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## "Living With AIDS" Panel Touches Albright

by Wendy Kanzler

A panel discussion entitled "Living With AIDS" was held last Wednesday evening in the South Lounge. William Bender, Board Chair of Berks AIDS Health Crisis, led the discussion with four people who were either P.W.A.'s (Person With AIDS) or HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) positive. Over 150 students and faculty attended this event, the motivation for many being just to satisfy curiosity and see what someone with AIDS looks like, and/or to get Experience credit. Whatever the reason, this nearly two-hour event proved to be extremely informative, moving, and yet humorous at times.

The panelists spoke at Albright because they wanted to get a crucial message out to college students, who are consequently the next biggest risk group for acquiring the virus. Their message to the audience was to learn about AIDS, help the cause by informing others about the facts, and to be cautious in their behavior. One panelist named Michael felt that it was important for people to "know that they [P.W.A.'s] are not like Freddy Krueger."

Another message that came across was that having the virus is frightening and can make you rather lonely. Michael said that it is frightening because "people who are unaware [of the facts] don't want to be around you." He later described the loneliness and the negative image others have of P.W.A.'s when he said, "It's like we're the black licorice, and everyone wants the red."

Although all of the panelists have acquired

the virus in some way, each is a unique individual with different circumstances and problems. It is often a fault of the general public to group people with the virus as "AIDS freaks" or as "people dying with AIDS." To those who attended the discussion, it is evident that this is truly not the case. The panelists appeared lively and healthy. The audience listened to a different story from each of the panelists, revealing how they acquired their illness, the nature of their illness, and how they are living and coping with it.

One of the panelists, Eva, gave an especially touching story. She told of her initial shock when she was tested positive. "It couldn't be me," she thought, since she does not fit into any of the "risk groups." Eva acquired the virus via her husband, who passed away after three years of living with AIDS. Eva is left to care for four children. Two of Eva's children were born after she acquired the virus; one was tested positive, the other, negative.

Another panelist, Steve, had his entire family tested for AIDS, and only his wife was positive. Steve told us over and over of the tremendous feeling of guilt he has for passing the virus on to his wife. Now Steve and his wife have a rather positive attitude about their lives. They are actively trying to inform the public of the facts about the virus, particularly the Spanish speaking community who are uneducated about AIDS. Steve told the audience that he himself was completely ignorant of AIDS when he was tested positive in 1986. He learned about it through health agencies and has since drastically changed

his living habits to "try to stay as healthy as possible."

Barney, after living with ARC (AIDS Related Complex) for 5 years, has also changed his perspective on life. The way he sees it, "everybody is gonna die, so don't be afraid to get to know an AIDS victim just because they might die." Barney's father once described a bridge to him this way: "We build them to keep people together." He hopes that more bridges will be built between P.W.A.'s and the public in the near future.

In response to a question asked by a student of what the students and anyone who cares can do to help out, Barney said, "The best thing you could do is, whenever you hear someone talking ignorantly about AIDS, correct them." Just spreading the word will help rid the loneliness; the more informed people are, the less frightened they will be to become friendly with a P.W.A.

Mr. Bender added other ways people can get involved including the following: helping with the AIDS hotline, handing out pamphlets and informational brochures, doing paperwork, or getting trained to participate in the Buddy System. If you would like to learn more about AIDS or how you can help, ask a friend who attended the panel discussion, or contact the Berks AIDS Health Crisis at (215) 375-2242, or write to P.O. Box 8626, Reading, 19603-8626.

This event was coordinated by David S. Rubin in conjunction with the Freedom Art Gallery's "Art About AIDS" series, and made possible by the Berks AIDS Health and the Lancaster AIDS Project.

## Judiciary Board Renders Decision

by Erica Renee Ohr and Robert Stravinski

On Tuesday, December 12th, the Judiciary Board rendered their decision on the Reynolds/Crawl racial harassment issue. The open hearing started at just past 7 PM, with the Judiciary Board Chairperson, Dr. Jeffrey Barker, reminding the audience that it was an "emotionally laden issue," and that interruptions by the audience interfering with the hearing would not be tolerated. Barker continued to state that the burden of proof was on the party bringing the charges, which was the Dean of Students.

Reynolds, a freshman, was charged with an incident of racial harassment, brought against him by the Dean of Students, and was appealing the issue of racial harassment and the punishment offered by the Dean. The punishment under appeal consists of suspension from the 1990 Interim, Disciplinary Probation for the remainder of the academic year, educational programming, and relocation of housing.

Dale Vandersall, Dean of Students, proceeded to give testimony that the alleged incident of racial harassment was reported to the Student Affairs Disciplinary Staff by Duane Crawl, on November 28th, by way of an incident report. Of the three incidents reported to the Disciplinary Board, two were confirmed by the defendant. The Disciplinary Board's decision was based on two premises: to indicate how important the issues were, and the feelings that counseling or educational programming would be beneficial.

The outcome of the hearing provided Reynolds with two options. His first choice was to accept the disciplinary actions provided by the Dean. The Judiciary Board arrived at an alternative option, consisting of disciplinary probation and an extensive informational research paper dealing with the topic of racism.

Dean Vandersall felt that the hearing went "very well" and that the "Judiciary Board process is important process for us, and that it is an educational forum for all." Dr. Jeffrey Barker, chairperson of the Judiciary Board, stated that he, as well as the Judiciary Board, opposed all forms of racism. Barker stated that the hearing went well and, "that it was a good process." Barker felt it was both "fair and educational" in that it informed everyone of the "various facts."

## Open Forum Discusses Problems

On Wednesday, December 13th, a forum was held in the South Lounge to discuss recent issues brought up in the latest edition of the *Albrightian* (Dec. 8, 1989). The forum, run by Dale Vandersall - Dean of Students, and Eugene Lubot - Academic Dean, and attended by well over 100 people, including students and faculty members.

The object of the forum was to clear up the "distortions and misinformation" which reportedly plagued the latest issue of the *Albrightian*, specifically in its editorial. In his opening comments, Vandersall felt that what was printed in the editorial "could create some real polarization in the community...we want to find a way to mend that, because community spirit is too important to us."

Vandersall first addressed the part in the editorial which accused the administration of deliberately withholding information from the students. Vandersall disagreed, stating that administration is "very open to any student who wants to gain appropriate information." He added that information would not, and will not, be given out in cases where judicial actions are still under way, or in which the students involved want the information to remain confidential.

The second reference Vandersall made to the editorial concerned the writer's use of the "facts" reported in two separate incidents of harassment. He stated that the editorial

that other "facts" stated in the editorial were incorrect and distorted. He stated that "it is very important that we check the facts out before we start putting these kinds of things together, and we think about what the implications are." He also said he felt that this type of misinformation would not be a problem again in the newspaper.

Dean Lubot opened by saying that "this meeting is to give you a chance to ask any questions you might want to ask, and raise any issue you want," hoping that the air would then be cleared.

Lubot spoke about the college's task to create a multi-cultural community, and that, "this is not an easy task to accomplish; there always comes a point of crisis, and perhaps we have reached that point. This is not unique in the history of colleges that try to create multi-cultural societies. We must work through this point."

Dr. Jeff Woodward, faculty chairperson, addressed the audience next. He said that diversity was not the issue on this campus, and that it was important for us all to know the college's stance on the issue. "We believe, and we have believed, that it is essential to welcome people of different backgrounds, different races, different creeds, and different lifestyles. This means that the college is committed to including and welcoming different kinds of people into the social fabric of the college. This last incident is a kind of

Woodward stated that the question was not "do we do it?" (diversify), but instead "how can we do it and make people work collectively and positively with one another?"

There was a large amount of student input at the forum, and the issues which were brought up varied greatly. Among the topics were: the editorial in the *Albrightian*; Orientation and the letter which went out to students involved regarding the new program; the racial incidents which have been reported to the school and the rumors which have spread; SGA and their feelings towards administration; the students' feelings towards administration; alleged inconsistencies in administrative actions; the Crowell Hall fire and the safety issue attached to it; the President's Christmas dinner being held at the Berks Country Club and its implications to the students on the issue of diversity; Albright Unity; and the overall lack of input the students feel they have at Albright.

After more than two hours of discussion, heated at times, it was agreed between those present at the forum that better communication is needed between administration, faculty, staff, and students, so that rumors and gossip can be stopped. It was suggested that administration write through the *Albrightian* to let the Albright community know what is happening on campus. Also, administration plans to meet with SGA bi-weekly in order to discuss student feedback on campus issues.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

December 19, 1979

Coca-Cola, to many the one product most symbolic and symptomatic of the American way of life, is going to China. The Coca-Cola Company starts selling the popular soft drink next month, the first American consumer product to hit that market since the Communist regime took power. The Chinese ideographs on the bottles translate as "tastes good, tastes happy," and they may signal a new era.

# EDITORIAL

As Editor in Chief of the *Albrightian*, I have done my best to produce a newspaper which is informative, current, as well as entertaining. I have done this, with the help of my staff, to the best of my ability; yet also at the great expense of my personal time. In recent months we have all heard about many *things* (be they problems, concerns, situations) which are happening on and to our campus. It has been very difficult to [factually] incorporate these things into the paper so as to enlighten the Albright community of these things which they might not be aware of, but certainly should be concerned with.

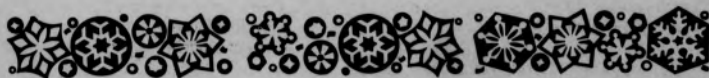
Last week's editorial (NOT an article, as referred to by some) dealt with a sensitive issue -- thought by many to be too sensitive to be written about. As a result of this editorial, which was the **OPINION** of its writers (not necessarily facts, nor the opinion of Albright College or its community), the *Albrightian* and its editors have been questioned as to their motives, objectivity, responsibility, dependability, and perhaps sanity.

These accusations in themselves are unfair. To quote an administrator at last week's open forum, "We all make mistakes." Last week's editorial was not written to hurt anyone -- we are sorry if it did. It was not written to stir up controversy nor to inflame hostility toward any issues. It was not written to create the "monster" about which it spoke. It was written, however, in an attempt to raise an awareness about a great problem which exists on this campus. A problem which certainly plays a role in the tension which IS growing on this campus. It is communication, or a lack thereof, which is causing a problem of extreme proportion and is interfering with the functioning of our school.

We attend a small school where rumors run rampant. As the school newspaper, it is our job to report the precise happenings on the campus to the campus, and to do this as best we can. Sometimes in our "quest for the facts" or "hunt for the truth" we are stonewalled. Students complain that administration hides events which take place on the campus; administration says it must protect the "right to privacy." Miscommunication between the two exists. Memos/letters are sent to the students pertaining a certain issue; when asked for clarification, administration says something slightly different. Students complain of inconsistency; administration claims it was interpreted incorrectly. Miscommunication again.

