The Welcome Mat

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A welcome from the new Academic Dean

An enthusiastic welcome to all Albright students, and particularly to the Class of 1985. The freshman class and I are both new to Albright, and the Class of 1985 will always have special meaning for me. I know that the next four years will be stimulating, challenging, and enriching ones for all of us.

I think I know something of how freshmen are feeling right now. College is a new experience, and while you're excited by the prospect you're a little uncertain and insecure. I can sympathize because this is a new experience for me too. While I have taught at a liberal arts college and I have served as an Academic Dean at a university, I have never been Academic Dean at a liberal arts college—and, of course, I am just beginning my association with Albright.

So both of use are off on a journey into the unknown. Let me mention how I intend to proceed. I suspect you might be thinking along the same lines. First, I will do my homework. This is, I will read everything I can find about the college, the academic program, the faculty, etc. As much as is possible through reading I will familiarize myself with all facets of the college. Second, I recognize that what's written on paper is only part of the story, and I will make it a point to talk to as many people as possible. That's part of the learning process, and I will seek out all possible points of view-and I will listen! Third, I will try to strike a balance between respect for traditions and willingness to break new ground. Albright is a thriving enterprise, and nothing could be more foolish than for me to ignore that fact and change everything in sight. But I pride myself on openness to new ideas, and a judicious exploration of new approaches and new directions is very much in order. I believe that the same attitude is appropriate for you. Be respectful of your own traditions and don't impulsively abandon your values, but be open to considering different viewpoints and divergent ideas. Finally, I hope to maintain my sense of humor, not be overly sensitive to criticism, and not forget that I am bound to do some things less successfully than I might wish. Inevitably, some setbacks and disappointments accompany the exhilaration that comes with a new venture. It's good to keep things in perspective.

All in all, I'm sure that the good will far outweigh the bad and we are in for four wonderful years. Please feel free to come in to see me at any time during these years, either because of problems, or just to chat. I will always consider the Class of 1985 as part of my family.



YOU ARE HERE!
Albright College begins its 126th year!



Dean Eugene S. Lubot comes to us from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga where he was head of the history department. He earned his Ph.D. in history at Ohio State University, and he is a native of Boston.

"Exciting!" says President Ruffer

Welcome! You will hear that word many times during the days ahead. It means that we are glad that you have chosen to become part of this community. We want you to know how much we look forward to your involvement in this exciting learning adventure. We wanted you to join us and are pleased that you chose to do so.

Exciting! That's another word you will hear. It describes the context within which you will work. The events of orientation week. The apprehension of a new beginning. The opportunity to make new friends. The discovery of new ideas. The work of real learning. The joy of understanding. The interaction with the other members of this community of learning. All these and more make for an exciting environment within which you can become all you want to be.

We look forward to getting to know each of you, to sharing your joys and sorrows, and to, above all, helping you discover new meanings, new thoughts, new friends, new ideas, and new experiences.

You are now an Albrightian. We are pleased that you are. Welcome to this exciting learning community.

Department Update

A hearty hail from the hallowed halls

Accounting Department:

Welcome to the Class of '85. Welcome back to the Classes of '82, '83, and '84. We are anticipating a great 81-82 season. The rookies look good, the veterans are in shape, and we have had an excellent summer camp. We have been working hard this summer, and we look forward to having you in our classes. See you on Monday, September 14th.

Art Department;

Welcome to the new academic year at Albright. The philosophy of the Art Department includes a strong aesthetic, technical, and historical background which enhances the conceptual process of the student to develop and mature within the Visual Arts.

Thomas Watcke, Chairperson, Art Department

Biology Department:

The Biology faculty welcomes you-the Class of 1985. We are looking forward to meeting you, and we feel you might like to meet us. We have some nice facilities and offer more than 25 courses which cover topics ranging from anatomy to zoology. Each semester the Biology Department and the Skull and Bones Society (our biology club) invite biologists and professional people to present seminars or lectures on topics of current interest. These presentations are informative, as well as interesting, and you are always welcome to attend. Watch for announcements of these and other activities on the bulletin boards in the Science Building. Biology majors will want to check out our Study Room (211). Various reading materials, graduate school catalogs, and announcements of graduate programs in Biology are shelved there. It is also a quiet place to study. The 1981-82 academic year promises to be great. We hope it is for you!

