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Class of 2003: Set To Stake Its Claim In Albright History

With a record-breaking enrollment, an increase in academic strength and a remarkable diversity rate, this year's freshman class shows the potential to be the best in recent history.

by Lori Thomas
Staff Writer

Albright's class of 2003 is being heralded as the largest and most distinguished entering class in over a decade.

According to Greg Eichorn, Director of Admissions, the population of this class is approximately 400. Although Albright has experienced large classes in recent years, this is the largest since 1981.

Not only is this class of noteworthy size, but it is a class of great cultural diversity. The Class of 2003 represents eleven states and seven countries. It is also one of the rare times Albright has housed students from both Nevada and

New Mexico. The percentage of international students is also on the rise in Albright's freshman class, which contains two students from China, two from Hong Kong and one each from Italy, Japan, Russia and Bolivia.

"Over 17% of the class are students of color, not counting international students, which is nice. We far exceed our competitors in our diversity rate," said Eichorn. Albright's diversity rate of 17.1% can be compared to the national average of about 12-13%.

In addition to diversity and overall population size, the Class of 2003 can boast of its academic strengths as well. According to Eichorn the average GPA is a "good bit higher than last year" and the SAT scores were also of excellent quality. He also added that one out of every three students were members of the National Honor Society and three students were either Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their high schools. As a result the freshman class currently has the highest number of Jacob Albright Scholars with 50.

"We offered more Jacob Albright Scholarships than ever, and



Members of the Class of 2003 receive their class pins at convocation.

more than ever took our offer, which is one of the reasons why our honors program is flourishing," said Eichorn.

The new class can be categorized as typical when looking at majors chosen. According to Eichorn, 25% of the class are Alpha majors. After that, there are 56 Biology majors and relatively equal amount of Business and

Psychology majors. Eichorn said that the one difference from years past is the increase in Education and Computer majors which he claimed were majors that are rapidly rising in popularity here at Albright.

The one decline the Class of 2003 sees in comparison with prior classes is the drop in sports recruitment. Only 25% of the freshman class are student athletes,

however the individual sports teams claim their recruitment did extremely well. Swimming, Field Hockey and Soccer were more than pleased with their recruitment this year.

Eichorn claims that Albright has brought in a very active class that contains many student leaders. He believes that the size and splendor of this class will cause Albright to flourish with an increase of morality and spirit.

Eichorn said, "This new class is adding more to our mission in a liberal arts background. I think that helps the college. Everybody is a part of this. It is not just Admissions who brought this class here."

The Admissions Office had the largest number of applications in recent history. The application pool was 42% higher than that of last year's record breaking pool. This means that this year was the most competitive in regards to acceptance.

Eichorn said he is thankful to all the students and faculty of the college that helped attain this new incoming class. He also looks forward to another exciting year and a prosperous outlook in finding another terrific class next year.

Summer water shortage scorches Berks and beyond

by Cyra Kemp

Berks County college students returning from the long summer break discovered that things had really dried up around campus...literally.

Students, including those from Kutztown University, have been faced with water shortages because of the decline in ground water levels. The Reading Eagle/Times reported last month that the well levels were "the lowest they've been in 19 years".

Colleges like Albright and Alvernia should not have been affected much by the drought because their water supply comes from Lake Ontelaunee instead of the wells, the report said.

But Albright has been affected by the drought. According to Howard Holden, Director of Facilities at Albright College, those hardest hit by the drought weren't the faculty members, workers or the scores of students who use vast gallons of water daily for hygienic,



Albright's landscape was most affected by this summer's dry conditions. Officials hope to better the situation.

sanitation and cooking purposes, but instead, Albright's landscape took the brunt of the shortage.

"Albright's landscape has taken a tremendous hit because of this drought," Holden said. "We've not been able to water the playing fields or the plants on landscape for most of the summer, so the landscape is

not in good shape," he said.

Two months ago, continuously dry weather conditions prompted the Susquehanna Basin Commission to impose water restrictions in 29 counties, including New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. At the time, the commission reported that in ground

water observation wells, surface flows throughout the basin were 20 percent below normal and falling.

As a result, restrictions had to be placed on the usage of water. The restrictions prohibited unnecessary water usage, which included the use of water

sprinklers and other such irrigation devices.

The campus greenery, particularly those in front of the art center, have turned brown. Patches of crispy, brown grass dot the once verdant soccer field and campus lawns. However, the full impact of the drought on the landscape will not be known until at least next semester.

"The fact that the greenery looks okay now does not mean that there hasn't been any damage. The evergreens might make it through the winter okay, but we won't know until next spring," Holden said.

Holden advises students to still make a conscious effort to conserve water in an effort to restore the beauty of the college campus landscape.

"Keep long showers at a minimum, don't leave water running when you brush your teeth, you know, all those things you've heard your parent say since you were a child," he said.

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New faculty members to make a quick impact on campus

The freshman were not the only fresh faces you may have seen on campus this year as seven new faculty members joined the Albright team in several areas of study.

by Lisa Marie Cope
Staff Writer

As the 1999-2000 school year begins, the Albright community welcomes seven new full-time faculty members. Albright has added six new majors including art, music, optics, Latin American studies, ecological anthropology, and women's studies. This, in combination with a record enrollment, exemplified the need for an extended faculty.

Anthony W. Hoskin, Ph.D. joins Albright as Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminology. Hoskin was previously a Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York at Albany. His areas of specialization include criminology, juvenile delinquency, deviant behavior, policing, corrections and research methods.

Andrew Laurence Kaye,

Ph.D., comes to Albright as Assistant Professor of Music. Kaye has been served as faculty of music at numerous colleges and universities including Lehigh University, Ramapo College, Alvernia College, William Patterson University, Moravian College, Columbia University, and New York University. Kaye has enjoyed playing the trombone with groups such as the "Orchestra Tony Garcia" in Brooklyn, NY. Traveling to Brazil, Madagascar and Ghana, Kaye has also conducted fieldwork.

Devon B. Mason, Ph.D., comes to Albright from Defiance College in Ohio. He will serve as Assistant Professor of Physics. Mason came to Albright simply because he "wanted to teach." After doing research for the United States Air Force on the "Star Wars" project, he decided to follow in the footsteps of his parents and begin teaching. Mason's goal as a professor at Albright is to "provide non-science majors with the sense of wonder that science gives" and simultaneously provide science concentrators with "the knowledge they need for their field of concentration." Outside the physics lab, expect to see Professor Mason on the stage in campus productions or working

along side Dr. Pawelski in the honors Program.

Maurice E. Methot, M.A., joins Albright as Assistant Professor of Visual Communications and Director of the Johnson Center for Visual Communications. Methot has previously instructed multimedia at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He specializes in multimedia development, web design, electronic and computer music, and experimental theater and performance.