The examples are endless but the problems stem from one thing -- the need for greater communication between ALL individuals at Albright. Especially with all of the changes diversification brings to us, a solid network for communication is essential! More credit must be given to the students as to their willingness to accept diversity, and more credit must be given to the administration as to their motives for and intentions toward diversity. These understandings can only come about by the open communication of feelings and ideas.

Our school is in the midst of great change -- positive change -- but there are still some "bugs" which must be worked out along the way. Last week's open forum was the first step toward open communication on this campus. It was much needed. Let's ALL do our best to keep these lines of communication open, busy, and straightforward so as to promote true unity throughout our campus.



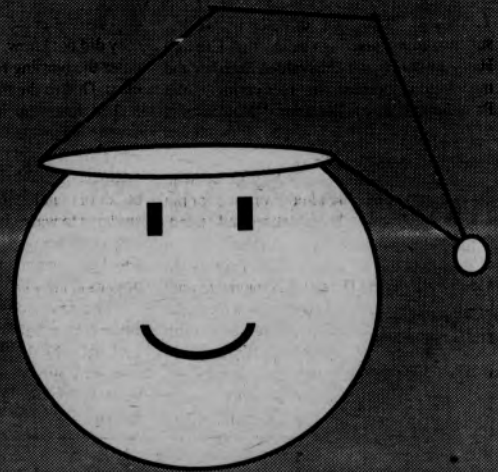
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From all the editors and staff  
of the *Albrightian*...



Have a Holiday

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This newspaper has recently published numerous articles that were directed towards the issue of racism, and more specifically, racism on this campus. These articles sparked a wave of responses that also addressed the problem. Unfortunately, it appears as though even the letters to the editor at Albright are divided along racial lines: white students write and state that they haven't seen or heard racism and prejudice (or in the worst of cases seem to support it) while the black students, and other minorities, describe to the readers the prejudices that are present. Regrettably, I have the feeling that this trend leads many white students to the idea that Albright's minority students just *feel* like they are being discriminated against. Hopefully, this letter will clear up any misguided notions on this subject.

Racism is very prevalent at Albright. I hate to admit that a large minority of the majority does not understand where race relations, and in many areas of the country, where ideas about different groups of people have advanced to in the 1980's. As a white male, I am rarely if ever discriminated against. However, if a minority student had been in my shoes through the first four months of school, he/she would have heard or seen at least fifty racist statements or actions, the majority of which were directed towards black persons. Included in that group is the incident mentioned in "Tensions Mount on Campus" (the *Albrightian*, 8 December 1989). People should also realize that this problem is not limited to Albright College, for it has been documented on campuses around the country. However, the problem here does seem to be more prevalent than other campuses with which I am familiar.

As a final note, I would like to comment on a letter to the editor that appeared in last week's paper signed by the SGA. I don't know if this letter was sanctioned by the association as a whole or not, but if it was, I guess even our "leaders" don't understand the problem of racism. How can you be upset that a student received an "exceedingly harsh punishment" when it was the minimal punishment set forth for harassment? What I

want to know is why is the student still among us? Not that this would solve the bigger problem, but when a report of racism is officially documented and recognized and the students stays on campus, the administrators and students are giving the impression that they want racists on campus. The SGA also objected to the punishment because it did not follow the precedent set by a previous harassment case. Maybe the disciplinary board is finally trying to get things right. Now it is time for the rest of us to join them.

Michael J. Steiner

To the Editor:

Last week's editorial attacking the school's policies on diversity raises serious questions in my mind about the integrity and responsibility of the editorial staff of the *Albrightian*.

I believe that a college newspaper has every right to address controversial issues. It also has the obligation to take responsibility for its actions. Before the publication deadline I heard that the *Albrightian* was going to publish an article which would attempt to inflame campus opinion on an issue still in the judicial process. My information was certainly correct. The level of irresponsibility demonstrated by the writer of the *Albrightian's* editorial would have made it questionable as a letter to the editor; it is outrageous that the editorial appeared with the official sanction of the *Albrightian* editorial staff.

It was fundamentally unfair to print any article based on completely unsupported allegations of one party to a dispute. Having decided to print such an article, the editors should have insisted that the word "facts" not even be used in the article. The "facts" that the article cites are even more distorted than those brought to the Dean of Students by SGA representatives in a meeting at which I was present. At that time Tom Malecki and Cris Giambalvo were fully briefed on the case.

The "facts" in the article were not even alleged last evening at the Judiciary Board hearing by the defendant. I refer in particular to the charge that the white student had been

# Crowell Residents Hold Dinner

by Joanne Spheerley

This past Thursday night the displaced residents of Crowell Hall came together for a Reunion Dinner with guest of honor, Henry DeTurk. The dinner was coordinated by second floor resident, Heather Reese and Dr. Tim Ring. Ring, the director of weekly support group meetings stated that Crowell Hall, as a community has rallied together and made great strides in recovering from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. "You deserve a lot of credit for what you went through and are going through."

Henry DeTurk, the security guard who discovered the fire, thanked everyone for the numerous phone calls and letters and stated, "Albright students are the greatest."

Following the dinner, Ring, R.D. Anna Maria Mahon, and Head R.A. Deahna Royster led the interested Crowell residents on a tour to see the work in progress on the second and third floors. DeTurk accompanied the residents and gave an account as to what happened the night of the fire. While on a round, he was radioed that there was a signal coming into

the security office from second floor Crowell. He got to Crowell as fast as possible. Upon arriving on the second floor, he saw smoke coming out from underneath the door of room 213. When he got to the door two people who he could not identify ran out. DeTurk asked the two people if there was anyone else in the room and they replied that they did not know. DeTurk then preceded to enter the burning room to search for anyone else. Due to the thickness of the smoke, he had to reach up into the lofts because he could not see. At that point he radioed that it was indeed a real fire and to send for the fire engines. At the same time he began banging on doors and enlisting the help of other students to wake the rest of the dorm. He did not recall being on the third floor at all, but was later informed that indeed he had gone upstairs along with other second floor residents.

The first floor has been in occupancy since November 26. Third floor may move back into the dorm as of December 18, but have the option to wait until Interim. Second floor is looking forward to moving back January 4.

## (letters continued)

called "white trash" by the black student who brought the complaint and called the black student a "nigger" in retaliation. In fact both parties agree that the racial harassment was unprovoked and occurred on more than one occasion. It has never been alleged in any responsible forum that the black student abused the white student verbally or nonverbally. The editorial reads like the distorted result of a game of "Gossip."

The editorial is also grossly irresponsible in its attempt to link the current case of racial harassment with a previous disciplinary case. The only similarity between the two cases is that the article attacks the black student in each instance. The minority student involved in an attempted rape was expelled after the administration received the first formal complaint. SGA has discussed the previous case at length with the Dean of Students and has been fully informed. As has been the policy of Albright with innumerable white perpetrators of attempted rapes, vandalism of the soccer field, beatings, and other serious offenses, unless a written complaint is filed and witnesses come forward, no College action can be taken.

In fact, no responsible organization can act based on rumor or unsubstantiated allegations—including a newspaper.

I know that faculty and administrators warned the *Albrightian* staff that its information was distorted and biased. The editors chose to print an article they had good reason to believe was false. In this case the *Albrightian* has apparently deliberately attempted to inflame racial hostility on campus and has in fact helped create a climate which invites abuse of minority students.

On such a sensitive issue the *Albrightian* had a special obligation to act responsibly. It failed miserably. I doubt that this editorial staff can reestablish a reputation for fairness and objectivity, but I urge it to try.

Kathleen Greenfield

To the Editor:

As a member of the faculty I support the right of the *Albrightian* to report and to comment on all campus issues including, in most cases, the most controversial problems that may cause embarrassment to those in authority. But I was disappointed and angered by the inflammatory character of last week's editorial which managed to tar the concept and existence of diversity with a brush aimed at alleged policy inconsistencies in the Student Affairs office.

Diversity is not and should not be an issue at Albright College. As a community we

have been, we are and we will be committed to valuing all people as human beings for their differences, including those of social background, ethnic background, cultural heritage, and personal life style. This valuing means a welcoming and inclusion of different types of people into the social fabric of the college—including social organizations. Albright as a community does not expect merely to tolerate these people of different backgrounds but rather to grow and change as a community from an open interaction with them.

The editorial managed to insinuate that this commitment was itself the source of a problem, "Some of these social changes in policy interpretation and enforcement." According to the editorial, these vaguely hinted social changes that have somehow to do with diversity have "created an invisible monster that is beginning to take shape, form and most unfortunately color."

From the beginning, the editorial seems bent on fanning the flames of a vaguely defined controversy and suggesting that somehow this controversy is the result of diversity and ill-considered social change. From its provocative lead line, "The Campus is being torn apart physically and socially," to the emotionally laden language of "hideous" happenings, "invisible monsters" and free floating campus "fear," the editorial seeks to arouse controversy. This is, of course, much easier to do than allowing readers to understand the complexities of policy implementation regarding social infractions. However, when it comes to a real effort to examine the two cases upon which the charge of inconsistent implementation of policy rests, the editorial resorts to disclaimers of "limited information" and regretting "any discrepancies in what we feel are the facts."

In the mind of this reader the editorial did not have all the relevant facts of the two cases and therefore was not very successful in linking them together to form a charge of inconsistent application of social policy. What the editorial was successful at was creating the powerful impression that there is an invisible monster loose at Albright, a monster that has been unleashed by something called diversity.

This is not only nonsense—it is dangerous nonsense that can cause real and lasting damage to our community.

Jeff Woodward

Dear Editor

The letter from SGA and the Editorial which appeared in the 12/8/89 issue of the *Albrightian* deserve comment.

# NEWS FLASHES

## INTERNATIONAL

A tribute, led by Mikhail Gorbachev, was paid in memory of Andrei Sakharov. A heart attack was the cause of Sakharov's death last Thursday night. Sakharov was not only praised for his work on the Soviet Union's first hydrogen bomb but also for his "profound humanistic convictions".

The Soviet Union has made its first statement about their strengths abroad. In the statement, it said that about 627,500 military personnel. The Soviet Union has set a goal to bring them all back home by the year 2000.

An earthquake struck in the Philippines on Saturday morning. In the city of Davao, the quake measured 7.3 on the Richter scale.

## NATIONAL

In Anchorage, Alaska a Boeing 747 was forced to make an emergency landing. After flying above the Redoubt Volcano, which erupted last week, the four engines had temporarily lost all power. The emergency landing was safe and there were no casualties.

The space shuttle launch planned for Thursday has been postponed for one more day. Its mission is to rescue a satellite. The cause of the delay was due to falling behind schedule at the launch site.

## LOCAL

The former Berks County District Attorney J. Michael Morrissey has pleaded not guilty to a drug charge. The charge stated that he had supplied illegal drugs formulas to many methamphetamine manufacturers. Also charged with him was former Reading mayoral candidate Joseph Pastore.

BARTA workers have returned to their jobs on Friday morning. They had been on strike since November 20. A tentative agreement was made which will increase salaries by about 4% in the first two years and 3.5% in the following year.