Chemistry Department:

The Chemistry faculty welcomes you on your return to the campus and looks forward to sharing with you the pride and joy that will accompany the intellectual growth that is being projected for you

during this new academic year. The staff especially looks forward to working with well over onehalf of the freshman class who will be enjoying one of our dynamic introductory chemistry courses. This year, as in the past, the department's two major areas of concentration will reach higher plateaus in quality of instruction. A new two-year lab experience for upper-class students in our American Chemical Society approved program in chemistry will integrate the methodologies of the classical subdivisions of chemistry into a series of unified experiments of successively higher levels of sophistication to provide "real-life" lab ex-periences. In our biochemistry program, the new National Science Foundation supported lab was "debugged" this past year and will be available in streamlined form for upper-class students. The Department is pleased to announce that as of this date almost all of the 24 departmental concentrators in the class of '81 were placed into an appropriate medical, dental or other heath science school; graduate school; or chemical or chemicalrelated industry.

Classics Department:

Greek and Latin still live at Albright College. As courses to meet the foreign language requirement or as electives for your own edification; a few semesters or several years of study: beginning, intermediate or advanced levels; all kinds of options are available. Contact Dr. Ronald Cocroft or Dr. Sarel Fuchs for information. Nihil timendum est.



Dr. Ronald Cocroft, Religion and Chorperson, Classical Languages

Economics and Business

In addition to our recently renovated and refurnished facilities, we now have the four computer terminals in and operating. We are also happy to announce that our students can now specialize in marketing, management, or finance; and, in cooperation with the Evening Division Office, the establishment of the St. Joseph's University at Albright MBA program. See any member of the department for details.

Education Department:

A busy, exciting year for the Education Department has already begun. All twelve of our secondary teacher certification programs will be reevaluated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education this year. We have purchased extensive (and expensive) new audiovisual equipment and are preparing a brand new learning/resources center for our student teachers. New in-service programs for the Intermediate Unit, new internships and field experiences, new cooperative programs are being developed. It is a time of growth

and change. Come visit us in our new offices on the second floor of Masters Hall. And come talk to us about a career in teaching. The job market is good, particularly in science and math.



Dr. Sarel Fuchs, Education and Classical Languages

English Department:

The English Department welcomes incoming freshmen and returning upperclassmen to an exciting and productive year. We would like to remind you that an effective command of reading, writing, and public speaking skills, which have been traditionally the hallmark of an educated person, is now more than ever a practical necessity in the successful pursuit of whatever career you may choose. We look forward to meeting you. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in making course selections, in explaining our various programs of study within the English Department, and in considering many career opportunities that exist for an English major. Please visit us in our refurbished offices in Masters Hall near the newlydesigned Humanities Common Room.

History Department:

Welcome from the History Department!

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Drop by our new offices in Masters Hall for course information and career options. You will discover among other things that we really can spell



Dr. J. Dale Yoder, Chairperson, History Department

Home Economics Department:

While you are visiting Alumni Hall feel free to stop by and meet the Home Economics faculty. We have expertise in child development, family and interpersonal relations, fashion, nutrition, and consumerism. You can also see exciting and busy labs such as the Child Development Center, the design and merchandising, and foods labs. Make sure that you see the new look in the department. Graphic designs for the walls were developed by students in the housing and design course. Their graphics represent the richness and diversity in the field of Home Economics (as well as in the department at Albright).

Mathematics and Computer Science:

The Mathematics component of the department consists of three magnificent but modest mathematicians each of whom will have completed a one-semester sabbatical leave by the end of the 1981-1982 school year to further enhance his or her expertise in the use of computers and computer technology in mathematics. Students can select courses from elementary algebra all the way to topology and mathematical modeling. The addition of Donna McClelland brings to two the total of the Computer Science component. In addition, there are several part-timers who make significant contributions. The main advantage for students in this area is the availability of "handson" experience in many different aspects of computing. While all members of the department possess a myriad of interests outside their disciplines, the one that seems most common to all is an inordinate interest in music, either active or passive—as either performer or listener.



Dr. Karen Loux, Spanish

Modern Foreign Language Department:

The department welcomes all freshmen. We are ready to have you in our classes conducted entirely in the foreign language. We are looking forward to sharing your excitement as, after having been at first bewildered by the "never-heard-language," you will realize that you actually comprehend most of it the first day, and will be able to conduct a limited but meaningful conversation soon after. You will find it a most gratifying experience. Those of you who will be joining any of our upper level courses are encouraged to discuss with us what course would be the most suitable for your needs.