Associate Professor of Mathematics, **David Brian Nawrocki, Ph.D.**, is an alumnus of the 1987 graduating class of Albright College. Nawrocki was Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Elon College in North Carolina. His area of specialization is in curriculum development for the use of technology in the classroom, and interactive programs for mathematics.

Michael Maurice Welsh joins the Albright staff as a Professor of Political Science. His major area of concentration is environmental policy and studies.

"I was very impressed by the campus and the brief time I spent with students," Welsh said. Welsh said he is very excited to take the environmental program "to the next level."

He comments, "All the pieces are in place to make Albright a stand out in environmental studies."

Before Welsh came to Albright he lobbied in Washington, D.C. for the Endangered Species Act. He also served as program director for the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville, NY. He has also been involved in public range management and environmental engineering in his past experiences. Welsh hopes to take his "skills and combine them with the pieces that already exist here."

John Hinshaw, Ph.D., comes to Albright for a one year stay as

Assistant Professor of History. For the past several years, Hinshaw has worked as a post doctoral research fellow at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Hinshaw was attracted to Albright because it is a small liberal arts college and its Pennsylvania location was perfect for his research of the labor movement in the Pennsylvania steel industry. Hinshaw hopes his class will show students an "appreciation for history and how decisions effect us over time." Hinshaw has previously been an administrator, landscaper, and has worked on a movie "Struggles in Steel".

It is expected that these new faculty members will be involved in a pro active way on the campus. All have expressed their excitement on arriving at Albright and joining the rest of the staff in providing the best education possible.

The faculty, students and administrators at Albright College welcome these new professors and wish them luck as a new year full of teaching, learning and communication begins. Expect to see these seven new faces around the Albright campus and at other related school functions.

Albright grad aids quake victims

by Mary E. Young
Eagle/Times

A Reading native who has been working in Istanbul for about 18 months expects to arrive in Ismit to serve as a translator for Americans working on rescue and relief operations for earthquake survivors.

Bike (pronounced like the letters "B" and "K") Ayarsian, Albright Class of 1993, said she would be working with the U.S. Information Services but that she would not know what her assignment would be until she arrived in Ismet.

Ayarsian, formerly a shelter

care counselor at the Berks County Youth Detention Center, went to Turkey to establish a Berlitz language school. She plans to return home before the end of the year.

"There have been some problems because areas are being quarantined," the Albright College graduate said. "We're going to drop off provisions, diapers and baby food."

The area of Istanbul where Ayarsian lives was not severely damaged, although she was in the affected area.

"We were really, really lucky," she said. "When I look around my neighborhood I don't see the

devastation you see on TV."

Her mother, Soydan S. Akyol, who supervises a Reading group home for mothers recovering from drug addiction and alcoholism for Berks County Counseling Center, said with the threat of aftershocks and widespread disease, she was concerned about her daughter's safety.

"She takes responsibility and leads people," she said. "I had no doubt she would volunteer. But as a mother, I'm now thinking that she's going right into the middle of it."

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A Message From Dr. Zimon...

President Henry Zimon announces that Michelle Daniels, Ph.D. has accepted the position of Vice President and Dean of Students. Dr. Zimon's selection was based on the work of a student, faculty, administration selection committee that worked hard over the summer to screen over 75 excellent applications. Dr. Daniels will assume her duties at Albright in early October.

Dr. Daniels comes to us from Marietta College where she was Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students since 1993. Prior to 1993, she had increasingly responsible positions in various areas of Student Services. Her educational preparation includes a B.A. in Psychology and Elementary Education at the College of Wooster, and she received her M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Daniels has a varied teaching experience ranging from middle school to college level Psychology courses to supervision of Master's degree students. She has taught in numerous first-year programs as well as leadership seminars.

Dr. Daniels is excited and eager to meet as many Albrightians as possible and begin to make and impact on campus life. Please welcome her to Albright and join her in efforts to make our student focus more of a key part of the Albright experience.

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Features

Relax, Hang Tough, or Beat it: The 80's Are Back

by Jennifer Romans

The sounds of a new Blondie song on the radio, the sight of cropped denim jackets, and Cosby Show reruns on television in full force prove the 80's have definitely made a comeback as we approach the 21st century.

While the '80's have made a comeback in fashion Eugenia Van Bremen and Marika Horacek, both visual and apparel merchandising majors, agree that the revival is more subtle. The new look takes the past decade but adds a '90's twist to it. Many remember having to have bright fuchsia and neon green clothes; jeans rolled up to reveal big socks and huge hair clips. Many of these clothing styles and accessories have returned but with a subtler tone. The huge hair accessories have not returned in size. However, a recent trend of butterfly clips, ranging in size, calls banana clips back into mind. The desire to show off hair again with

clips and other decorations is an '80's phenomenon. It is quite a difference from the short, cropped, sleek cuts of the 90's. The bright colors of the '80's have also returned. Last spring and summer a re-emergence of fuchsia tops and lime green clothes came out. While Van Bremen considers this citrus green color a more 70's look the brighter colors nonetheless do reflect an 80's style. Horacek commented that the subtly uses the colors such as fuchsia but pairs it with gray. This is the 90's twist-a bright color mixed with a more muted one. Denim has remained a staple in fashion throughout several decades although its style has changed. Most probably remember the desire to roll up, typically baggy, jeans, similar to so many Blossom characters. The early and mid '90's shied away from this style. However, recently a higher leg style has

returned. The fashion conscious will also notice that while, thankfully, spandex has not returned that tighter knee length Capri pants seem to be recapturing this look. We even see women taking tighter jeans and cutting them just below the knee.

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Horacek commented that in Europe people are buying especially long pants and creating very large cuffs. This could easily reach America in a year or two. Denim jackets have also returned in a major way. Many celebrities including Calista Flockheart and Madonna have been seen wearing the cropped denim jacket. Basically the 80's have made a milder return to our closets. Yet

despite our desires to "recapture wildness" as Van Bremen says we have toned down the big look. Hair is no longer put in huge ponytails with extremely large scrunchies on top of a woman's head. Big jewelry has less of an impact on today's society.

Gone are the ultra heavy, clearly '80's, necklaces commonly worn, bracelets can be a variety of sizes, and watches are more subdued. How long this fashion comeback will last is debatable. While Horacek

mentions the greatly rolled up jeans currently in Europe she suggests that the style could be in America in a couple of years. However, Van Bremen feels all styles are fleeting. She thinks that the Internet gives people a view into clothing everywhere and that no style can last for long.

Music has also turned back to an '80's style. Many '80's groups are making comebacks now. Blondie has recently put out a new album, "No Exit", after years of no sound. Fleetwood Mac came out a couple of years ago with "The Dance" a compilation of old and new songs. Culture Club has also gotten back together and put out a new album.