## CAMPUS

The following statement was received by the *Albrightian* from the Discipline Board regarding an incident which took place last weekend:

"On Saturday, December 9, a date rape occurred at an Albright social event. Witnesses promptly notified Security and took appropriate steps to care for the victim. The female student involved in the incident has received necessary medical care and counseling, including advice regarding avenues of legal recourse open to her. The male student has been expelled from the College and is no longer in Reading. Albright College intends to honor the strong desire of the victim in this incident for total confidentiality and requests the cooperation of the Albright community."

Both argue that student disciplinary decisions should be based on preliminary and insufficient evidence. They are wrong.

Both argue that confidential student information should be made available to the public. They are wrong.

Both argue that information protected by Federal law should be made available to the public. They are wrong.

Both treat allegations as facts. They are wrong.

Communities benefit from, and are strengthened by dialogue. That which emanates from persons in leadership positions should be more careful than not to be factual and rational. The two articles in question fall short on both counts.

Sincerely,

David G. Ruffe, President

To the Editor:

This letter is written as a response to the editorial in the *Albrightian*. I don't usually feel compelled to respond to the student paper because it has been and remains a fine voice for the community. I am responding because the misinformation and distortions have too much potential to harm this valuable community.

Let me begin with the editorial's inference that the administration is hiding facts from students. There's nothing to hide. But, it needs to be understood that students have the right to privacy and confidentiality. We cannot disclose the names of students who are being disciplined or victims of abuse who don't want to be identified. It is not our place to disclose such information and in fact as long as the judicial process to be in effect, it is a violation of a student's rights to make comment on that being heard.

The second issue in the editorial I would like to address is the assertion that we allowed a student to remain on campus who had been involved in repeated sexual offenses. Not only is this inaccurate, it is a slanderous accusation. The student involved was reported once in a sexual abuse incident and as a result was expelled from Albright College.

The editorial also contended that a white student was "Fed Up" with being called

names with racial connotations (such as white trash) and used the term "nigger" once in retaliation. The truth by his own testimony is that the student was never called any names. Anyone who takes on the responsibility to write for the student newspaper (or any newspaper) must be responsible enough to check their facts. These distortions have the potential of polarizing the campus and this college community is too important not to care enough to be accurate; hearsay is unacceptable.

There are a number of other facts that are distorted, but, need not be detailed at this point. The *Albrightian* has almost always been responsible in the past and I am sure it will find its way back to that journalistic style. Thanks for letting me say my piece. My best for the holidays.

Sincerely,

Dale Vandarsall  
Dean of Students

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the reaction to last week's Letter to the Editor from SGA. The sole intent of the letter was to examine the seeming inconsistencies in administrative policy. The examples used to illustrate the point were, to the best of the Student Government's knowledge, the most recent disciplinary actions taken by administration, and hence, the most logical cases in point. Since the last edition of the *Albrightian*, there has been a meeting between SGA and several members of the faculty and administration. The findings of this meeting included some surprisingly parallel intentions that were masked with poor communication and walls of fear. With the hopes of rectifying the situation, as well as preventing any further discord, several members of the faculty and administration have agreed to participate in bi-weekly meetings with SGA.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the racism that is plaguing the college. We ask that everyone respect his or her fellow students, regardless of their race, creed, sexual orientation, or opinion. Each student at this college is accepted for admission because he

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# To View or Not To View Just Think About It....

by Bill Exaros

The Holiday season has arrived and with it an onslaught of movies to see while you are on break. The decision as to what movies to see and what movies not to see can often be a crucial and painstaking one. The "what movies did you see over break" conversation could be a disaster with one wrong choice. To add to the mess, your Christmas or Hannukah budget is running low. I recommend either the matinee or seeing a movie with a family member. Your parents will always pay, and if you offer to pay they will say something to the effect of "my how you've grown up and matured, you can get the next one." You and your mom or dad know that if there is another time that they will pay again, but you smile and feel satisfied that they think they've raised you well. Another tactic is to take out a younger brother or sister - you can usually squeeze out money for popcorn, too.

The best movie to see this break is *Steel Magnolias*. This movie is adapted from the play but is stronger in cinematic form. The setting is South Carolina. The movie is a wonderful look into the gentility and hospitality and sometimes excessive nature of the South. The scenery and cinematography are gorgeous but they do not detract from the action in the movie. The story takes place over a period of three years and jumps rather abruptly from one year to the next, so watch for these changes.

A star-studded cast adds to the overall impact of this film. The actresses are Shirley McClain, Sally Field, Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis, Dolly Parton and Darryl Hannah. These seven women and their lives are the focus of the movie. Field plays the mother of a diabetic girl, played by Roberts. The girl was told by leading specialists that she would

be putting herself at a grave risk by having a child. Caught up in an unsuccessful marriage, the daughter decides that she does want to be a mother. Field's character must struggle as matriarch to come to grips with her daughter's decision and the outcome of her actions. The other women make up the assorted friends who struggle with this family to come to grips with their own lives, as well. The women all meet, gossip and share their lives in Dolly Parton's hairdresser shop.

The subplots add spice and humor to an otherwise dramatic script. McClain plays the nastiest woman in town. She is also the richest woman, but she looks and acts like a common slob. She is delightful as Weazer, the town complainer and nosybody. The most comedic lines and sight gags come from her character. The funniest line in the play is said after a fight with her best friend, played by Olympia Dukakis, the mayor's widow and town socialite. She is trying to make up with Weazer when, when Weazer says, "You are evil. You must be destroyed." This should give you some insight into the mind of this woman.

Dolly Parton is her wonderful sweet self. She doesn't stretch much in her acting abilities, but she looks great and plays the part of the town hairdresser with ease and raw charm. Her assistant is Darryl Hannah. This is the first movie that she has done since *Splash* that you don't think of her as a mermaid every time she is on screen.

All in all, this movie is a sad but witty tale of love and friendship. But more importantly it is a story about the strength and courage of women. Be prepared for a good cry. *Steel Magnolias* surpasses both *Beaches* and *Terms of Endearment* on the cry meter. Bring lots of tissues and a sentimental heart. Stay warm and safe over the holiday, and I'll hope to see you at the movies.

by Brian "Fox" Singer and Phil "Public Relations" Walsh

**Attention Students!! The Surgeon General has just declared that the opening and closing monologues in this column can be hazardous to the Managing Editor's sanity.**

- If Lex Luther is so smart, why hasn't he killed Superman with a kryptonite bullet?
- How does someone audition for an X-rated movie? (naked and with smile on their face, of course)
- Are these producers looking for people with hands-on experience?
- Should the Freshman Survival Guide, a.k.a. the "Mugbook," come with a map of Court?
- If some people dream in black and white, can they go to Ted Turner to have them colorized?
- If Coca-Cola started selling condoms, would their slogan still be "Have a Coke and a smile"? (It obviously can't be "the real thing"!!!)
- Did the school raise our tuition \$2,000 so that they could replace the toilet paper dispensers in the bathrooms?
- What ever happened to the Knack? (who the hell were they?)
- Does anybody really understand "the Speakeasy"?

Thank you for your cooperation during this time of crisis.

## Attention All Assassins!

The Albright Gamers Guild will conduct a game of Assassins during interim this year. The game will start January 12th and end on the 25th. The one who survives 'till the end with the most kills wins half the pot. Admission into the game is one dollar. It is suggested that you contact us early. For information and sign-up contact: Geoffrey Wendel (box 1521) or Jim Ridgway (box 1225).

## MOVIES

**Fox Fairgrounds** 921-8111  
Blaze (R)  
Family Business (R)  
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Prancer (G)  
She Devil (PG-13)  
We're No Angels (PG-13)

**Fox Berkshire** 373-4093  
Christmas Vacation (PG-13)  
The Little Mermaid (G)  
Steel Magnolias (PG)

**Fox East** 779-6552  
All Dogs Go To Heaven (G)  
The Bear (PG)  
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# The Bach Choir of Bethlehem Visits Albright

by Susie Hall

Monday December 11 at 7:30p.m., the Bach Choir of Bethlehem honored the Albright campus with their first concert away from their home in 13 years.

The choir has over 125 members and an outstanding 32 piece orchestra. Every year the choir has a festival in Bethlehem that attracts listeners nationwide. The group was organized in 1898 and is dedicated to the works of Johann Sebastian Bach.

You might wonder why the choir hasn't toured in so long, or for that matter, when they did, why did they choose Albright? The answer is that the choir has a very busy schedule in their home city of Bethlehem. Aside from their yearly festival, they do a Christmas Concert and a new Easter Concert. Finding an opportunity to perform that fits into their schedule hasn't been that easy. With the help of a lot of people, and most importantly by Dan Crawford, a Philosophy professor here at Albright (who is also a tenor

in the choir), the Bach Choir managed somehow to work their way to Reading.

It is very unfortunate that there were not more student rate tickets. The 50 tickets that were available to the students were sold quickly. It was also disappointing that so many students were unaware of exactly how famous the Bach Choir actually is. Many students thought that it was just another Experience or Christmas concert, and when they heard the price of the tickets, immediately they decided not to attend. There were many empty seats in the chapel which should have been sold out. Hopefully when Albright is given such a great opportunity in the future there will be better attendance.

Luckily, the chance at attending other of these great events is still available. Dr. Crawford is in the process of arranging "The Consorte of Musice Trio" with internationally acclaimed vocalists. Performances that are cultural, educational, and enjoyable are not too frequent at small colleges such as Albright. This past concert was a pleasant surprise.

# Campus Assaults on Pizza Deliverers

(CPS) - A rash of assaults on people attempting to deliver pizzas to students at Howard University has convinced some local pizza places to stop bringing pizzas to campus.

"Two or three" assaults on pizza deliverers have been reported this semester, said Lawrence Dawson, director of security at the Washington, D.C. college. "It's abnormal because we've had none of this in the past." Pizza store owners, however, report more than "two or three" crimes against delivery people, citing instances of wrecked cars, physical attacks and robberies at least last March.

Police have no suspects, although some pizza sellers believe the assailants may be students.

Regardless of who the culprits are, the sellers are dismayed. Eric Adams, owner of a nearby Pizza Hut, drafted an open letter to Howard students at the end of October, pleading with them not to hurt his employees.

drivers' cars have been broken into and lights have been busted, Adams said, causing more than \$500 in damage since March.

Adams, who has a second restaurant that serves Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., said his problems are limited to Howard.

No one at Pizza Hut headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, has heard of any similar problems at other campuses, said spokesman Roger Rydell.

"It's a problem directed at all the operators coming into campus," Adams said.

A few stores already have dropped Howard from their routes. Pizza Movers stopped deliveries after 2 drivers were assaulted in front of Howard Plaza. Another restaurant, Happy Pizza, suspended deliveries temporarily after a driver was assaulted and robbed trying to make a trip to Howard dorm last semester.

"If it's not possible for them to return to campus, the students will have to live with that decision," Howard's Dawson said.

# The Speakeasy: ???????

by Bob Stravinski

of the looms were just about saturated.