Music Department:

The Music Department staff welcomes you back to Albright College for another year of study, making new acquaintances, and in general, broadening the scope of your life. We invite you to partake of the offerings presented by our department such as course work, music performance opportunities, and concert and recital presentations throughout the year. Incidentally, look for the new outfits worn by the Marching Band this October. After some twenty years, the Band will be wearing spanking new uniforms. Check us out!



Dr. Rena Lawrence, Chairperson, Nursing Department

Nursing Department:

Welcome to all freshman nursing concentrators. Albright College offers a four year baccalaureate nursing program that is futuristic and reflective of the changes in society and the health care system. Clinical nursing courses will begin in the Spring Semester of the sophomore year. The low studentfaculty ratio encourages and allows for close interpersonal relationships and cognitive dialogue between student and faculty. The nursing program is housed in Teel Hall, and extensive audiovisual material and a clinical learning laboratory are available to assist the student to acquire both the theory and skills required of professional nursing. Nursing students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of clinical and classroom learning experiences that are directed toward preparing individuals for beginning positions in professional nursing. Your nursing courses will be stimulating, afford opportunities for critical thinking, and provide opportunities to actualize creativity.

Philosophy Department:

If you want to learn to become critically conscious of your own values and presuppositions or to better understand yourself and place in the world, by all means see Dr. Dan Crawford. He has just returned from a special seminar in Washington State.

Physical Education:

All of our information reveals that there are many talented athletes in the freshman class, and of course we know of the talent of the upperclassmen. A warm welcome to all from the Physical Education Department.

The Department of Physical Education, Intramurals, and Intercollegiate Athletics provides programs for all the students of Albright College. Historically, students at Albright College. Historically, students at Albright Cave been physically active on a volunteer tasis. Besides the self-scheduled recreational programs, nearly 25% of the student body participate in intercollegiate athletics, and over 80% participate in intramurals. The intramural program is designed primarily for the non-varsity athlete who wants a competitive experience. Programs for men and women are offered in the team and individual sports in season.

The two year required physical education program offers a number of options. Primarily the skills of lifetime sports are taught. It is hoped a student will develop the habit of regularly scheduling physical activity not to just add "years to one's life," but, "life to one's years."

Proper support for our intercollegiate teams is evidenced by our winning the Sam Schoenfeld Sportsmanship Award almost every year. Our attendance figures at contests place us at the top of the NCAA Division III teams in the country. Why don't YOU join with us in several of our programs. Be an Albrightian.

Physics Department:

So you think all of the animals on campus are in frats and the bio department? Well, drop in at the Physics Department, Masters Hall basement, and see all of our PETS. We would be glad to talk to you about their care and feeding.

Political Science Department:

The study of government and politics-is both a broad and a deep discipline, broad because of the wide impact of government on our lives and deep because an understanding of how we behave politically takes us to the core of our being as humans. Thus, the study of political science is not only directly linked to preparation for careers in law, government service, business, and communications but also gives to the student a variety of understandings and abilities to use throughout life. The present Albright political science program-larger that ever before-is presented by Dr. Raith, Professor Eyrich, and Dr. Brogan. Currently, Dr. Brogan is working on Pennsylvania reapportionment and new law for community development, Professor Eyrich on threats of Soviet intervention and American responses, and Dr. Raith on the introduction of computer techniques in the teaching of American government and the criminal justice system. Each attended professional meetings during the summer.

Psychology Department:

Psychologists study the most exciting, fantastic, incredible subject: people!

Religion Department:

To understand the religious foundations of western culture, to appreciate the wide range of religious ideas, and to deepen and clarify the place of relation in our individual search for meaning are he primary purposes of the department of raigion. During this fall semester a dozen course offerings by five professors will include the study of Christian and Hebrew Scripture, Non-Western Religion, Religion in America, and Contemporary Religious Issues. The "Fearless Five" (Marlow, Yrigoyen, Williamson, Barth, and Cocroft) have spent the summer improving skills in archeology, golf, tennis, biblical study, paper grading, and telling anecdotes and are eager to welcome the twelve hundred reasons why Albright exists this fall. Glad you are here!



Rev. William Mariow, Chairperson, Religios

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There were wedding bells for **Don Rider** and **Lisa Powell** (Resident Directors of Albright Court) on June 20, 1981, and for **Harrie Burdan** (Director of Public Information) and **Sue Carabello** on June 12, 1981, and for **Bev Simcik** (secretary in the Nursing Dept.) who is **Mrs. Theodore Stepenoff as of July 25, 1981.**

Stork arrives

Mimi (Home Economics) and Thomas Gavigan are the proud parents of a baby boy, Daniel, while the stork is in a holding pattern for Terry (Accounting) and Dee Reilly, who are expecting in early October.

