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## Three Albright Students Elected To State Y

At the last Regional Assembly of the Pennsylvania "Y," at Camp Hill Top, Downingtown, three Albright students were elected to state offices in the organization. Susan Tromly, '64, Janet Blumberg, '63, and James Clayter, '63, copped three out of twelve positions in the Council Executive Committee.

The nominations were made a week before the assembly by mail. They were drawn up by Carol Conway, '62, and Charles Schleifer, '62, and were approved by Chaplain Marlowe.

It was requested of each nominee to write a brief autobiography on their Christian service, "Y" service, and campus activities; and these were submitted for review before the elections.

A delegation of eight students were sent to the conference, including the above mentioned, to represent Albright. The theme of the meeting was "Christian Organizations, Fact or Fiction," with an exchange of ideas by students from the forty colleges and universities represented.

## Blue Mt. Camp Is Site For Y-Retreat

On Saturday, April 28, and Sunday, April 29, the bi-annual Y-retreat will be held at the Blue Mountain YMCA camp. Registration for the Y-retreat will begin Monday, April 16, in the Dining Hall after dinner for the boarding students and in the Sub for the day students. The cost will be \$2.50. The subject of the retreat will be "Can Realism and Idealism Exist Together."

The speaker will be the Reverend John Collins, pastor of the Methodist Park Intercity Church, New York City, N. Y. Collins is a graduate of the Northwestern University law school and a former naval officer.

Janet Blumberg, '63, is chairman and Jay Wonder, '64, co-chairman. Jerry Myers, '64, is in charge of publicity; Susan Schirm, '63, is in charge of registration; and Gail Montag, '63, is in charge of recreation and is the life guard. Dorothy Schultz, '64, and Joseph LiCiceri, '63, are in charge of food and wash-up respectively.

## Speech Contest Slated For Chapel

The subject for the 1962 Kelchner Oratorical Contest has been selected by the English department. This year's topic "The Three R's" will concern reaction, reform, and rebellion. The contest prizes, the gift of Charles S. Kelchner, for many years professor of modern languages and the head of the physical education department, are awarded by a board of judges for the best orators delivered at a contest held for the purpose.

### Procedure

Each speech class elects a representative to deliver his speech in the semi-finals at which time the English department acts as the board of judges and chooses the finalists. The finals this year will be held during a regular chapel period in order that the entire student body may witness the fine work of the speech department in developing effective public-speaking among Albright students. Judges for the finals will be faculty members from other colleges as well as prominent citizens of Reading.

### Last Year's Winners

Last year the Kelchner Oratorical Contest was won by Daniel Cormier, '64, whose subject was *Character and Service: The Measure of Man*. James Clayter, '63, and Jay Handler, '64, placed second and third respectively.

## Weather Holds Sports Picture To a Minimum

Due to rain and cold weather, the spring sport's schedule at Albright was heavily curtailed during the past two weeks. This past weekend, only the track team saw action as the elements canceled out the scheduled doubleheader and tennis match against Moravian.

Saturday the thincads traveled to Collegeville to oppose Ursinus College where they suffered their first defeat of the young season by a 69-62 margin. The Bears showed their strength in the field events where they took firsts in five of the six events. Albright was led by Bruce Birkholz who came in first in both the 100 and 220 and anchored the winning mile relay team composed of teammates Grant Krow, John Derr and Bill Salaneck. Krow also took a first in the high jump while other Albright winners were John Grove in the two-mile run and Barry Goodhart in the mile.

## Twist Party

April 27, at 8:00 p.m. the Student Council will sponsor a unique social event in the form of a Twist Party to be held in Krause Hall. The House Rockers, a noted twist band from Baltimore, Maryland, have been engaged for the event. "The band is known for various humorous antics in addition to unsurpassed twistin' music," said Bill Vogt, '62, Student Council President.

### Twist Contest

Highlighting the evening will be a twist contest judged by Jerome Skruggs, leader of the band. The House Rockers played for the APO Rush Dance this past January and were hailed as a tremendous success. Skruggs is well known on college campuses in the Washington, D. C. area for his ability to assure a good time.