Since this is the holiday season, "I am having the weirdest day," I took it upon myself to relate to the Albright community a *Speakeasy* incident which occurred last year.

"I was on my way to the bingo parlor, and well the directions got all fouled up," and I ended up in the worst possible section of Reading. Now, mind you, it's about 3 am in the morning and I'm "ha-ha, sitting pretty, altogether in Schaeffer City," get the idea?

Anyway, I'm shivering, as well as shivering, in this sub-arctic Reading weather, when this boozed-up guy comes walking towards me. Remember my Psych 101 class freshman year (I got a C which I didn't deserve, but who cares, right?) my decision was to fight or flee. Instead of running, I walked up to this portly drunk and questioned his nature. He mumbled that his name was Carl Spagler and he used to be assistant grounds keeper at some place named Bushwood, yet there was some bloodshot in his eyes which told me different.

We walked together, arm in arm, sharing swills from a near frozen bottle of MD 20/20. We found his parking space, yet he looked at me in dismay, and said in his best John Laroquet voice: "Where the #\$%# my truck?" I retorted, "Are you gonna be sick?" Just then, I heard something that would forever alter my drinking habits. Jangling bells, off in the vicinity of 6th and Cherry Streets. Since this was Christmas Eve, and I was not home in bed but in the middle of Reading, my fruit

Around the corner came, what appeared to be, seven plattapusses (plattipi? Never could spell, could I?) dragging a piece of astroturf, and a set of handlebars from the Harley Davidson Joe Namath rode in C.C. Rider. The head plattipi's name was Gene, and told my newly adopted friend and I to hop on. The gleam in his smile was something not of this world, something reminiscent of *Jaws 4: The Smokeless Tobacco Dipper*.

Well, we hop on and this guy cranks up the Harley. The sound was that of Jack Nicholson's laughing, but that did not matter. This carriage from hell took off at the speed of Sav's rig. Careening around Reading in wet underwear is not my idea of fun, yet this carriage goes airborne right towards the Pagoda.

Well, that's all I remember. The next morning I was indeed at my humble abode. Giggling to myself in bed (don't ask) I knew it must have been a Mad Dog induced hysteria. Yet I looked out the window, and there was Joe Namath and Bobby Brady having a catch. Next thing I know, mom's bringing out the Christmas dinner. For appetizers, it was some kind of green: "It's a hybrid; a cross between North California sensamile and Kentucky Blue Grass." The main course--of course--plattipuss marinated in grape Mad Dog.

Here's to you Barry Manilow. Happy Holidays from the man that inspired multi-colored wash-and-dries.

# Woman Barred From Playing on Men's Team

(CPS) - A graduate student at the University of Arizona has been barred from playing on an intramural flag football team because she is a woman. It was the second time in three months someone at UA has stopped a woman from participating on a previously all-male team.

Intramural officials told Karen Scott in September that mixed-sex intramural teams aren't allowed and, if she wanted to play, she'd have to find a women's team.

Scott, who said her teammates didn't mind her being on the team, is angry because the Campus Recreation Handbook does not mention a rule barring mixed-sex teams.

"There's nothing in the policy that says I can't play."

In a separate UA incident, sophomore Jodi Oriss won the right to play on the men's rugby team, after filing a discrimination complaint against the team.

The 2 cases are different because UA has women's intramural flag football but not women's rugby club, said Intramural Director Cynthia Hardy.

"There are opportunities for (Scott) to play with the women's division," she said. "If I let her play, then the men would be allowed on women's teams and they'd destroy the women's programs."

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roomie! You're all the greatest!  
Remember: stay out of the library and  
listen for the doorbell (or else it's in your  
eye!) Love- Saidah

Lisa B- Hey, when can I drive your boat  
again? Sai

Coach - We have this thing in our  
apartment called a bed. It means you  
don't have to keep passing out on the  
floor. Love, Sharon

To the speechless - Friendship is  
understanding so why don't you try a  
little? Grow up and forgive and forget  
already. Insult master

"Hey, Sue and Sharon Fresh: I hope  
Santa brings us each a rose Joe for  
xmas!  
Alarmed E!

Guys - How about an "It's a Wonderful  
Life" marathon? Love, the TV in 312  
Selwyn

206 Smith Boys - I borrowed your tooth  
brush! Thanks! Nice window!! - ?

Anne- After you get done with my shirts,  
the next paper only has to be 10 pages.  
Love, Barry

Dan, Brent, & Steve-  
WHERE'S MY DINNER?!! I prefer  
lobster! Saidah

ARB- Full moon tonight-whadaya think?  
Carpe diem? Love, CCN

Sara, Did you like your birthday card? A  
Friend

Uh...Calvin- Do you have time to take  
all six of us to the bus station at different  
times and then pick us all up at a  
moment's notice on different days. Or if  
it would be easier, you could just pick me  
up at my house. Pick me up at 7. Thank  
you so much. We love you! T.S.S.

Jose - you are a great friend. Thank you  
very much. I love you. - your sister

To my shoulder- Have a nice break, have  
fun and relax. We will have some good  
times....

Kristin, Jan & Liz - Did I ever tell you my  
last name was in a history book? - Jen

"Happy Birthday to Lisas, Marie  
Rheta, Pam, Michele and Teri! Happy  
Holidays!! Love, Spirit

Woods Dorn - great job at  
Cousins - it was  
Thank you very much Walton Elves for  
the gift!  
Karina

Do you have a cereal fetish? Is the  
cereal talented? Can it do Kix?  
remember, don't stop on the mutant  
ones, and NOTHING leaves this room.  
You - Know - Who

Rose Jo says, "Eileen, honk if you want  
me!"

Deb- Oh wise one on the hill, why do we  
go through life?-Duh. Love, Bikay,  
Elaine, & Kristi

Just smile and nod. O.K.

To The WXAC E'Board - Thanks for all  
your cooperation so far during our time of  
change. Have a happy holiday and I'll  
see some of you on the 28th! Love, Brian

Mr. Bunny gives good Fred! Love, Us

Hey Guys- Anyone for pudgy bunnies? -  
the grape nuts

Joanne - Think of a title yet? It's yours!  
Thank for your help. Want my job???

Kristi & Deb- You guys have food  
between your teeth. Were you too bus-y  
to notice? Love, Bikay & Elaine

Cal-Great pate, but I've got to motor if I'm  
going to make it to that party on time -  
Veronica

Yeh - Hey Mr. Cameraman - The side  
show was THRILLING, ELECTRIFYING,  
SENSATIONAL, a RIP-ROARING,  
WILD and WOOLY good time. I must say  
I was EMOTIONALLY CHARGED.  
Thanks for your hard work!  
-in J.C. your pAL

Tigger - You're so much cuter when you  
smile. Please don't frown anymore.  
-your 2nd roommate

Diana bo bee Ming 4 ever. I love you  
more...

Liz - Congrats - I knew they couldn't  
resist you. Good luck! Love, Pete

Robert - Can't wait to spend Christmas  
together! Love, Patricia

Vaz - What's cooking in the kitchen?

To my "goofman" - 2+ mos. and I'm still  
smiling. You're the greatest.  
I love you, Erin

Dana - Next time I'll have some wine with  
my cork! Love, Sean

Sav - Do they have pool tables in  
Colorado? I so, can I come? - Christine

Phil, Dorothy, and Brian - Don't forget.  
You must wear comfortable sneakers  
when sleeping with an MDA dancer so  
you will understand what is going on.  
Dorothy, Brian and Phil

Mark - It's 2 years already! I love you.  
Your M.

Does it get any better than this? A very  
dissatisfied customer.

Matt - You know you want to dance,  
come on - we know how you get into  
those moods! Luv, Kathy and Lynne

Brian & Dorothy - Why don't we just put  
a tent up in Walton Lounge? - The  
Scarecrow. P.S. Are we going to go over  
"Volume Two" this weekend?

Happiness is singing to others. Greater  
happiness is hearing others say that they  
enjoy your singing. (Fa la la la, la la la  
la...)

2nd Floor Krause - Thanks for  
everything. You girls are AWESOME!  
Luv, Kathy

Matt - Get into any wheelchair races  
lately? - Phil

At this joyous time of the year, I wish  
lots of Christmas cheer. Cecil Turtle

Liz - Congratulations on your job offer!  
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us "little people who will be broke in rad  
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## A Lighter Side to the Holidays

by Brian Singer and Phil Walsh

*'Twas the night before Chanukah  
The season was felt.  
The children were wondering  
If they'd get any gelt.*

*What is gelt you say?  
You say you don't know.  
Gelt is some money  
That Jewish folks bestow.*

*Let's not forget Christmas  
And the nativity scene.  
Though it's been around  
Since before Halloween.*

*The joyous season  
is a time of thrills.  
But there is one exception  
When one gets the bills.*

*The holidays are happy  
A joyous time of year.  
When you find that someone special  
You stand up and cheer.*

*Now the Christmas decorations  
Are all around the house.  
As you try to impress someone  
And make them your spouse.*

*Some couples together  
Got nestled in their bed.  
With some protection  
Adorned on their heads.*

*Have a happy holiday  
In your house of brick.  
But when you go to bed  
Make sure to protect your reputation.*

*The stockings were hung  
On his (ahem) with care.  
In the hopes that some children  
Would never appear.*

*This college is Albright  
In Reading, P-A.  
"There aren't any problems here!"  
That's what they all say.*

*The Arts Building is working  
The new dorm is near.  
Students may use them  
Sometime next year (???)*

*The students at Albright  
Got plastered on beer.  
Their noses were red  
Like a certain reindeer.*

*The finals are coming  
It's a time we all all squirm.  
Look on the bright side  
It will soon be Interim.*



## An Albright Christmas Story

by Mark Matkovich, '89

And it came to pass that God did look upon Pennsylvania and upon the city of Reading and he liked it not. God said, "Behold Reading thou art a waste of space."

So God decided to give Reading his only begotten college, to teach men and women to make the world better for all mankind.

And God did call this mighty place Albright College.

And the Wise Men hearing this, did come from afar to bear witness to the birth of Albright. And they did like it and so they became professors. And the wise high school graduates did hear of this exalted college, and they came from the lands of PA and NJ, bearing money, incense, and beer. And they liked Albright and became students.

And there was much rejoicing.

The students loved Albright so much they did not want to graduate. they did party hearty, and did cranketh Guns 'n Roses and study they did not. Then they invented the five-year plan. And they did graduate not.

And God was mighty pissed.

God was so exasperated the He saideth unto the students, "Thou art waste products. Thou shall be punished."

"Thou shall fill out class schedules and getteth not thine classes. And thou shall all take freshman English and your grade will exceedeth not a C. And thou shall take biology and chemistry and you will comprehend them not, so shall ye fail."

"And whenst thou is hungry, thou shall eat at the Dining Hall, and thou will be afflicted with lower intestinal complications."

"And thou shall bring thine car to school and findeth not a parking space. And whenst thou does park, thou shall receive a parking ticket."