Additionally, the importance of "boy bands;" such as Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync, and 98 Degrees; on pop music is due to the '80's. The manager of the Backstreet Boys admits to having copied his group on New Kids on the Block, the teen idols of the late '80's. Music videos also reveal dance styles that retreat back to a decade ago. Madonna and Cher both have videos with elements of break dancing incorporated into them. But perhaps the biggest '80's music return is the Artist formerly known as Prince's song "1999". As the year 2000 rapidly approaches and people fear what Y2K will actually do DJ's play "1999" and Albright students will surely remember hearing the song in the 80's and waiting for when 1999 would come so we could party like it was the end of the world. The timeliness of this song was acknowledged at the 1999 MTV Video Music Awards when The Artist appeared because the cable station wanted him to sing his now infamous song.

So crank up those 80's greatest hit albums that you know you have lying around, admit it you must own one Bangle's tape or CD, put on your rolled up jeans and lime green top and enjoy the trip back to the 80's.

Bela Lugosi was never known for his mellifluous singing voice, nor did the undead count ever dance his way to the coffin...

Bram Stoker would have liked it kept that way.

DRACULA: THE MUSICAL?

by Rick Abbot

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Music Review

by Erin Leyhane and Ellen Terrible

Aztek Trip

If all the hype of Aztek Trip has not hit you by now, then listen up all you Albrightians. I am about to expose you to Allentown's freshest young rock band. Many people have already compared them to such Pennsylvanian favorites as Live and Fuel, but with their talent and energy, these four guys will have much more to offer in years to come within the music industry. They got their start in local clubs, but are now moving up and down the east and West Coast hitting bigger clubs, festivals and colleges. Their debut album, "Lost and Found," only consists of five songs, but that should not deter you from checking them out. All of their songs are original, no cover band sound here. It is packed with solid writing and a unique sound encompassed by catchy rhythms and lyrics that reach out to our generation.

"The stars they fall around me when I think of you..." lyrics to the ever-popular song "Beautiful,"

which has been tearing up the airwaves here in the Lehigh Valley and around the nation this past summer. What more could one say then that it is a song that deals with love and the effects it has on the mind, body and soul.

I tend to lean more toward the song "Lost and Found," myself.

It seems to focus on everyday life and the trials and tribulations one faces throughout his existence. But what it comes down to is that we are better off knowing the truth then not knowing it at all. As they say in their song, "Seems nothing is changing, but everything is different now..."

To experience the trip and listen to their music, check out www.Aztektrip.com. While there let them know what you think by posting a message to the band. Who knows, we may even have the pleasure of being entertained by them right here in Reading?

**Music Review**

by Dan Pennucki

Face to Face Ignorance is Bliss

Face to Face recently released Ignorance Is Bliss, on Lady Luck/Beyond records. This is a follow up to their 1996 self-titled release which featured the single "I Won't Lie Down." Fans of the southern California punk band who listen to Ignorance will probably notice that the group has lost some of their hard, fast edge, and fast, powerful bass lines found on earlier albums Big Choice and Don't Turn Away that gave them such a great sound. The new album is pleasant to the ears, but missing that edge that we come to associate with Face to Face. The

tracks on Ignorance have a slight alternative sound to them. None more obvious than the last cut on the cd, "Maybe Next Time," and "Lost." For those fans looking for a trace of the old Face to Face, check out the tracks,

"Overcome," "God is a Man," and "Runs in Circles." For the most part the album has a dark feel to it, which is aided by the alternative sound, and is good in its own right. Bottom line: It's a solid album, but it's just not the real Face to Face.

**Bar Review**

by Leann Esposito, Erin O'Connor, and Ayesha Haji Omar

Mike's Rising Sun Bar and Grill

Mike's Rising Sun Bar & Grill, 10th & Pike St., Reading 610-478-0522

Welcome back to Albright for another great year! As your new bar reviewers, we thought that we'd start with a local favorite—Mike's Rising Sun. If you're looking for high class, well, keep looking. But if you're looking to go out for a relatively cheap, fun night, the Rising Sun is the place to go.

The party gets started Wednesday nights, College Night, with 50 cent drafts from 10 'til midnight and DJ Kooley Kirk spinning your favorite old and new jams. Thursday nights are the same deal, but Wednesday nights are the most popular night for Albright students to come out and get together. Saturday night features the "Power Hour" with 25 cent drafts from 11 to midnight. Screw the laundry and use your quarters for something more fun! When you come to the Rising Sun, dress to sweat! The dance area is really small and it gets really hot when everyone is moving. And believe us, we do

get moving!

There are a variety of beers, including Yuengling and Coors, on tap and liquor is available. Regular prices range from \$1.50 for a draft beer to \$4.00 import bottles. Mixed drinks vary. The prices are reasonable, and if you come early, you can take advantage of the power hour specials and won't even have to worry about spending more later.

The Rising Sun is a short drive—or walk—from Albright's campus. Some nights have a \$2.00 cover charge, which is a good price compared to other local bars. If you want to have a good time, start your weekend early and join the Rising Sun regulars—you know who you are—Wednesday night!

**Restaurant Review**

by Alexis Grilli and Steph Kanavy

Ciao Restaurant

Ciao Restaurant
527 Penn Street
(610)375-8030

For our first restaurant review of the year, my new "co-writer," Steph, and I decided to go to a small pizza

shop that I had heard about over the summer. I met the owner of Ciao Restaurant while visiting family members in Wildwood. He complained that Students at Albright rarely ever take advantage of his shop's low prices and free delivery services. As a student without a car, I believe that free delivery is a God send, and I was looking forward to eating at the Ciao Restaurant to see if I would be able to add his name to the relatively small list of Reading eateries that would deliver to Albright's campus. With this in mind, we headed out to 527 Penn Street to see what was in store.

Pizza. Pizza is by far the favorite delivery item of college students; since cheap and college students go hand in hand. So, we decided to order a large pie. With so many toppings to choose from, we settled on broccoli and extra cheese. The authentic

Italian decor of the restaurant made eating cheap a luxury, which we are always up for. The service was amiable and prompt; we waited no longer than ten minutes for our meal, and our refills were always overflowing.

Not only does the Ciao Restaurant offer an extensive list of services that are of interest to college students, like free delivery in 30 minutes and pick up in 10 minutes,

they also have a vast selection of domestic and imported beers (six packs to go). And pizza is definitely not the only attraction on the menu; the pages are jam-packed with pasta, subs, steak sandwiches, stromboli, calzone, and other Italian specialties—all at a reasonable price.

So next time you are flipping through your roledex of pizza deliverie numbers, add this one to your list—Ciao Restaurant, 610-375-8030. Add a little flavor to your diet. And do not forget we recommended the broccoli and extra cheese, with fresh dough made daily and 100% mozzarella cheese. A great meal for a great price.

**Travel Tip:****NO HURRICANE GUARANTEE--**

Should a hurricane strike the resort in which you are staying, guests will receive a reimbursement for the total value of the disrupted nights. In addition, a voucher for a future stay will be issued for the same number of disrupted nights good for use during the same month the following year, excluding airfare.