Summer days not lazy for Albright personnel

The summer has been busy for many members of the Albright faculty and administration. Just to mention a few...

Paul Sable (Director of Evening and Summer Division & lecturer in Business) placed first and won "Best of Show" at an Antique Automobile Show with his 1957 Facel Vega.

Bill Marlow and Gene Barth spent the summer rewriting, researching, and revising the History of Albright College to be published in commemoration of our 125th Anniversary. (Both are professors in the Religion Department.)

Frieda Texter (Chemistry) and Nancy Jo Greenawalt (Phy. Ed.) took a windjammer cruise through the Bahamas in early June.



Dr. Frieda Texter, Chemistry

Robert Rapp (Chemistry) had a wet and unsuccessful fishing trip in New Brunswick, Canada.

David Ruffer (President) and family visited England.

Morgan Heller (Chemistry) attended the Fifth National Workshop on Computers in Education in Albany, Georgia. He and his family also visited Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Holland as well as England.

Roger Jensen (Biology) attended workshops in Stony Brook, NY, Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, and Canaan Valley State Park in West Virginia. He also visited family in Iowa and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Edwin Bell (Biology) spent some time in Bar Harbor, ME, vacationing and taking a course in genetics.



Dr. Barbara Fahy, History

Dan Crawford (Philosophy) attended the Institute in Psychology and Philosophy of Mind for a summer seminar in Seattle at the University of Washington.

Connie Horacek (Home Economics) attended the Arrowmont Arts & Crafts Institute in Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Beth Granger (Home Economics) attended the National Home Economics Organization Convention in Atlantic City, NJ.

Karin Goldstaub (German) visited her mother in Germany and went on a book-buying spree for her German classes.

Ann Myers and Judy Geiser (French) toured France, visiting and studying as time permitted.

Tom Meyers (Sociology/Social Welfare) used the summer to check out occupational alternatives for sociology students. He pursued this work in Connecticut.

Karen Loux (Spanish) spent a month at Cornell University attending the Sixth Inter-American Linguistic Institute.

James Moyer (Economics) went to Denton, Texas to participate in the National Educational Cooputing Conference held at North Texas State University.

Sheila Angst (Director of Financial Aid) attended the National Association of Financial Aid personnel in Washington, D.C.

Barb Fahy (History) participated in an NEH seminar at Columbia University this summer in art history.

Dale Yoder (History) attended the Newberry Library Seminar on Quantitative History, meanwhile Nicole Yoder (French & Foreign Study advisor) visited family in Belgium.

Phil Dougherty (Chemistry) attended and made a presentation at the CHEMED '81 conference held at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

Ginnie Scullion (Assoc. Dean of Students) participated in the "La Jolla Program" sponsored by the Center of Study of the Person held at the University of California in San Diego. The program is an in-depth study of group process and group facilitation based on theories of Carl Rogers, who was in attendance.

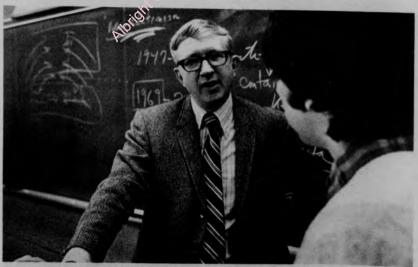


Dr. Newton (Archie) Perrin, German

Archie Perrin (German) was offered and accepted a grant from the German government which supported chearch in Baroque Emblematics. He studies in Gottingen and Wolfenbuttel, Germany.

Sarles Raith (Political Science) attended the Northeast Regional Prelaw Advisors Conference in Albany, New York.

Tom Brogan and Phil Eyrich (Political Science) attended the American Political Science Association conference in New York City.



Philip Eyrich, Political Science and Assistant to the President

Tradition revived; Convocation set

After an absence of several years, Opening Convocation will be reinstated this fall on Sunday, September 13, 3:30-5:00 in the chapel. A convocation is an assembly of people with common interests, gathered together in a ceremonial setting. Our convocation will consist of a colorful academic procession of faculty in academic regalia, the introduction of student government association officers, the recognition of recent scholarly achievements by students and faculty, and a preview of the coming academic year by the President of the College.