"And thou will have papers to write. And whenst thou does type the paper into the computer the printer shall not work."

"And I will create new editions of textbooks and whenst thou tries to sell back books unto the bookstore, it will buy them not. And for those books it does buy, thou will receive but \$1.50 and thou shall accept it."

"And many of you will live on campus and thou shall get geekish roommates. And whenst thou complaineth of thine roommate thou shall be punished even though he is a geek."

"And to remind you of your sins, I shall send down many rains. In the winter, the winds shall blow and thou shall blow and thou shall be as cold as a witch's @!\*".

The students were much disturbed.

They did fill out their schedules buy getteth not their classes.

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They did read their English literature but they could understand it not, so their grade did exceedeth not a C. They did take biology and chemistry but could understand them not, so they failed.

They did eat at the Dining Hall and at night were afflicted with much suffering.

They did drive to Albright but could parketh not.

They did type assignments into the computer but could printeth not their papers.

They did go unto the bookstore but could selth not most of their books. And for those few books they could sell, they received buy thirty pieces of nickel.

They did live on campus and getteth geeks for roommates.

They did walk but the winds were frigid. The sidewalks did freeze and they did slip and fall upon the ice, and they cursed saying naughty things unto the heavens.

And after finals they had but one day before the next semester, and so this continued throughout the years.

And the students were much pissed off. And God did look upon the troubled students and He took pity on them for they did fail all their classes and hadeth not any time to party hearty.

So He saideth unto them, "To relieve thee of some of thy troubles, I shall giveth unto thee one favor."

And the students looked unto the heavens and they dist cry out in pleading tones, "O Lord, give us a break!"

"Taking pity on them He replied, "So be it. Thou shall have a break once a year, and I shall call this Christmas break. But you must promise me one thing; you must enjoy this vacation to the fullest and make much merry."

The students did promise unto the Lord to enjoy Christmas break and make much merry.

And so it came to pass that every year there is a Christmas break. The students did rejoice and make much merry.

Thanks be God.

## Memorable Moments of the Decade

### 1980

-May 18, 1980- A volcano in southwestern Washington State, Mount St. Helens, erupts for a second time in less than two months, devastating the local area, with steam and ash rising well over 11 miles into the air, and killing at least 34 people. Clever entrepreneurs make a quick buck by packaging the ash and selling it as a novelty item.

-July 14, 1980- Billy Carter, the president's brother, registers as an agent of Libya after receiving over \$220,000 from that country. It's unknown whether or not Quaddafi was in on the "Billy Beer" deal.

-November 21, 1980- "Who Shot J.R." episode of Dallas airs and is watched by more people than any TV show in history, further proving the degeneration of society as the world heads into the 80's.

### 1981

-March 30, 1981- President Ronald Reagan is shot by a madman outside of a Washington D.C. hotel, and is rushed to the hospital where the bullet is removed from his left lung. The assailant, John W. Hinckley, Jr. said that he did it to impress a girl-actress Jody Foster.

-May 13, 1981- Pope John Paul II is shot and seriously wounded while riding in an open car in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City. The would-be assassin is a 23-year old Turk who said that his reasons for endeavoring to eradicate the pontiff were other than to impress a girl.

-July 29, 1981- Prince Charles of Britain (age 32), and Lady Diana Spencer (age 20), tie the knot at St. Paul's Cathedral in London in front of a worldwide television audience of over 700 million people.

### 1982

-April 30, 1982- Argentina becomes the laughing stock of the free world as it invades the Falkland Islands and subsequently gets

stomped by Great Britain a month or so later.

-October 1, 1982- Someone laces Tylenol pills with cyanide and kills seven people in the Chicago area, apparently inspiring various copycats across the country who likewise poison pain killers to murder people. The maniac who caused all the trouble in the first place is still at large.

-October 19, 1982- John DeLoorean, creator of the "Delorean," a stainless steel car with weird doors, is arrested for possession of 59 pounds of cocaine, which he was allegedly going to sell to cover the losses incurred since only a few people bought his automobile.

### 1983

-March 3, 1983- The Korean war ends again as the final episode of M\*A\*S\*H is aired and viewed by over 125,000,000 persons worldwide, many of whom dropped dead from the shock of realizing no more Klinger!

-June 18, 1983- Sally Ride becomes the first U.S. female human to be launched into space as a crew member on the space shuttle Challenger. She claimed that her name had nothing to do with her being chosen.

-December 20, 1983- Former U.S. President Gerald Ford, apparently having nothing better to do, guest stars on the TV program Dynasty.

### 1984

-May 18, 1984- President Reagan's colon is operated upon, and a small polyp is partially removed. From this date forward, Reagan is operated on about every two or three months and has some part of his body removed each time.

-August 12, 1984- Apparently intent on re-kick-starting the Cold War, Ronald Reagan jokes during a radio test that he's ordering a nuclear assault on the USSR, and that "The bombing begins in ten minutes." In general, people did not find this funny.

-December 22, 1984- Bernard Goetz, a New Yorker, shoots four black youths whom he says were trying to mug him on a subway. He is soon to be seen on more magazine covers than Elle MacPherson.

### 1985

-April 25, 1985- Coca-Cola Company offends millions of cola drinkers worldwide by announcing plans for a "new formula" of Coke. Nobody realized until later that they were just doing it for attention.

-September 1, 1985- The legendary sunken ship Titanic is discovered under 12,000 feet of water south of Newfoundland. The 46,328 ton British ocean liner sunk in 1912 after hitting an iceberg, drowning at least 1,500. The spirits of the dead were "just thrilled" that their watery grave had been located.

-November 29, 1985- Crack, the cheap and deadly cocaine derivative, hits the streets of New York City.

### 1986

-January 28, 1986- 74 seconds after liftoff at Cape Canaveral, the space shuttle Challenger explodes.

-April 8, 1986- Actor Clint Eastwood is elected mayor of Carmel, California, in a landslide victory (like the guy he was running against had a prayer).

-April 13, 1986- The United States federal debt officially tops the two trillion dollar mark, doubling in less than five years. One official attempted to explain the enormity of the figure by saying "If you laid two trillion one dollar bills end-to-end, they would leave the Earth's atmosphere, go into space and coalesce into a planetoid the size of Mercury."

-April 30, 1986- The Chernobyl nuclear reactor in the Soviet Union explodes and releases deadly atomic radiation. At this point it becomes apparent that the big trend of the mid-80's is incredibly expensive things

# Home For Christmas?

by Jodi Kreider

What is Christmas? "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose"? "Rudolph with his nose so bright"? Or perhaps a time to eat too much or spend all of your money? Maybe when you think of Christmas you think of a time of sharing with family and friends. But for some students at Albright, Christmas may not mean any of these things, and family and friends may be thousands of miles away. Many foreign students at Albright spend the Christmas holiday with friends or relatives, families in Reading, or even Albright professors when time and/or money prevent them from going home.

"I'm taking a class over Interim," explains freshman Damla Anđiz, a Sociology major from Cyprus, when asked why she was not going home over the holidays. Instead, Damla and a friend from Peru will be staying with a Turkish family in the States. "Our religion is different so we don't really celebrate Christmas anyway. I'll be missing my family, but not the holiday," she concluded.

Freshman Ovais Karim, a Business Administration major from Pakistan, explains that Christmas has no meaning for Muslims, so he will spend the holiday break sightseeing. Ovais plans to spend Christmas break with some friends in Chicago.

Similarly, the majority of people in Harmeet Sahani's native India are not Christian, but through Western influence celebrate Christmas anyway. According to Harmeet, in India there is "more emphasis on partying; Christmas is a week-long celebration, not so much concerned with gifts and Christmas trees." Harmeet, a junior Business/Computer Science major, has not been able to go home for Christmas break during any of his years at Albright. Instead, he explains with a smile, "I probably won't know where I'm going for Christmas until the last minute. I just go with whoever wants to take me along home with them."

Minako Miyata, a junior Psychology/Business major, is from Japan, and is able to go home this year for the first time. She plans to spend the first part of break with a friend here in the States, and then they will go to her home at the end of the month. She explains that Christmas is also spent a little differently in Japan. Although they do have the trees, lights, and decorations, Japanese families generally do not exchange gifts. Christmas is "more a time for boyfriends and girlfriends to go out for a special dinner and then exchange gifts," Minako explains.

In Columbia, Christmas is celebrated virtually the same way as in the United States, according to junior Business/Marketing/Communications major Claudia Rodriguez.



Like Minako, this is the first year that Claudia will be going home during Christmas break. She spent her first Albright Christmas with an uncle in Texas and celebrated the holiday last year with her roommate. "This is the first year since I've been at Albright that we're really exchanging gifts," Claudia relates, "Other years we just sent money, so I can't wait to go shopping and throw all my money out the window!"

In Peru, Christmas is also celebrated similarly, according to sophomore Nutrition major Karina Garcia. Karina has been able to go home for the holidays both of her years here at Albright and this year she looks forward to celebrating with Pia Tapaninen, a sophomore from Finland.

Regardless of how the Christmas holidays are spent in their native countries, students interviewed listed spending time with family and friends the part of break that they would enjoy or miss the most, depending on whether they were able to go home or not. So this Christmas, when you're telling yourself that you cannot wait to get back to Albright and get away from noisy little cousins, parents who do not think that you spend enough time with the family, and siblings with whom you have to share everything, stop for a minute and think about what Christmas would really be like without them.

# Christmas: A Season of Emotions

## Things I hate About Christmas:

- Having to kiss relatives who are ill.
- When your richest relative gives you something chintzy.
- Selecting a gift for a 109-year-old great aunt.
- Having to write a lengthy thank you letter to your 109-year-old aunt for a dopey gift.
- Having to wear, for the first time, the hideous sweater your aunt gave you last year because you're going to see her this year.
- The way Christmas is so heavily hyped that you're sick of it by mid-November.
- Having to buy gifts for relatives you don't know, or who you know are jerks, just because you're going to be stuck at the same get-together.
- Staying in a house with 21 people and one bathroom.

The "informed" cousin who counts how many cookies you eat as well as how many drinks you have, says we'll never have another white Christmas because of the Greenhouse Effect and protests against real Christmas trees as being immoral even though he speculates that a fake, flame-retardant one probably causes cancer. Also, the neurotic aunt who swears that any tree is going to burn the house down.

Relatives who nag you about the health dangers of amoking even though they just ate four pieces of chocolate cake and an acre of turkey skin.

Having to wait on gargantuan lines with Christmas shoppers when you just want to buy something practical like a wrench.

When you can't watch the Yule log on Christmas Eve because it's on Pay-Per-View.

## Things I Love About Christmas:

- When the uncle with all the red veins in his nose mixes the eggnog.
- When your stuffy boss gets drunk at the office party and behaves like an idiot for everyone to see.
- When it actually snows on Christmas.
- Flannel shirts.
- When Christmas falls on a Tuesday so your boss says what the hell and gives you a four-day weekend.
- Disillusioning bratty kids by telling them Santa Claus doesn't exist.
- When a relative you've never met gives you a million dollars and a new Ferrari.
- Gingerbread cookies.
- The smell of the Christmas tree.
- Seeing the disappointment in your brattiest nephew's eyes when he doesn't get Nintendo.
- Friends and relatives whose birthdays are near enough to Christmas that you don't have to buy them two gifts.