Bruce Bottomley, '63, activities chairman for Student Council, has stated that refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

## Schiffer To Speak On Atomic Bomb

The Berks County Civil Defense Council, Inc. will present a program Thursday, April 26th at 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel-Auditorium. The featured speaker will be Father Joseph Schiffer. His topic will concern the atomic bomb at Hiroshima.

Father Schiffer is well qualified to speak on this subject as he was about seven city blocks away from where the bomb was dropped in Hiroshima at the time it happened. He still carries in his body some of the glass and splinters that were thrown about as a result of the blast.

### Jesuit Priest

A Jesuit priest, Father Schiffer is presently taking a course in economics at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia. He is preparing for a position as Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Tokyo.

The program is open to the public.

## Chaucer Course Slated For Next Year

Dr. James D. Reppert, Associate Professor in the English department at Albright, has announced that a new opportunity for further enrichment in the study of English will be afforded interested students under a long-awaited extension of the English-electives program. English 351, 352, Chaucer, will now alternate yearly with another four-credit course, Twentieth Century Poetry.

First semester energies will be devoted to a careful reading of many of Chaucer's major works from *The House of Fame to Troilus and Cressida*. The eternal *Canterbury Tales* will be read second semester.

Both semesters will involve readings in the Middle English in which Chaucer wrote. Participating students will find significant cultural benefits not only from the works themselves, but also from ensuing

references to historical and cultural backgrounds.

Chaucer, who reigns with Shakespeare and Milton in the "Triumphate" of English letters, finds great glory in his compassionate approach to his characters. His literary subjects are worldly, earthy people — true human beings who convey to the contemporary reader truths timely and vital to all generations. This fall ushers in the first course directly concerning Chaucer to a campus of 106 years.

Dr. Reppert is exceptionally well suited for the teaching of this course, one materializing partly because of student demand. His professional interests are in the closely related field of Early Popular Literature. He has also taught courses on Chaucer for three years at Harvard University.

## Student Council Sets Up Board

In an attempt to implement Article VIII of the Student Body Constitution, Student Council has set up a committee of 16 students (not all of them necessarily members of student council), known as the Student Board. The purpose of the Board is to discuss matters concerning student conduct and set up a plan to take before a faculty-administration committee for approval.

### Approved By Faculty

Article VIII was approved by the faculty as an amendment to the Student Body Constitution on March 3, 1952 and reads as follows:

"SECTION I. The Student Council shall formulate, in cooperation with the proper administrative and faculty officials, a code of conduct and student ethics. It shall have authority over all infractions of that code. It shall be empowered to fine or otherwise punish violators of the code.

(1) This work shall be done by a Judiciary Committee of the Council, and the formulated code and any subsequent changes shall be approved by a majority vote of the Council as a whole and by the faculty.

(2) The Judiciary Committee shall consist of the Vice-President of the Student Council as chairman and four Student Council members appointed by the Executive Committee of the Student Council following Student Council elections and confirmed by a majority of the members present at a Council meeting. The Committee members shall hold office for one term of Council.

(3) The chairman of the Judiciary Committee shall in cooperation with the proper administration and faculty officials, call meetings of the committee for the formulation and revision of the code and for the determination of penalties for infractions thereof.

(4) The Judiciary Committee shall be invested with judiciary power to try cases of alleged violation of the code and apply penalties for infractions thereof. All decisions shall be made by majority vote. There shall be a right of appeal from the decisions of the committee to the Student Council as a whole.

(5) The Judiciary Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.

(6) The committee shall submit a written report of its activities at least once each term."

At the second meeting of the Student Board last Wednesday, April 11, several things were discussed. Concerning car regulations a proposal was made that a second semester freshman in good academic and social standing be permitted to bring his car on campus. Another idea brought forth suggested that a freshman be allowed to bring his car up only on big weekends. The idea of formulating specific parking regulations for specific areas was also discussed.

Concerning cheating, it was suggested that an honor system be instituted in Freshman courses at the start, and that an Honor Code eventually be set up for the whole school. In order to cope with stealing it was proposed that specific rules be set up which would be followed up by a student investigation committee, whereby students would report offenses to students on the committee. Concerning library stealing, fines were suggested as a means of punishment, the money collected for such offenses going towards new books.