HOMECOMING 1999

Friday, October 22

8-10 p.m. Homecoming Bon Fire and Pep Rally

Albright Woods

10:30 p.m. Midnight Madness Basketball

Bollman Center

12:01 a.m. Basketball Scrimmage

Bollman Center

Saturday, October 23

8:30-9:30 a.m. Homecoming/Family Day Reception

Campus Center

9-10:15 a.m. Family Breakfast with the President

Dining Hall

9:30 a.m. 50 Plus Club Meeting

Campus Center

10 a.m. Field Hockey vs Cedar Crest

Kelchner Field

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Campus Tours

Campus Center

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Day Parade

1:30 p.m. Football vs Lycoming

Shirk Stadium

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Homecoming Dance

Lifesports Center

Columns/Opinions

Four days of confusion and craziness; the strangest trip so far...

Freshman, BJ Cherry gives his account of orientation and his first impression of Albright College

ORIENTATION WAS A STRANGE TRIP — It caught me completely off-guard. I received a paper about it during registration, but I thought that attendance was optional. However, when about 10 people showed up at my door later that day, I realized: no matter how many excuses I made, or how much I whined, I was in this until the end.

You see, orientation's purpose is to familiarize first year students with the campus, and each other. Over the course of the preceding year, students and faculty voluntarily dedicate their valuable time to rehash and come up with new activities for orientation, in order to aid the new influx of freshmen in getting adjusted to this new and weird segment of life that they have just entered.

Soon enough, when everything is put together and appears in order, the new class arrives, carrying most of their earthly possessions along with them. After the sad, and sometimes joyful, parting with their parents, the unsuspecting group of newcomers were pounced on by their POPs. What followed later, was four days of vigorous orienting, chocked full with activities and "things-to-do." So much, that most frosh found themselves without much free time, at all.

There was much to see and do. The POPs, clad in obnoxious, orange shirts, and assigned two to a group, led the freshmen over the campus grounds and into strange buildings, throughout the day.

Many students became well acquainted with the Memorial Chapel. Programs like the infamous *Sex 101*, *Kegs, Kicks, and Classrooms*, and *Finding Mr./Mrs. Right*, as well as many others, all occurred under the roof of the spacious church. One of the most

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memorable, was the powerful, but melancholy requiem, presented by Mark Sterner; about the unfortunate death of his friends that occurred one night during an alcohol-fueled, 100 mph burn down the western coast of Florida. Almost everyone was thrown into some level of depression, after watching the ill-fated events unfold throughout the playing of the home-video, which Sterner and his friends had made, during that same tragic night. The students were so affected, that the event following the Sterner presentation, had to be canceled, to allow students time to recover.

Most of the programs, as shown in the *Orientation Program Evaluation Scores*, received marks that showed most students enjoyed Orientation. *Mark Sterner, Way Off Broadway, Kegs, Kicks, and Classrooms*, and *Sex 101*, received the highest scores, while the *Arts Center Program*, with a score of 2.75, had the lowest.

When asked what he thought of the 4-day program, Dr. Michael Adams, faculty advisor for Orientation, said, "It's one of the instances, in which the whole college community: students, Security, Residential Life, the Registrar's Office, Buildings and Grounds, the faculty, and student leaders; all pull together, and they do it to provide the best possible experience — the best one that they can conceive at the moment — for the new class."

Indeed. A lot of work was put into the program by students and faculty alike, and, in the end, they got the results they were looking for. Not only did the students get acquainted with the campus and campus life, but they also had fun. I suppose, the only thing left to do now, is to start work and planning for next year's flock of disoriented freshmen. There is much to do, and only a full school year to do it in. Especially, if you feel anything like Colleen Reilly, POP leader of Group 23, when she said, "I'm still recovering!"

From the Editor's Desk

Welcome back everyone! I look forward to a great academic year. As you can see, The Albrightian has a new look for 2000. The staff has worked extra hard and put in extra long hours to give you this fine newspaper. I hope you enjoy it and contribute to the upcoming issues. We will delve into many current events, take a look at Albright's history, review the hot spots of Reading, keep you up-to-date on sports and news, and discuss the hot topics that come up throughout the year. The staff and I want the campus newspaper to be the Albright College Community's voice. So we invite you to participate freely and as frequently as you like.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new President, Dr. Henry Zimon. The staff and I offer you our best wishes. In addition, we happily accept your proposal to participate in our bi-weekly publication. It will certainly be an ideal forum to open the lines of communication between the students and administration. Sincerely, Jennifer Schestok
Editor-in-Chief

SGA President's Corner

Welcome back students! This year will prove to be an interesting one, so I hope all of you are ready for the challenge at hand. This year, as is done every year in past, the Student Government Association will hold its weekly meetings to discuss pertinent campus issues. I invite and encourage all students to participate in the SGA meetings...they are not just for organizations or committee members, nor are they closed sessions, unless deemed so. Please come out and voice your concerns and opinions. Many of us are concerned with the new Social Gathering Policy and some are screaming about lack of student input and poor communication. Problems like this are due to low student turnout at SGA, so please if you have an opinion and positive ideas, come out and let us know. We are here for you and you alone...we are students too but we cannot know the concerns of every group or person on campus. Make your voice heard. The SGA meets every Sunday at 6:30pm in the Campus Center Conference Room or the Campus Center South Lounge. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ted Isselmann

SGA Organization and Committee Senates Meeting Times

September
19 Organization/Committee Senates
26 SGA Meeting

October
3 SGA Meeting
10 Organization/Committee Senates
FALL BREAK
24 SGA Meeting
31 SGA Meeting

November
7 SGA Meeting
14 Organization/Committee Senates
THANKSGIVING BREAK

December
5 SGA Meeting
12 Organization/Committee Senates
19 SGA Meeting

****ALL SGA meetings are open to the entire Albright Community unless deemed an executive session. The purpose of these meetings is to not only share information within student organizations and committees, but also to use SGA as a sounding board for ALL student concerns. Please, take advantage of our services.

SGA Meetings take place in the Campus Center Conference Room.

Organization and Committee Meetings are in the Campus Center South Lounge.
All meetings begin at 6:30pm on Sundays.

Some wishes and congratulations for campus

DEAR EDITOR,

ON BEHALF OF THE ALBRIGHT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAY I EXPRESS:

Congratulations to the entire Albright College Community for the excellent cooperation and support received from faculty, students, administration, staff, trustees and alumni during the recent six-month transition from the administration of our former President, Dr. Ellen Hurwitz to the administration of our new President, Dr. Henry Zimon. The "hand off" from one President to the other was seamless thanks to their efforts and the hard work of all of you. The College has not missed a beat and the new academic year has begun in a most productive manner.

Best wishes to Dr. Zimon as he assumes his new responsibilities as Albright College's 13 President. We are both proud and pleased that Dr. Zimon is our President and look forward to working with him in a collaborative manner, reflective of his open and communicative leadership style already evidenced during the first few weeks of his Presidency.