# Residence Life Staff Holds Christmas Party for Reading Children

Last Friday evening, the Resident Assistants and Resident Directors sponsored a Christmas Dinner and Party for underprivileged children of Reading.

Approximately 20 children attended; although 50 were expected to show up, they could not due to the weather and other complications.

The evening began with a dinner in the cafeteria around the Christmas tree, thanks to the kindness of David Tanger and Hans Laese. Fruit baskets were also donated by the cafeteria for the children to share.

After dinner, the crowd marched over to a beautifully decorated lounge in Selwyn Hall. Everyone gathered around the tree and joined

in a sing-a-long of Christmas favorites. The children's eyes lit up as Santa Claus (played by Pete Mandalakis) entered the room. The children lined up for their turn on Santa's lap for a few presents and a polaroid photograph to take home.

Once all of the children were busy playing with their toys, Santa gave out gifts for all the R.A.'s and R.D.'s. These gifts were the final culmination of a week-long Secret Santa pollyana which the Residence Life Staff participated in, organized by the Director of Residence Life, Ed Skoczen. Warm thanks goes out to all who volunteered their time to make this event so very special for the children!



photo by R. Blodgett

blowing up and killing people.

1987

-March 19, 1987- Jim Baker, host of the infamous PTL Club TV ministry resigns his post after admitting to having had an extramarital affair seven years earlier with an employee of his, Jessica Hahn (who subsequently made out like a bandit from all the media coverage).

-May 8, 1987- Gary Hart, democratic presidential hopeful, drops out of the race five days after a newspaper reveals that he spent a weekend with a 29 year old model from Miami, Donna Rice. This is just another example of this year's trend of unknown females ruining the careers of important male public figures.

-August 17, 1987- 2,000 people converge on Central Park in New York to take part in the "Harmonic Convergence," a worldwide spiritual ceremony which endeavored to generate sufficient positive energy to prevent the world from ending, as was predicted by Mayan prophets. Similar gathers took place at 20 "sacred sites" around the world. Apparently they were successful, since we're still here.

-September 23, 1987- Delaware Senator Joe Biden drops out of the race for president mainly due to charges of plagiarism. He

starts his resignation speech with "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers..."

1988

-January 28, 1988- Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc is indicated on felony and misdemeanor charges of pollution for dumping pollutants into the sewage system of Middleboro, Massachusetts, where one of their plants is located. In the future, rather than dumping the toxic substances, they will bottle them as a new soft drink, says an unidentified source.

-May 1, 1988- Former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan claims that Ronald Reagan uses astrology to help him plan his schedules and make decisions. The President doesn't deny this, but does say something to the effect that he's never made a major political decision solely upon astrological signs. Kind of makes you feel real secure, doesn't it?

-August 12, 1988- The film The Last Temptation of Christ opens to a slew of irrational criticism from religious extremists who never even saw it. Picket lines, of course, boosted box office receipts immensely.

-August 18, 1988- George Bush wins the Republican nomination and chooses Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his running mate, sending hysterics and the republicans into convulsions.

1989

-March 12, 1989- An anonymous threatening phone call in Philadelphia uncovers two Chilean grapes which had been injected with minute quantities of cyanide. A nationwide panic ensues, with tons of fruit being destroyed and a ban imposed on all Chilean fruit for the next few weeks. Then, suddenly, everything was fine again.

-March 24, 1989- An oil tanker, the Exxon Valdez, runs aground and spills "some" oil in Prince William Sound, Alaska-240,000 barrels worth, to be exact. Exxon, being the largest company in the United States, decides that it didn't have to be too concerned, and handled things accordingly. Want to by some coastal property-cheap?

-June 3, 1989- The Chinese government attacks thousands of protesting students in Beijing's Tienanmen Square, crushing the newly-risen pro-democracy movement. The whole world is outraged, but only until they got tired of the story a week or two later.

-August 24, 1989- The stock-market soars to a new post-crash Dow Jones Industrial high of 2734.64, surging 56.53 points in one day. That's the good news. The bad is that it'll probably crash again and plunge us into another great depression...Nah! Bad stuff like that just doesn't happen anymore.



# Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

BOY, IF IT WASN'T SO CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS, I'D POUND YOU GOOD!

YEAH, I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!

OH NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT TEMPTING ME! I WANT EVERY ITEM ON MY CHRISTMAS LIST, SO I'M BEING GOOD, NO MATTER WHAT THE PROVOCATION!

HERE COMES SUSIE DERKINS.

REALLY? QUICK, HELP ME FIND A PINE CONE I CAN THROW AT...

NO! I'M BEING GOOD! GOOD! GOOD! GOOD!

YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT TILL CHRISTMAS. GIVE UP NOW AND ENJOY YOURSELF.

HI CALVIN, ARE YOU BRINGING YOUR STUFFED TIGER TO SCHOOL TODAY?

NO, HE'S JUST KEEPING ME COMPANY WHILE I WAIT FOR THE BUS.

OH.

BUT ACTUALLY, HE'S BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE TODAY. HE'S TRYING TO SABOTAGE MY CHRISTMAS BY MAKING ME BE BAD INSTEAD OF GOOD.

FORTUNATELY, I ASKED SANTA FOR SUCH GREAT PRESENTS THAT I CAN WITHSTAND ANY TEMPTATION. I'M BEING AN ABSOLUTE ANGEL.

WHAT DID YOU ASK FOR?

A HEAT-SEEKING GUIDED MISSILE. I FIGURE FIVE MINUTES WITH ONE OF THOSE BABIES WILL MAKE UP FOR THIS WHOLE ROTTEN MONTH.

HI MOM, I'M MAKING MY OWN NEWSPAPER TO REPORT THE EVENTS OF OUR HOUSEHOLD.

THAT'S NICE.

NOW I'M LOOKING FOR A PAGE ONE LEAD STORY. CAN I INTERVIEW YOU?

SURE.

OK, WHAT ARE YOU CUTTING UP THERE FOR DINNER?

FISH.

KNIFE WIELDING MOTHER HACKS! ICHTHYOID! GRIM MEELE IS EVENING RITUAL! SUBURBAN FAMILY DEVOURS VICTIM!

OUT OF THE KITCHEN! OUT! OUT!

HI DAD, I'M MAKING MY OWN NEWSPAPER TO REPORT THE EVENTS OF OUR HOUSEHOLD. WOULD YOU HELP ME OUT?

SURE, WHAT DO YOU NEED?

WELL, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR PICK EITHER YOU CAN GIVE ME 15 BUCKS TO PAY MY LABOR AND PRODUCTION COSTS...

15 BUCKS?!

...OR YOU CAN BE THE SUBJECT OF A COMIC STRIP CALLED "DOPEY DAD."

SO IN THE NEXT PANEL, DOPEY DAD YELLS, "IT'S BEDTIME FOR YOU, YOUNG MAN!"

HEE HEE! LOOK HOW BIG I MADE HIS MOUTH!

# GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

OKAY, GARFIELD, I HAVE FINALLY BOUGHT YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

I HAVE, HOWEVER, HIDDEN IT

IN A SAFE PLACE

HE'LL NEVER FIND WHERE I HID HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

HI DAD, I'M MAKING MY OWN NEWSPAPER TO REPORT THE EVENTS OF OUR HOUSEHOLD. WOULD YOU HELP ME OUT?

SURE, WHAT DO YOU NEED?

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HEE HEE! LOOK HOW BIG I MADE HIS MOUTH!



HEY! DID THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY BUTTOCKS FALLING OFF?

MAYBE IT'S A \$100 BILLION GENERAL DYNAMICS B-1 STEALTH "COMMIE FANNY-WHAMMER."

BUT COMMIE FANNIES ARE GETTIN' KINDA SCARCE...

SSHH! PSH! SHH! SHH!

LISTEN... AT \$100 BILLION A PIECE, WE'LL DARNED TOOTIN' FIND SOMEBODY WORTH SHOOTIN' THIS THING AT...

IN FACT, ISN'T THAT GERALDO RIVERA?!

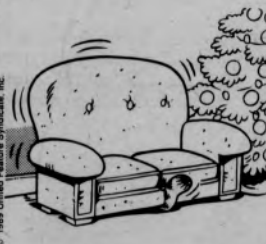
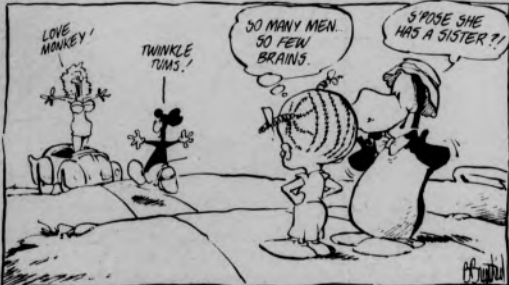
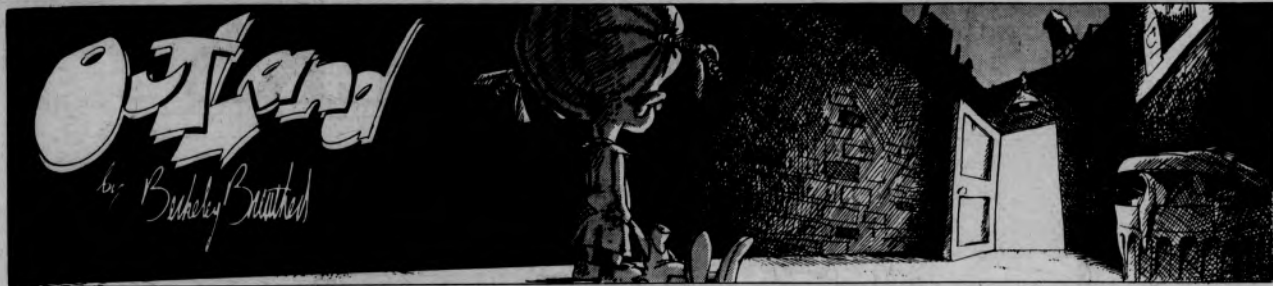
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SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL IN FOR?

OOOPS.

GERALDO RIVERA, MY FANNY...!





# MONEY TALKS



**Just a word before you send your resume to the major money center banks**

There was a time when the top graduates measured success by their ability to land a job with one of these major banks. The regionals were considered déclassé, offering less in the way of earning potential, challenge and visibility. Times have changed. Most savvy graduates now realize that if they are looking for growth and the kind of momentum it can put behind their careers—they have to look beyond the high-rises of high finance.

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## Letters to the Editor (continued from page 3)

or she has something positive to offer, just as each student is here to get an education. SGA is opposed to all prejudice and discrimination. While we can only encourage personal interaction which would dispel any misconceptions about others of the human race, we can, and do demand peaceful mutual existence. In the situation of racism at Albright College, SGA is in full support of, and recognizes the concerns of the minority students.