Drinking rules were discussed and it was suggested that a definition of the rules be set-down especially concerning the downtown bars and illegal parties. It was further suggested that some clarification be made as to where the rules imply the individual and where they refer to groups at Albright.

### Women's Regulations

Women's regulations were discussed including proper dress for women, smoking regulations for the campus, freshmen girls being allowed out to 1:00 A.M. every Saturday night in the second semester, and senior women being allowed to live off campus. It was suggested concerning the women's regulations that the Dorm Council be given a chance to set up its own rules and issue its own punishment, and if it encounters trouble, to send it to the Judiciary Committee.

Clothing was discussed including beards, dungarees, and dining hall dress.

## Men Elect

The Albright Men's Dormitory Council elected officers for the school year 1962-63, at a meeting held Wednesday, April 11.

Richard Hyldahl, '63, was elected president; John Bishop, '64, vice-president; Evan Moll, '65, secretary; and Charles Compton, '65, treasurer. Student Council representatives are: Jack Nase, '63; Harry Mullen, '65; and John Bishop.

Dormitory Council representatives were elected two from each class. One representative will represent Albright Court and the other new men's dormitory. They are: Michael Deltman and Frank Satke, '63; Richard Hyldahl and John Bishop, '64; and Charles Compton and Evan Moll, '65.

## Cue Editor Named

Barbara Buchter, '63, has recently been selected editor of the *Cue*, Albright's student yearbook. Patricia Oldham, '63, an English major, has been named assistant editor. David Leber, '63, will serve as art editor.

Miss Buchter is a history major and English minor. She is a member of the Domino Club and has served on Y-cabinet. She is active in the Scriberlus Club and is a member of Phi Delta Alpha, the national honorary German fraternity. A graduate of Reading High School, Miss Buchter was a member of the National Honor Society.

Other persons so far named to the *Cue* staff are Jo Ann Wrentzel, '63, Diane Kessler, '63, and Judith Reider, '63.



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## Pledging?

Larceny is defined as the unlawful stealing or carrying away of any property belonging to another person. Larceny is also considered a felony, a charge of a serious enough nature to ban a convicted person from any state or federal civil service job, and public school teaching. In certain states, felony prohibits individuals from running for any public office.

Recently two pledges of a campus fraternity were arrested in Kutztown where they were caught in the act of stealing a hood ornament from a car. According to Trooper F. J. Bennett of the Reading Barracks of the state police, the pledges had been sent on a "scavenger hunt" with a list of items to be obtained. After much publicity the case was eventually settled before an alderman who charged the pledges with malicious mischief summary and the pledges paid a nominal fee.

It is the opinion of a local legal official acquainted with the case that in the eyes of the law, the pledges clearly committed larceny. He also felt that they did this to please their future fraternity brothers. Yet the district attorney and the prosecuting policeman agreed to charge the pledges with malicious mischief, which means simply the destruction of property belonging to some other person. Malicious mischief can be a misdemeanor which must be settled before a judge, but the prosecutors felt such action would unnecessarily mar the records of the pledges and the fine would have been a considerable amount.

In other words the pledges received the mildest possible charge that could have been lodged against them and their fine was small, considering the consequences of either a jail sentence or a suspended sentence with a period of parole if the charge had been larceny. A misdemeanor charge would have meant a fine in excess of \$100 plus court costs. The pledges were lucky!

It is indeed unfortunate that this irresponsible act committed by one fraternity should reflect upon the other frats, but it has. The three local newspapers have played the story beyond news value. One editorial treats this single incident in collective terms and the innocent reader is led to believe that all frats engage in such "scavenger hunts" but that only one group was caught. This is definitely not the case. To our knowledge this was the single infraction of the current administration pledge rules, yet from the editorial one would think infraction of the rules and "scavenger hunts" are commonplace.

Larceny is indeed a serious charge for anyone to face. Is a fraternity using good sense when it places its pledges in a position where a charge of larceny might be brought against them? It would seem that any pledging program that would include making pledges steal leaves much to be desired.