I would also like to echo a comment from Dr. Zimon's Convocation Address to the College on August 30. Albright College is a special place and if we simultaneously reflect "respect for one another and challenge one another," there is no limit to the unique and exciting community Albright College can become. The Board of Trustees and I look forward to participating with Dr. Zimon and the entire College Community in this journey. Thank you.

Sincerely,
John F. Horrigan, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Things that make us go hummm.....

1.) So, what's up with the new cheese sticks at Jake's?



2.) Why do off-campus students get the boot in regards to receiving a campus directory? Are we not still members of the Albright "Community?" Do we not still need to contact on-campus people?

3.) And what's in that yellow box marked "Flammable, Keep Fire Away" that everyone smokes around in the tunnel?



Mad Cow

Sports

Mango leads the pack in men's cross country

by Cristen Leaper

Head coach of men's cross-country, Don Gotshall, finds it essential for the team to work together to come out on the winning end of the stick.

In his seventh season with the Lions, Gotshall comments, "It takes everyone to win, and if they are spread apart in times they won't receive the low score."

"Only five runners score, and the smaller the split is between the first runner and the fifth runner, that is how much more solid the team will be. If the fifth runner is two minutes behind the first runner, it is much more important than where they all finish."

Gotshall continues, "We have the same roster from last year, with the addition of a few newcomers, which can be nothing but a positive."

"We look to be very competitive and improve upon last season's record."

In the first few meets of the season, junior and captain Mark Mango ran first man, producing the best time for Albright.

Running behind him were junior Brent Hurley, freshman George Dimotis, junior Steve Zalewski, and senior Mark Boyer.

Gotshall expresses, "The biggest thing we need to improve on is that the first man needs to try to get closer to the front of the race to accumulate a better score. The guys are running well, but we just need them all to move up a little bit."

Mango returns as captain for a

second consecutive season, and Gotshall says, "Mark brings a strong sense of leadership, works extremely hard at practice and meets, and is an experienced runner. He is a great role model for the rest of the team."

When asked to comment on the current season, Mango remarks, "Last year we had an average season, and this year I think we can bring it all together and be twice as good as last year."

He continues, "It is much easier to run as a pack than individuals in this sport. If we work as a team and practice running closely, the closer we will end up in our meets. We can feed off of each other and support one another through everything."

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-Mark Mango, '01

limits his ability to some extent."

Mango concludes, "Our biggest strength is team unity. Every Friday night before our meets we have a spaghetti dinner, and we hang out after our meets. We spend a lot of time together and enjoy ourselves."

The team finished 13th out of 23 teams at the recent New York University Invitational last Saturday.

Sports Commentary Emily Wagner, Sports Editor

As the summer turns to fall, we slowly forget what happened in the realm of sports during the previous season. I ask you, however, to take a moment to look back with me at two of the outstanding sporting events of the summer.

I will first take you all the way back to a beautiful Sunday afternoon in early June to the men's tennis final of the French Open where Andre Agassi, my all-time favorite tennis star, met Andre Medvedev.

When I began watching the championship match, Agassi was down two sets to love in a best of five match, and Agassi had just evened the score in the third set at four games apiece. From that moment on, the momentum shifted and my man was on his way to earning a championship trophy.

(I wouldn't call it just a coincidence that my Andre started winning once I started watching.) After taking the third set, he went on to sweep the next two in an amazing display of determination. With this victory, Agassi became only the fifth player in history to win all four grand slam titles.

And thank goodness he won because I don't know how I would have handled him losing. I must say that sports do quite a number on my emotions. My neighbor, who could hear me as she stood outside, could attest to my emotional outbursts throughout the match as I broke out into a wild clapping frenzy after each point awarded to Agassi. I encouraged him out loud, and I know he heard me.

I sat all curled up clapping my hands as if I were Agassi's significant other cheering him on from the stands, which I might add could be possible since the breakup between he and Brooke.

Simply put, until the winning moment, I was a nervous wreck. But as Medvedev's ball sailed out of bounds, I leapt from the sofa and shouted for joy. And you think I'm kidding???

It was a beautiful moment in sports history as Agassi's gorgeous eyes filled with emotion and tears of joy. Needless to say, I got a bit choked up myself...alright, I lie...I cried.

It was a pinnacle moment to end an emotional and hard-fought match to clinch the final grand slam victory for Agassi, one which he had come so close to winning twice before.

I just wonder what's going through Brooke's head now, especially after he just won the US Open as well. Let go of him a little too soon, huh?

The second sporting event that not only made an impression on me but also on the world was the Women's World Cup. This was where 16 women's soccer teams from around the globe met to vie for the coveted World Cup title as well as to earn a bid for the 2000 Summer Olympics.

This summer, the United States hosted the World Cup, and I was lucky enough to get tickets to the opening day festivities.

This proved quite another emotional day for me. I first experienced excitement as I walked into Giants Stadium to witness women's soccer at its best. Next, I experienced the feeling of sheer awe as I watched the US National team take the field. Their intensity level was at full throttle, and as the crowd chanted U-S-A, you could see the desire to win on the home field heighten as well.

But the climactic point of my emotional roller coaster of the day came when Brianna Hamm scored the first goal, just right behind the net and watched the soccer superstar march her way past a number of defenders, make an unbeatable move, and shoot the ball directly into the back of the net.

The crowd stood and cheered

with honor as the scoreboard lit up. It was like Mia scored a goal for every female soccer player in the country with that swift kick.

From that moment on, the game belonged to the US, and the rest of the World Cup seemed to go the same way. The U.S. National team reached the finals where they met China's National team.

I was down at the shore for the championship game, and we ended up going out to dinner right in the middle of the game. I continued to excuse myself from dinner to go to the bar and check up on the game's progress.

Once we finished our dinner, the game had just begun phase one of sudden death overtime. Well, I sure wasn't about to leave the restaurant now! I sat on the edge of my seat through the first and then the second overtime period in sheer nervousness and exhaustion. I watched in absolute awe as Kristine Lilly headed the ball out of the goal to save a championship winning goal by China.

The score remained tied after overtime, and I wondered how I would ever make it through penalty kicks. China made four of five after an incredible save by the U.S. goalie. The US went off to make five of five and capture the World Cup title. The bar erupted with cheers and patriotic music.

Now after all this, you probably are sick of reading about my emotional sports experiences, but all I hope is that some of you get to feel the emotions that sports can offer. Whether you actually play a sport or find yourself as a spectator, sporting events yield intense emotions from victory to defeat. Although you may find yourself frequently feeling the pain and frustration of defeat, wait around for those moments of victory...you'll barely remember the losses.

Women's cross-country runs the extra mile to build team unity

by Cristen Leaper

The women's cross-country team seeks to run the trail to victory, as long as they can get over a few bumps in the road.

Senior Nicole Cassel and juniors Laura Byroade, Jen Hawriluk, and Carrie Jones earned the distinguished honor of being named captains for the 1999 season.