Student Government meetings are designed for students to come in and to discuss campus issues and concerns, yet attendance for such orders of business is slight. If you have legitimate concerns, exercise your right to representation by attending a meeting. If not, do not fule the proverbial fire by spreading rumors.

Respectfully,  
The Albright College Student Government Association

Dear Editor,

I am embarrassed, disgusted, and sick because I have been made to watch a drama that was played out years ago in the South. A drama that we (the Albright community) have not learned from. A drama that's curtain

has not fallen. We have proven this.

We should be concerned as college students with issues of peace, government, AIDS, the homeless, unemployment, to name a few. Especially at this time, we should have in our hearts and minds the feelings of the holy spirit. But these thoughts are not because we are scared. We, the students of Albright College, are frightened. But there are two kinds of fear running through campus. Some are scared because they are afraid of hatred. A hatred that has unwarranted bashed homosexuals and blacks for almost the entire semester in the *Albrightian*. Others are afraid because they are uninformed. They are still caught up in this belief that minorities are taking over, that they are taking away their rights.

This second form of fear is prejudice. It is here, alive and growing in this country. Albright College is a perfect example of it. The following comments were taken from selected speeches by the KKK:

They are to blame.

They want to rock the boat.

There was never a problem until they were given rights.

They will take away our rights.

Wake up, Albright College. Have you heard these words? Here? I have and so have

you. Every day in weeks there is some white student spurring off some dissertation about how he is feeling the pressure of "reverse discrimination." We can excuse this ignorance because this person has never experienced it. Maybe he can talk, after he has been denied access to the Berkshire Country Club because of race or religion; maybe his points would be valid if an entire side of his family didn't speak to him because his parents adopted a black child; maybe he has reason to argue it everywhere he went people said "there is a black man," not just "there is a man." But we listen to him when a Judiciary Board meeting can accept a statement that he never thought that "Nigger was an anti-racial statement."

Ladies and gentlemen, in 1989 we have not come very far. When students remark "The monkeys brought over AIDS and screwed the fags," or when a white student can remark "what's the big deal? Nigger is not so offensive," are we not forgetting the larger picture? The picture that stares minority students right in the face every day when they look in the mirror? If you are not black or gay, you -- like me -- have no understanding. Is it not appalling that people have the time and energy to write to the paper about why they believe that homosexuality is wrong, or why blacks shouldn't wear "black power t-shirts," yet they have not spent the time to look into themselves. A self that is not first

judged by the color of their skin or their sexual preference.

And what are we afraid of anyway? Come to think of it, we have everything to be afraid of. I mean, who's next? Really, let's try it! In the fairness of equality we wouldn't want to leave anyone out. I suggest we start [in February] Ethnic Race of the Week Forum. We can call together each race every week and discuss their morals, question their integrity, and put them on the defense. While we're at it, we'll give them a special hat that they'll have to wear so that we know who they are. There are so many ethnic varieties in the Caucasian group that we might get confused. The people of color will be easy to pick out, so we will save on some costs. In fact, maybe we will start with all Irish people week one. And let's not stop there -- we have religious groups and social groups that we can delve into and expose. Catholics one week, and Buddhists the next; maybe we can weed out the atheists. Then let's start on the blondes and the brunettes, and the blue and the green eyed. This could be great fun.

Think about my idea, Albright. After all, we have already begun to do this. You want to yell "reverse discrimination" but first look at yourself. Look good and hard, because we're coming to get you.

With regret,  
Bill Exaros

# A Couple of W's, Finally

From the "official writer of Albright basketball"

by Chris Krow

First of all, disregard the comments made by the rest of our sports staff (except for my Editor, but that goes without saying). I am the official writer of Albright basketball on this campus. Good, now that's clear. One thing that I would like to state is that this year's team has positively no tolerance for criticism. Take what I write in stride. I am not trying to put any player down or accuse anyone of lacking talent. No one could play on the team if that was the case. However, I write about what I observe. I am just an honest sportswriter (but as my friends know, not necessarily an honest person, at least not all of the time). So, complain about anything bad that I write, but do not expect this article to change.

Whoa! What's all that about? I just want to know the score. Well surprise, the Lions finally won. This whole "winning" thing started on the 6th of December, when the Lions beat Messiah 71-64. Leading the way in this game was Sean "I was open" Minniear. Minniear led the Lions in scoring with 23 points, 16 in the second half. Freshman Steve Leming came off the bench to score 12 and pull down 8 rebounds.

On the Saturday of that week, Albright travelled to Susquehanna. I missed the game because I had GRE's. Possibly as a result, the Lions lost. The score of this game was Susquehanna 92, Albright 79. Gary Kasmer scored 22 points, Pat Pruitt scored 17, and Freshman Sean Carney had 10. Cleveland product James Rolen finally had a quality game, pulling down at least 10 rebounds. What? 10 rebounds! Yup!

Finally, the Lions came home for their last game before break. Albright beat Delaware Valley, 86-71. Now this was a game to write about. Pat Pruitt finally broke out of a big shooting slump. Pruitt was unconscious in the first half, scoring 18 points on five 3-pointers. After a half, the Lions led by two. In the second half, Pruitt only scored one field goal. But he was 14 of 15 from the line. That's right, Pruitt ended the game with 34 in all. Not to be overshadowed, Minniear scored 22 and Rolen had 10. The unsung hero of this game, and of this team, was Matt "Grunt" Kaminski. Kaminski just harrassed (Oops, there's that word again) Delaware Valley's biggest scoring threat in the second half. The Aggie's Mike Knouse scored 17 in the first half but only 3 in the second. Kaminski

also led the team in rebounds with 7. Coach Ray Ricketts said about the scrappy Kaminski, "(He) is the stopper," and "The best scorers around aren't going to score on him." Whatever. On the negative side of this win (and there always is one), the rebounding stats were not comforting. The leading rebounders in this game were the two guards, with 8 and 6 apiece. Do our big men know where the backboard is?

The team is now 2 and 7 overall, 2 and 4 in the division. Gary Kasmer leads the MAC in 3-point shooting percentage with a high 75%. Pat Pruitt is one of the leading free-throw shooters in the NCAA (that's the nation, sports fans) with 94.6% on 49-52 shooting. Sean Minniear is one of the top ten scorers in the MAC with 19.2 points per game. Congratulations to these players on their recognition.

My player of the week award goes to Pat Pruitt. Pat averaged over 20 points per game in the three games since my last article. He did a nice job of keeping composed during what for him was a shooting slump. Coach Ricketts said, "Personally, I feel that Pat Pruitt can be one of the best scoring guards that has played at Albright." Conceivably, if Pruitt keeps up his pace, he could reach 1000 points by next year. ...If only he could play defense.

**KROW NOTES:** The JV's are turning into a "joke." They have lost their last three games to Susquehanna, the Mifflin Boosters, and the Hill School. The defense has allowed over 100 points in two of those games. A big problem on this team might be attitude. My J.V. player of the week is Lou Verdelli. Lou's leadership and winning attitude might be necessary to change things around. ... The Lion's next game is at Lehigh on January 3, the first day of Interim. Lehigh is Division I, so the game will be a good one to drive and see. A spirit bus might be going to the game. ... The home crowds are great this year, those of you who don't go to games are missing out on a great Albright experience. What a P.R. man I am. ... My tight purse strings award goes to Athletic Director Bill Helm. Mr. Helm refuses to donate 5 measly dollars as a prize for a halftime shootout, giving fans a chance to win. Rumor has it that the pool needs kickboards. Can the fans please have some fun? ... In keeping with the trend, the lanky Rob Loane broke his ankle this week. Best wishes from the team. ... Merry Christmas.

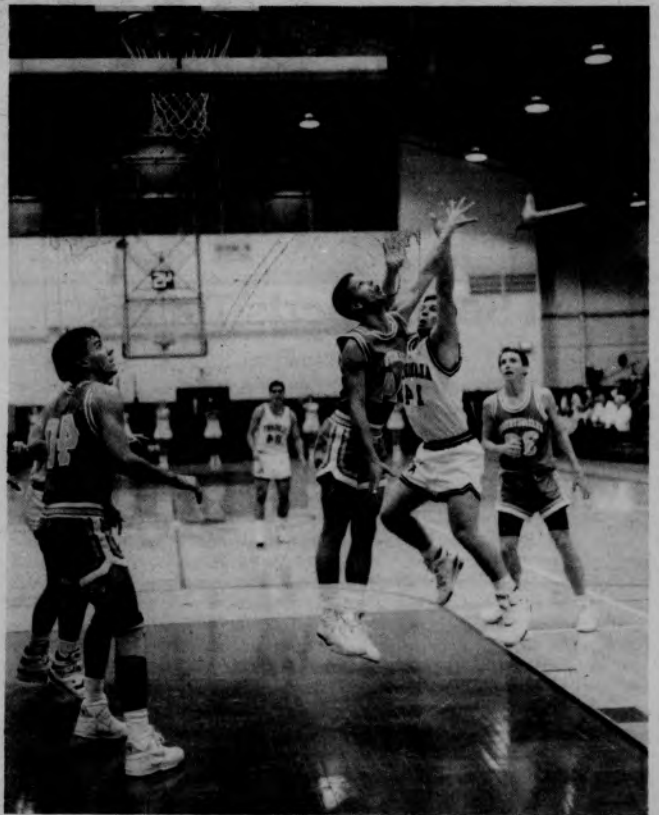


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## WXAC NOTES

WXAC greatly regrets to announce that because of their relocation, they will not be broadcasting during the Interim semester. Obviously, it follows that all scheduled broadcasts of Lions' Basketball will not be aired. WXAC apologizes for this inconvenience.

### When We Get Back...

January 3 (Wed) - the mens' Varsity Basketball team will take on Division I, Lehigh (away)

January 10 (Wed) the Wrestling team will take on Moravian (away)

January 6 (Sat) the womens' Basketball team will take on Dickinson (away)

# Lions Fall to Ursinus

by Greg Wallace

Last Tuesday evening in the Bollman Gym, the Albright wrestling team went up against Ursinus College in their regular season match. Although Ursinus walked off the mat with a victory of 30 to 20 showing on the scoreboard, on thematt, the Lions surmounted their opponents. What killed us, as coach Cherrie eluded to in last week's preview article, were the two holes in the line-up, at the 118 lb. class and at 177. If one doesn't count these two forfeits, the Lions beat Ursinus in points earned on the mat 20-18.

