still shooting for the MAC playoffs, and if they continue to play as they have been it looks as if they'll make it.

Basketball experiences growing pains

by Kurt Krebs

Only ten months ago, Albright watched as the women's basketball team competed in the post-season for the first time in the decade of the 90's. What has happened since then has been surprising, as well as disappointing.

Albright opened this season with three respectable losses against quality competition. Those losses included defeats at the hands of two nationally ranked teams, Rowan and Alvernia. The early season struggle was to be expected, however, as the women adjusted to a new offense and a new system.

The Lions seemed to have put it all together by the beginning of December when they hosted Widener in their MAC Commonwealth opener. Captain Jarra Rusnock led the Lions with 20 points and 14 rebounds. Jen Houser and freshman Danielle Short each

scored 12 points. Short also pulled down eight rebounds. Albright blew out Widener 77-60 in a game in which Widener was never within double digits. Albright was 1-3 but stood atop the MAC Commonwealth.

Albright's next road trip was a long one, taking them all the way to the heart of Texas for a pair of games against two more tough opponents. Albright continued to play well, despite dropping both games. The games were both close, and several Lions had some of their best outings of the year. Rusnock scored a season high 29 in a five point loss to Trinity. Rachel Connolly, Dawn Iancale, Alison Proch and Charlene Stinsman also played very well on the trip, each recording season highs.

Albright took a step back, however, as they struggled against Moravian, losing 66-55. Moravian is one of the teams that Albright will be fighting for a playoff spot, and the Lions simply did not have one

of their better nights. With another MAC challenger next on the schedule, Albright needed to rebound from the loss and come out ready when they travelled to Messiah. Nobody could have expected what happened next.

On Dec. 12 the Lions visited the Falcon's of Messiah College. Messiah had a size advantage over the Lions, but the ball handling of Connolly, Erin Wreski, Iancale and Jamie Eisenhower should have given Albright a distinct advantage. Albright, however, fell behind early. The Lions were at Messiah's mercy underneath, both defensively and in rebounding. The Lion's offense couldn't get going either. Turnover plagued Albright as they struggled to get open looks.

The women did make a run before halftime, however, as they cut the lead to eight. Whatever the plan was at halftime, it simply did not

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Alexander and Toll lead wrestlers at the Lebonon Valley Tournament

by Emily Wagner

At the recent Lebonon Valley tournament, two Albright wrestlers distinguished themselves with fine individual performances.

Sophomore Kevin Toll took sixth place in the 158 weight class. Junior Jason Alexander clinched a fifth place finish in the heavyweight division. What made this even more of an accomplishment for Alexander is that he has only been back with the team for less than a month due

to an extended football season. The Lebonon Valley tournament was his first test of the 1997-98 wrestling season.

As a team, Albright finished sixteenth out of 22 teams. The team is optimistic, however, because they are finally able to field a full squad. As the newcomers get back to mid-season form, the prospects for the second half of the season look very good.

Although the season is still young, the team is aiming to finish at or above the .500 mark. Comparing

this year's squad to the past two seasons, Alexander is very positive.

"We look better," he said. "We have more people and better quality."

The Christmas break comes just in time for the team. The men have suffered several injuries, and several wrestlers have been wrestling through nagging injuries.

A healthy and revitalized team will take to the mats on Jan. 10 in the Swarthmore tournament. Albright returns home for an MAC showdown with King's on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.