The common goal of becoming a closer team exists among the four of these young women.

Hawriluk comments, "We need to work together as a team and try not to leave anyone behind. We must see that we aren't in it for ourselves but for the team as a whole, and everyone should be up there together."

Byroade states, "I would hope that, throughout the season, we will

support and encourage each other as a team in wins and losses. Our team is small, but we are also close when it comes to skill, so we should produce some better scores during the meets."

In agreement, Hawriluk expresses, "In the three years that I've been here, this has been the toughest year of practice. Everyone is coming out there and working hard, which is already showing in our meets."

She continues by saying, "The only weakness I can think of would be the injuries on the team."

As a matter of fact, since injuries hampered the latter part of last year, the motto for the 1999 season stands as "Healthy, Happy, and Hungry."

Jones comments, "It is important for everyone to stay healthy, run to the best of their

ability, and achieve the goals we set as a team and as individuals." She also states, "Our team encourages one another and there is a great amount of support for those that are injured, pushing them to get better."

"We have great enthusiasm and high spirits. I hope that we continue to do well and make our way up the standings in the conference."

Coach Don Watterson says, "We have great leadership qualities in our captains. As a senior, I expect Nicole to lead, and she fulfills my every expectation. She cares a lot about her teammates, works hard, and

leads by example.

"My junior tri-captains are the team's future, and will take over to carry the team next year."

Cassel sees many improvements in this year's squad compared to previous squads. "In addition to being close-knit, we are more positive and focused."

"As a captain, I want to bring leadership and sort of act as a confidence-booster so that everyone believes in themselves. I also want everyone to be able to take what comes and be satisfied with the outcome."

"The most important factor,

though, is that we go out there to have fun and avoid the nervousness that usually comes with the pressure of a meet."

Reflecting on the loss of runners from last year, Coach Watterson comments, "I can never look at graduation as a bad thing, so it's not sad when my runners do, but they are still missed. It is, however, time for the other ladies to shine. We have new athletes in sophomores Jen Busillo and Kate Frederick, and they fill the hole of our loss."

He concludes, "I am very impressed with the women I have coached here at Albright, not only this year, but the past four years. They are intelligent and dedicated individuals, both athletically and in the classroom. They are fine people, and when you work with those kinds of people, you can't lose."



Tennis team sparked by fresh talent

by Cristen Leaper

The women's tennis team stunned Messiah on Saturday with a commanding 7-2 victory. This win put the Lady Lions at 6-1, trailing only Moravian for the conference lead.

Weathering the loss of key players from last year, the women's tennis team fathoms victory with the help of incoming freshmen.

When it comes time to play a match, six players step onto the court for competition. Three of those athletes have not returned for this season, with reasons varying from graduation, injury, and the discovery of other priorities. Head coach, Bill Flegler, commented, "All of them had something to contribute to the team on the winning and attitude end of it. They will surely be missed."

According to Flegler, the emergence of three freshmen should ease the pain of loss to some extent. Cristen Leaper earned the fourth spot on the team, Becky LeGay gained the sixth position, and Kristy Stutz attained the second spot. Flegler stated, "We have depth on the team this season, which we never had last year. I look to improve greatly on last season's record of 4-11." Players who round out the top six include senior Andrea Dennis at first singles, junior Emily

Wagner at third singles, and senior Marissa Fiedler at fifth singles.

When asked how it feels to play second singles as a freshman, Stutz replied, "It feels good! I came into college tennis just hoping to make the team; I never expected to play second singles and first doubles." She added, "The transition from high school to college tennis was difficult because high school sports weren't as structured or serious. The team made it easier, though, because we all get along very well and have fun together."

Stutz expresses her goals for the season by saying, "I want to learn as much as possible and make the best contribution to the team as I can. I wish to grow as a player and have a good time while I do it."

Freshman Becky LeGay stated, "Our team strength is that we have a lot of old talent combined with a lot of new talent, and we are all dedicated, hard-working individuals who are devoted to the sport." She agrees with Stutz in that one can find the fact that everyone plays well together and enjoy themselves as the best thing about the team.

The women's tennis team failed to win a league match last season, and they improved upon that record thus far. On Saturday, September 11, they earned a 6-3 victory over

Lebanon Valley College. "Our overall record beats last year's performance, and we can only improve," commented Flegler. He said that he looks at every league match as a huge challenge this year because the team never won a league match last year. He did, however, say that the toughest competition will probably arrive in the match against Moravian since they ended with an undefeated record last season.

Dennis and senior Chrissie Jackson were selected as co-captains for the 1999 tennis season. Dennis plays the first singles position, and Flegler stated excitedly, "Andrea is playing the best tennis of her career. She is a solid, consistent player with tons of experience. She will be a major factor in our program."

As the season progresses, Flegler admits that room for improvement exists, as in any sport or action in life. "They need to work on their games and get into better tennis shape. This will all come in time and with their drive to continue playing. We work on stroke improvement all the time and will continue through the off-season. Ultimately, they all need to understand what it takes to become better tennis players."

Lion Spotlight

by Matt Kemeny

Most of the Albright College campus knows what Rachel Connolly can do with a basketball in her hands, but in her second year on the field hockey grass, Connolly is showing everyone what she can do with a field hockey stick.

Connolly, a senior and a stellar basketball player here at Albright, has turned it on in the fall during field hockey season, leading the lady lions to a 3-3 start.

"Rachel is a very composed player," commented hockey coach Diane Billman. "She definitely controls the tempo of the game, and brings the team together with her leadership."

Actually, Connolly began her career on the cross country course here at Albright, but after two seasons decided to switch directions.

"I played field hockey in high school," noted Connolly. "After my second season running cross country, I just missed hockey a lot and decided to join the team. I feel that I am more of a hockey player."

The change proved to be beneficial not only to Connolly, but to the Lady Lions as well. Last season, Connolly was named the "Rookie of the Year" in the Middle Atlantic Conference, in addition to being named the team's Most Valuable Player. This season, Connolly is again causing havoc for opposing teams playing center midfield, as well as serving as a tri-captain for her team. Connolly has proved to be an effective leader of a very young Lion squad.

"The girls really look to her for leadership," commented Billman. "She is also a great player to coach showing a

positive attitude on the field as well as off the field that seems to spread amongst the entire team."

Connolly had a lot of thanks for her coach, who she feels has helped her grow as a player.

"She is a great motivator," replied Connolly. "She makes sacrifices from her personal life to make us a better team. All of the girls appreciate the time that she puts into her coaching."

Connolly wants to add to all of her achievements a .500 season in hockey, and she is determined to play every game her hardest. There is a lot of excitement surrounding the team that is working to improve on a disappointing 4-17 record from last year's young lady lions team. With a good freshman class, and brand new winning attitudes, the Lions are prepared to work at improving one step at a time.

Connolly balances her excellence in athletics while participating in off the field activities. She is a proud member of the sorority Sigma Kappa as well as the Student Athlete Advisory Council and the Student-Athlete Mentor program.