In terms of individual performances, it looks like this: at 118, the forfeit; at 126 Hoffman was pinned, bringing Ursinus up to 12 points; in the 134 slot, Mike DeLuca won on points, putting Albright on the board with 5 points; at 142, John Gillespie was pinned, putting Albright back 13 points; Andrew Kelly, at 150, tacked another 4 points to Albright's total, giving them 9 to U.C.'s 18. Ward Weiland wrestled at 158, and gave Albright another 3, pulling Albright to within 6 points of Ursinus. A pin would tie up the

match, but Cherrie took a gamble, and moved Huw Price, Albright's 167 pounder, up to try his luck against Ursinus' 177 lb. wrestler. Cherrie probably did this because Price lost to U.C.'s 167 pounder in the tournament that opened up the season for Albright. So, we took the forfeit at 167, and, after leading the whole first period, and most of the second, Price was pinned by the stronger wrestler from Ursinus. These two incidents gave Ursinus, an insurmountable 18 point lead over the Lions, 30 to 12. At 190, Rockovich won on points adding 3 to the cause, and Chris Boylan got the job done at the heavy-weight spot, adding 5 more points, bringing the final score to Albright 20 Ursinus 30.

The major challenge for the wrestling team this year is going to be keeping spirits up in the face of the inevitable up-hill battles they will have to wage due to the two holes in the squad's roster. Even when the people who do wrestle do quality job, such as against Ursinus, sometimes it just isn't enough to overcome the 12 point hole the team sits in each match in.

The team's next match is not until Interim.



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# THE SPORTS PAGE

## Let's Talk Sports

with Christopher Gehring  
Sports Editor

### Just Some Sports Tid Bits

Pruitt - "Wow!"  
Silverstein - The "Seventh Man"  
Elliot Tannenbaum - New SID  
ACC Fans - Early Season Woes

Since the semester is (finally) coming to a close, and we are being bombarded with finals, I'll just throw some sports tid bits your way.

**Wow!** That one word describes the play of Pat Pruitt against Delaware Valley College on Monday the eleventh. Pruitt's 34 points was the highest total by an Albright player in four years (Greg Swavely scored 37 against Gettysburg during the '85-'86 season). Pat was 15 of 16 from the free throw line (Pruitt missed a free throw - you had to see it to believe it), and from the field he hit 7 of 11, including nailing 5 of 6 from three point range. The Lions were down by 14 at one point in the first half. Then Pruitt got hot, sinking three bombs from what Ricketts usually terms the 5 point range, to give the Lions a 2 point lead going into halftime, 38-36. Ricketts insisted that I include Pruitt's 69% efficiency rate (fg's, ft's, and turnovers), which is one of the highest he has ever seen. The Lions had a team efficiency rate of 50%, and according to Ricketts, "that's why we won the game."

To the "seventh man" on the Lions, Jeff Silverstein. I have a message that Coach Ricketts asked me to deliver. Make sure you come to every game for the rest of the season, and keep yelling "MISS" as loud as you can. As for the rest of the fans, PLEASE take some time out of your busy schedules and come out to support the team. You know you'll have some free time over Interim, and when is there a better time to get....rowdy and come to a game?

Monday, December eleventh was Elliot Tannenbaum's first day on the job as Albright's new Sports Information Director (his title also includes Aquatics Coordinator). Elliot was the Sports Information Director at Yale University last year, and the four years

prior to that, he was at Ursinus College. His credentials include writing for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*; working on the Press Operations Staff for the 1984 Olympic Games; and serving as the Assistant Venue Chief for weightlifting at the 1987 Pan Am Games. His main goal as Albright SID will be "to get more recognition for all of the athletes, and particularly for the so called minor sports", because "anybody that works hard ought to get some recognition." It seems as if Elliot will pick up where Mark Wallace left off in the sense of humor department. When questioned about his role as Aquatics Coordinator, a smile appeared on his face and he said, "It looks as though my career has culminated with my being Aquatics Coordinator at a school that has no pool. Well, at least not until July." Make sure to welcome Elliot to the Albright community.

ACC fans are having it rough so far this season. Although they did go 4-4 with the Big East, Syracuse and Georgetown won the big ones. Then Duke and Carolina fell to Michigan and Iowa respectively. Now Carolina has fallen out of the top 25, and N.C. State (with one of, if not the, top backcourts in the country) has been nailed by the NCAA for selling shoes and complimentary tickets. Now there is a scandal for you, forget about Oklahoma. I know, I know, it's still wrong, it can't be condoned, and it can't go unpunished. But ACC fans, keep the faith. For the first time in at least five years, Carolina hasn't peaked in the first month of the season, so maybe they'll actually pull through when it counts. And never count out the Colonel and his Blue Devils. They may not be off to a fantastic start (so they lost to #1 Syracuse by 2 points and to the defending National Champions in overtime), but undoubtedly they'll be "there" during March Madness - right Pat?

## Biff Speaks Out:

### NFL Notes - The Lions and the Oilers

by Mark R. Kinarney

All season long I have been touting the Detroit Lions as an up-and-coming team both on "Sidelines" and through my weekly picks in *The Albrightian*. I even went so far as to say that the Lions would be 10-6 and in the playoffs next season when they were a pitiful 1-8. Well, since that bold prediction, the Lions have gone 4-1 and have beaten some formidable opponents.

First, they beat the playoff-contending Packers. (The Pack then beat the 49'ers in the subsequent week). Then, after a very close first half against Cincy, they proceeded to smack Cleveland (Joe Rehberger's pick for the ultra-competitive AFC Central). The next contest took them home to play the playoff-contending Saints. As predicted, they beat the Saints (who in the subsequent week beat the always-tough Bills in Buffalo). Then, to make it three W's in a row and four-out-of-five, the Lions trounced the struggling Bears in Chicago by a comfortable margin.

The reason for their slow start, as I stated over the air waves, was due to what seemed like a record number of injuries the Lions faced (and actually continue to face to this very day). The two main components of the run-and-shoot, Rodney Peete and Barry Sanders, missed substantial training camp and season time, thereby causing their entire game plan to suffer. Sanders, though, has bounced back to become the first 1000-yard rusher in the NFL despite missing the first 2 and a 1/2 games of the season.

For this team to continue with its remarkable advancement, Sanders (and the whole team, for that matter) must cut down on their turnovers, and Rodney Peete must play more. Heck, Peete has played less than one full game in the last four, in a game that was made for him, and his team has still won three of them! For all of you out there who actually laughed at me for this prediction (especially all of you always-ignorant Eagles fans), I have four words for you: "I TOLD YOU SO!"

Jerry Glanville truly is the Lou Piniella of the NFL coaching fraternity. While certain managers or coaches have the uncanny ability to turn what little talent they have and come up with great teams (Valvano, Herzog, Bobby

Knight, Billy Martin, etc.), others are so inept that they drive amazing talent to mediocrity. Glanville is definitely of the latter variety.

Glanville starts out with one of the top two QB's in the NFL this season. Bill Walsh said that Moon might be the NFL's best quarterback with the exception of Joe Montana and while Montana "is having another great year," Walsh notes, "Warren is having an outstanding season." Walsh goes on to say that he "just (doesn't) see any QB in the league playing better than he (Moon) is right now."

Then, when Moon calls for a run, he can hand off to either Mike Rozier, Allen Pinkett, Alonzo Highsmith, or Lorenzo White. If he wants to air it out, his wideouts include Drew Hill, Ernest Givens, Haywood Jeffries, and Curtis Duncan. And high first round draft picks Bruce Matthews, Dean Steinkuhler, and Mike Munchack man the offensive line. "Just how good is this offense?" you may ask. Well, the O's went an entire game this season without having to punt even once! (I will not even delve into the fact that, as a whole, the Oilers have the BEST special teams squad in the NFL.) Wow!

But, why are the O's continually struggling for a wild-card spot? Why if the Oilers are dominating in two-thirds of the game and are decent defensively are they so, well, MEDIUM? Simply put, the O's have absolutely NO DISCIPLINE!! Defensively, the D-backs get burned badly on deep routes and "high school-like" trick plays. During the first eight games of the season, the O's had a remarkable eight 50-yard plus pass completions thrown against them! Also, the O's are slaughtering the league when it comes to penalties (121 penalties for 951 yards). Against KC alone, they had an unbelievable 16 flags for 115 yards. While Glanville encourages the unprofessional effort by saying his players are just being aggressive, Moon held a team meeting and beseeched the O's to simply play with their heads and not with another part of their anatomy, the part that Glanville preaches.

While I still like the Oilers to with the Super Bowl this campaign, if Glanville had his way they wouldn't even make the playoffs. Management, recognizing that the Oilers are one of the 3 most talented teams in football (behind the 49'ers and the Vikings), will fire Glanville at the end of the season if the team does not play up to their potential.

## Letter to the (Sports) Editor with regard to "Biff Speaks Out"

First things first, Mark "Biff" Kinarney knows absolutely nothing about football. When you consider that the only sports Biff has ever played are badminton and croquet; you have to ask yourself what makes him an authority on analyzing a football team. His most amusing articles are the ones that involve the New York Giants and the FIRST PLACE Philadelphia Eagles.

In the first article, "Badminton Biff" was bold enough to say that the Giants are better than the Eagles. I still don't think he realizes that the Eagles squashed the Giants a week prior to that article.

After the Eagles embarrassed the Giants for the second time this year (right in front of Coach DiSisto's own eyes), BUFF wrote another pathetic article. This one gave nothing but cheap excuses as to why the Giants lost. Mr. Know-it-All said that the Giants didn't

have enough time to get ready for the Eagles, and that the Eagles were just lucky. I couldn't even finish reading the article because his womanly excuses were making me sick.

Hey Biff - as far as your last article is concerned, stop whining! Since you have never played an organized sport in your life, I'm sure you do not know what a competitive rivalry is. Let me explain it to you. When two closely matched teams, that have a lot of bad blood between them play for first place, the players have a tendency to get very fired up. What I am trying to say "She-man," is that teams in this situation do not need much time to get ready. The team that wants to win the most will win. But you wouldn't know about desire and determination.

The Eagles are not lucky. The many turnovers that the Eagles produce result from aggressive defensive play, not luck. I'll tell

you what luck is: luck is the Giant's schedule for the first half of the season.

As far as the two teams are concerned, here is a comparison from someone that knows football. There is no comparison! The Eagles are better than the Giants! Randall Cunningham is the NFL's most dangerous quarterback. Phil Simms, on the other hand, is about as mobile as Carl D'emilio. Keith Byars is quickly becoming one of the league's best all purpose backs. He can run, catch, block, and hold onto the football at the one yard line. The Giant's Dave Meggett wishes that he could say the same. "The defense of Philadelphia is the NFL's best," according to John Madden. When teams run the ball, they are thrown for losses; when they throw, Reggie White sacks the QB or Eric Allen intercepts the ball. The Giant's defense is also very good. However, as long as the Giants have

Phil Simms, they must play twice as well to win.

The bottom line is this: the Eagles are in first place. They will win the NFC East title because they have swept the Giants for the second year in a row.

Biff, I suggest that you start writing about sports that you know something about...like Ping Pong. And for the rest of the Giant fans, I recommend getting on the Philadelphia "band wagon" now. The Eagles are going to soar to the Superbowl.

Long Live the Eagles,  
Sincerely,  
Dean Vagnozzi