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## Enterprise Club Elects Officers

The Enterprise Club on Thursday, April 5, elected its officers for the next coming year. Arthur Isakson was elected President. Art is from Valley Stream, N. Y. and will be a senior next year. Handling the role of Vice President and Program Chairman will be Andy Seybold. Andy halls from Merchantville, N. J. and will be a junior next year. Alan Kratz was elected Treasurer. Alan is from North Wales, Penna. and will be a sophomore next year. The Secretary will be elected from next year's freshman class.

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## Letters To The Editor

Members of the Class of 1962:

Thank you for electing me to serve you in the capacity of Alumni President. It will be a privilege to work with John Grove, Natale DeLuca, and Tom Bamford.

Saturday, April 7, an executive meeting of the Albright College Alumni Association was held but due to a prior commitment I was unable to attend. I called Mr. Richard Kimmey, Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association on Friday, April 6, as soon as notice of the meeting arrived, and arrangements were made to have the Class of 1962 represented at that meeting.

Speaking for all your newly elected alumni officers: We accept the honor and responsibilities which you, the Class of 1962, have bestowed upon us; we pledge to represent you to the best of our abilities.

In closing, I would ask each member of the class to attend our class meetings and support your class officers throughout the next two months. Jim, George, and Carol Ann have given much of their time, along with Bill Vogt and the members of the various committees, to make this a memorable year for the Class of 1962. We have now reached a point where these few people can go no further without your active support and cooperation. Have YOU attended the last few class meetings? Are YOUR class dues paid? Thank you.

Sincerely,  
PAUL R. MAUGER, '62

Dear editor:

Dr. Raepel's letter, which was printed in the last edition of "Lion Tales", was an excellent editorial worthy of being featured in *The Ladies' Home Journal* under the title of "America's Decadent College Students." I find only one flaw in her letter—it completely disregards the students side of the issue!

Though she was unaware of the noise in the library, she blamed the noise on unruly students. I think it might more logically be attributed to the fact that half the study area in the library is within ten feet of the front door, the book checkout desk, and the stairs to the stacks and periodicals.

Her surprise at the fact that students do a large part of their studying on Sundays surprises me. I think that she will find that even at the thirty-four colleges of Oxford University Sunday is used for studying. It is the opportune time to work on term papers and to do research which must be neglected in favor of daily assignments during the week.

Her concern for the financial problems of the student body is commendable, but it seems poorly directed. There are many areas less essential to study and learning than the library where expenses could be curtailed.

The library should be open on Sunday for three hours. I think a group of students could easily be organized to run the library at this time; it would cost the school nothing. The library should also be open later on week nights.



By LESLIE PASTOR

Monday night fifty or more Selwyn Hall girls tramped downstairs to the lounge in curlers and raincoat covered pajamas, and set in rows before the television set, eagerly watching the gray and white flickers on the screen. They were watching the Academy Awards. The television hadn't gotten that much attention since Glenn went up.

And a few weeks ago in my Soc class the instructor asked how many of us had read a particular article in the newspaper the night before. No hands were raised. "How many read a newspaper last night?" we were asked. One or two hands went up, if any.

There is an insularity on the campus that comes, perhaps, from the general apathy for which we are always accused. At least it is a symptom of it. Like most colleges, Albright is a unit in itself. We have left our homes and the daily contact with television, newspaper, radios, and magazines that we took for granted, and we've left the larger world to become part of a

smaller one, bound, largely, by 13th, Bern, Palm, and Union Streets. Twice a week the underclassmen girls step off this area to go to the gym. A walk to Arner's or Miller's becomes an adventure, and a trip to the Food Fair is a real blast. And to add to this isolation we even have our own newspaper, which informs us of some of the vital events in our world. But we dorm students rarely search out a newspaper dealing with the world of the two K's, or watch a news program on the Common Market or the raise in steel prices. An impressive number of *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines are delivered to the dorm each week, and an equally impressive number of these are left on the mail shelf to collect dust.

An effort should be made to keep up with current events even if it's just on a hasty and general basis. Otherwise we'll return to the world like dazed Rip Van Winkles, completely asleep to the rest of life for four years.

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