"I have a lot of fun playing hockey," gleamed Connolly. "I love my teammates, I couldn't ask for a better group of girls, they are great."

So while fans at Albright College will have to wait until the winter to see Rachel Connolly drilling three-pointers and making fantastic plays on the hardwood, they can go over to Kelchner field and watch Connolly tear up the grass as well as opponents as one of Albright's best field hockey players.

Costly errors hamper football team's chance of victory over FDU

by Matt Kemeny
Staff Writer

The only team the Albright Lions beat on Saturday afternoon... was the Albright Lions.

Last year, the Farleigh Dickinson University (FDU) football team came to Albright and broke the Lions home winning streak. This year the Blue Devils scheduled Albright for their homecoming.

The FDU coach had commented to one of Albright's coaches that the 0-2 Blue Devils had already got their hard games out of the way. So the young Lions marched on the field before a rather large homecoming crowd, with the all of the festivities in the background, and were ready to rain on the Devil's parade.

Unfortunately, costly mistakes on special teams and failure to capitalize inside the twenty-yard line made it a long afternoon for the Lions who lost 24-3 and who dropped their record to a disappointing 1-2.

"It was a really frustrating game," commented head coach E.J. Sandusky. "We didn't feel like FDU out-played us, we feel like we beat ourselves."

The Lions stumbled to a rocky start, fumbling the opening kickoff, but were fortunate enough to maintain possession as the ball went out of bounds.

Four plays later, however, a Blue Devil bolted through the line of the Lions punt team, and blocked sophomore Toby Ranck's punt and recovered it inside the 10-yard line. The Blue Devils capitalized on the play and the Lions were immediately put into a 7-0 hole.

Later in the quarter, the Blue Devils added a 29-yard field goal by

placekicker, Rich Dwyer. A 40-yard boot by sophomore placekicker George Merrill cut the lead to seven at the end of the first quarter. The 40-yard kick was the longest of Merrill's career and put him at 4-5 in field goal kicking this season.

The blocked punt, however, really set the tone for the special teams play for the Lions the whole game.

"Special teams breakdowns really killed us," said Sandusky. "We had a poor week of practice for our special teams units and it showed on Saturday."

Right after the Lions were beginning to build some momentum with the field goal, the Blue Devils returner, Jay Johnson, caught Merrill's kick at the 15-yard line and raced 85 yards, virtually untouched, to the end zone, ending the Lions momentum.

With two minutes left in the half, Albright tried to catch the Devils off guard with a fake punt, but Ranck's pass fell just short of sophomore Gabe Sweger's outstretched arms.

FDU tacked on another touchdown before the end of the half, sending the frustrated Lions to the locker room down 17-7.

"We just didn't get it done in the red zone (inside the 20-yard line)" commented Sandusky. "We had the chance to score several times, but failed to capitalize on our opportunities."

Twice the lions found themselves on the two-yard line, but failed to score, once being stuffed and one time fumbling the ball away to the Devils.

The Lions defense held the Devil's offense to only seven points in the second half, but Albright

failed once again to light up the scoreboard.

Albright's defense again for the second straight game, even though they yielded 17 points, played well, limiting FDU to only 226 yards of total offense.

Lion freshman defensive end Jackson Fallon had a couple of sacks, and the Lion inside defense virtually stopped the Blue Devils' running attack.

On offense, senior wide receiver and co-captain Howard Payton had six catches for 92 yards. Also, senior tailback and co-captain Matt Santoro gave a gutsy performance, rushing for 57 yards on a bad ankle. Santoro followed up an excellent game against Moravian where he rushed for 122 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Mike Strack threw for 171 yards while sharing playing time with sophomore quarterback Tom Moon. The Lions racked up 255 yards of total offense, 29 more than the victorious Blue Devils.

All in all, the main feeling the day after the game was that the Lions just shot themselves in the foot with costly errors. Also, the coaching staff didn't feel like the week of practice was good enough to win.

"We had an inconsistent week of practice," replied Sandusky. "We went out there and played exactly how we practiced."

After falling a game under .500, the Lions prepare to redeem themselves next Saturday at 1:30 p.m. against a very tough Juniata team.

Albright, with a record of 1-2, hope that the leaves aren't the only thing that will change the rest of the football season.

Upcoming Sporting Event Schedule from September 29 - October 2, 1999

***home games bolded

Wed. 9/29 Men's Soccer @ Centenary 3:30 Away

Wed. 9/29 Women's Soccer @ Elizabethtown 3:30 Away

Thurs. 9/30 Women's Tennis @ Widener 3:00 Away

Thurs. 9/30 Field Hockey @ Moravian 4:30 Away

Sat. 10/2 Football vs. Juniata 1:30 Home

Sat. 10/2 Men's X-Country @ Conn. College 1:00 Away

Sat. 10/2 Women's X-Country @ Drew 11:00 Away

Sat. 10/2 Men's Soccer @ King's 11:00 Away

Sat. 10/2 Women's Soccer @ Susquehanna 12:00 Away

Sat. 10/2 Women's Tennis @ Juniata 11:00 Away

Sat. 10/2 Women's Volleyball @ Dickenson 11:00 Away

Sat. 10/2 Field Hockey vs. Philadelphia Bible 11:00 Home

Last Week's Sports Results



September 20
Men's Soccer:
Albright 3
Delaware Valley 2
Women's Volleyball:
Albright 1
Alvernia 3

September 21
Women's Tennis:
Albright 4
Moravian 5
Field Hockey:
Albright 0
King's 2

September 22
Women's Volleyball:
Albright 0
Susquehanna 3

September 23
Women's Soccer:
Albright 1
Allentown 0
Field Hockey:
Albright 3
Neumann 0

September 25
Men's Cross Country:
Albright 13th of 23 teams
Women's Cross Country:
Albright 22nd of 24 teams
Field Hockey:
Albright 0
Messiah 2
Women's Volleyball:
Albright 0
Widener 3
Men's Soccer:
Albright 5
Juniata 2
Women's Soccer:
Albright 0
Juniata 1
Women's Tennis:
Albright 7
Messiah 2
Football:
Albright 3
FDU Madison 24

Men's soccer stuns competition with great vigor

by Jerry Reimenschneider
Eagle/Times

Kevin Endy endured the contempt patiently, but with purpose. So did the rest of Albright's soccer team.

It was Sept. 8, and the nationally ranked bullies from Elizabethtown were in Reading for their annual taming of the Lions.

Last year, Elizabethtown beat Albright 7-1. Ranked 17th in Division III entering this season's game, the Blue Jays had little reason to expect anything but another rollover.

As always, they let the Lions know it.

"I've heard the Elizabethtown players on that field the last three years," said Endy, Albright's field general. "They say how they're going to beat us, how we're really bad. And I guess they had their reasons to."

"But they were saying that to us again this year, and we said, 'Not a chance.' No way they were going to beat us like that again."

The Blue Jays did not just fail to win big over Albright two weeks ago.

They failed to win at all.

Albright 1, Elizabethtown 1.

"It was huge," said sophomore Sutton Smith, Albright's leading scorer. "I know it was only a tie, but when it's a nationally ranked team, and we're looking to move up, it was definitely a steppingstone."

Adding to Albright's satisfaction was its unsavory situation. The Lions played a man down for the final 85 minutes after losing freshman Aaron Preusser to a flagrant foul in the first half.

For the Lions, no victory could have meant more than this tie, which was part of a 4-0-1 start that stands as the best in Albright's suspect soccer history.

After [last] Monday's 3-2 overtime win at Delaware Valley, the Lions are a healthy 6-1-1 and look to sustain the momentum they began building across the Atlantic last month.

Third-year coach Dale Witmer's low-scoring Lions had been competitive the last two seasons, but

were on the skinny side of too many 1-0 and 2-1 scores en route to records of 6-10-2 in 1997 and 6-11-1 in 1998.

"When I got there, they players on the team had been there two or three years, but they'd never had a winning season," said Witmer, a native and resident of Womelsdorf. "A lot of them were from Berks County and were coming from winning programs. Then they came here, and they weren't winning."

Witmer was sure a shot of confidence would turn Albright from also-ran to contender in the Middle Atlantic Conference's Commonwealth League. He just wasn't sure how to inject that shot.

So he took his team to Europe for an 11-day preseason tour.

It worked wonders.

"It served a dual purpose," said senior sweeper Matt Crouse, a

Conrad Weiser product. "A lot of guys bonded, first of all. And we played two semipro teams from Holland and one from France. They were professionals, but we played strong. We played real strong."

The Lions finished 0-2-1 in Europe, but were in every game against the more experienced and more skilled Dutch and French.

Senior midfielder Dan Bergey, a Twin Valley grad who scored a hat trick at Delaware Valley Monday, called the experience "a real confidence booster."

"After the Europe trip," he said, "everyone came back with a more serious attitude."

Crucial to the trip's success was the tutelage of Dutchman Leo Janssen, a staff coach for the Holland national team. Janssen gave the Lions several days of professional coaching and several pearls of soccer wisdom.

Above all, he preached patience.

"He sort of changed our way of looking at the team," Endy said. "He basically said how bad American soccer is, how we're too fast over here, how we need to wait for things to develop. He spent his days teaching us how to do that, and it settled us down a lot."

Witmer wasn't just a bystander while Janssen blew his whistle.

It was in Europe that Witmer planted a seed for more scoring. That seed quickly took root.

Endy, a Fleetwood grad, had played midfield through high school, but his ball-handling acumen lay dormant as he played defense his first three falls at Albright.

Crouse, also a career midfielder, is an aggressive leader whom Witmer decided was better suited for defense.

So, starting in Europe, Witmer moved Endy to center

midfield and Crouse back to sweeper.

The result has been a more bullish defense and a more dynamic offense.

"Crouse has learned the sweeper position a lot more and is starting to get pretty strong back there," Smith said. "And Endy, he's very creative. Wherever you want the ball, he'll put it there."

"I love it," Endy said of his return to midfield. "I love being a playmaker."

The flip-flop has been the trigger to Albright's sudden shot of offense.

But the bullets have come from underclassmen.

Smith is a ringet. Witmer knew that when he recruited him out of Spring-Ford High, where Smith scored a school-record 54 career goals.

But Smith, by himself, wasn't enough last season.

Enter freshman forwards

Preusser and Wynn Kiesel, scoring stars in their scholastic days at Selinsgrove and Quakertown, respectively.

A year ago, Albright's sickly offense betrayed its strong defense. The Lions scored 17 times in 18 games.

This year, Albright already has 20 goals through eight games. The developing foursome of Smith, sophomore midfielder Tom Van Horn, Preusser, and Kiesel has accounted for 12 of those goals and 28 of the team's 50 points.

Unaccustomed to such scoring, seniors such as Bergey are finding it easy enough to adjust.

"It's different, said Bergey, "but it's nice. Real nice."

Add the improved offense to the stingy goaltending of sophomore Jay Magid - the MAC player of the Week Sept. 6-12 - and Albright's puzzle appears assembled.

All the Lions need to do now is make sure the pieces don't disconnect.

"I refuse to let them peak now," Witmer said. "We want to ride this wave all the way to the end."

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Editor's note:

Since the publication of this article in the Reading Eagle/Times, the men's soccer team faced Juniata on its home turf last Saturday.

The Lions' record now stands at 7-1-1 after a dominating 5-2 victory over the visiting squad from Juniata.

After this win, Albright found itself tied with arch nemesis, Elizabethtown, for second place in the Commonwealth league.

Senior midfielder Dan Bergey also earned player of the week honors for the week of September 20-26.

Bergey scored four goals in two games last week, catalyzing the two Lion victories over Delaware Valley and Juniata.

The Lions look to build upon their already plentiful stack of wins with a victory over King's College on Saturday.

Veterans and newcomers alike join to foster women's field hockey

by Dan Pennucci

The Albright women's field hockey team is a squad that is determined to win. The Lions are anchored by a strong defense including experienced goalie and captain Amy Lincoln, sophomore Sarah Kadis, captain Bobbi Butterwick, and Allison Wawer.

The final woman rounding out the trifecta of captains is Rachel Connolly, who controls the midfield along with Rachel Perkins. The offense is provided by forwards Rhiannon Maniscalco and Jen Parrish.

With this crop of returning players also comes a new class of women on the team. Head coach Diane Billman feels that "the freshman have raised our numbers," adding more depth while creating "a healthy competition amongst the

team and raising the playing level of every player on the field."

A total of eight freshmen have joined the squad, making the roster grow to 25 from last year's 15. Midfielder Abbie Urion and forwards Jessica Kane and Katie Blum are just a few of the freshmen who have made an impact thus far.

The Lions scored a big win against FDU-Madison in "an amazing 2-1 overtime battle," said sophomore Amanda Liddick. Billman feels that "the FDU game has raised the confidence of the team considerably," a confidence that will hopefully "be contagious" along with the thrill of victory.

Billman believes that the confidence gained through this early win over FDU and the victory over neighboring school Alvernia will prove vital for the remainder of the season. A season in which "this

team possesses the talent to beat the rest of the teams on its schedule," said Billman.

Every season does have its rough spots. The Lions came against a Lebanon Valley squad that is ranked second in the nation. Amanda Liddick said that it was "a hard-fought and bitter loss against a very experienced Dutchman squad." Coach Billman is confident that the team will learn from the Lebanon Valley match and use that knowledge to have a highly successful season.

This past Saturday, the team suffered a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Messiah. Both goals came in the second half after a hard fought first portion of the match. The Lions defense held well in the first half but could not contain the Eagles forever. It was a tough loss that the team looks to improve upon.

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