We encourage everyone to attend Convocation, and we hope that this will become a new tradition in keeping with the spirit of an institution celebrating its 125th year of operation. For such institutions, traditions provide a sense of continuity with the past. They help remind us of our association with an entity which is larger than each of us and thereby enlarges us all. Our participation in the traditions of the college allows us to reconfirm our commitment to the ideals for which Albright College stands. And each of us is enriched as the traditions of the college grow richer.

For each student Convocation should be an occasion to look back on your progress thus far, clarify your current aspirations, and plan for the future. Each year Convocation should be a special event, but this one in the college's 125th year is extra special. Don't miss it.

A welcome from the faculty

Your faculty happily welcomes all Albright students. Without you our life on campus would be empty!

Here at Albright we are proud that students and faculty grow together intellectually and socially. This growth does not just happen; it must be mutually cultivated.

We value our classroom contacts with you. We urge you to value them too and to be constantly aware that you add to the classroom experience by your presence and by the ideas you can share with us and with your classmates.

The classrooms and labs are the setting for only one part of your interaction with the faculty. Here at Albright you can find a continuing relationship which involves many other facets of our life together. Often this kind of relationship lasts far beyond graduation.

College is exciting. Its excitement can be enhanced by your realization that the faculty is a real part of your life.

Annadora Shirk Chairperson, Faculty

Student Government Assn. ready and eager for new year

Diane Bowmaker, Vice Chairperson of the Student Government Association, welcomes all students and announces plans for the new year. She said, "I would like to welcome the upperclassmen back for another year and at the same time welcome all of the incoming freshmen and transfer students to their first year at Albright. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer."

Miss Bowmaker stated that the Student Government Association has been working throughout the summer on budgets and committees in preparation for this year. They are also preparing for their portion of the Middle States evaluation in 1983. She also said, "We are very anxious to begin working with our newly elected representatives."

New Students:
The Campus Welcome Representative will soon be distributing valuable coupon books from many local businesses. It's their way of saying "Hi," and getting to know you better. When you get your booklet, be sure to take advantage of the money-saving coupons.

POPULAR PAPERBACK ON CAMPUS

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Faculty plan sabbaticals for '81-'82

The following professors are taking sabbatical leave during the academic year of 1981-82:

Mr. Gary Adlestein (English) will produce a filmpoem on Venice, Italy.

Dr. Richard Androne (English) will spend spring semester working on researching author and historian Henry Adams.

Dr. Clifford Burket (Education) will use this time to ascertain recent developments and trends in teacher education by involvement in research and internship.

Dr. Marsha Green (Psychology) will be enrolled in Temple University Religion Department courses in order to compare Eastern & Western views of humanity and the influence of Eastern thought on Western therapy.

Dr. Morgan Heller (Chemistry) will conduct research projects both on and off campus and will attend short courses offered by the American Chemical Society and the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Arthur Hilt (Mathematics) will use this fall to revise his textbook in linear algebra and matrix theory and also to pursue application of the computer into advanced mathematics courses.

Dr. Moo Ung Kim (Physics) will pursue studies at Drexel University in the organization and design of computer hardware.

Rev. William Marlow (Religion) will complete the final phase of a Doctor of Ministry degree and will lay the groundwork for the development of value oriented seminars for Albright seniors.

Dr. Petee Jung (Mathematics) will take the spring semester to enroll in computer science courses at Lehigh University.

Mr. LeRoy Hinkle (Music) will be pursuing studies on the doctoral level in music at Penn State University.

Dr. John Incledon (Spanish) is on a leave of absence in which he is pursuing a program of writing and seminars with Professor Roberto Gonzalez Echevarria at Yale University.

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Dr. Joseph Gable and Mrs. Erma Gable are the

Dr. Green and Dr. Green are two. Marsha is Professor of Psychology and Chairperson of the department. Ronald is also a Professor of

Dr. Morgan Heller is Chairperson of the

Chemistry Department while Dr. Richard Heller is

ausband-wife team (doctor and nurse) in the

Director of Alumni Relations.

Associate Professor of Biology.

The name game

Dr. Shirk is not Dr. Shirk!?!

It will not take very long for newcomers to learn their way around Albright's eighty-five acre campus. There are some tricks, however, in getting to know some of the people.

Dr. Samuel B. Shirk, Associate Dean and Registrar, is not related to Dr. Annadora V. Shirk, Professor of English and Chairpersor of the Faculty. However, she is related to Mr. Eugene Shirk, who is the Cross Country Coach, former Athletic Director, and former Mayor of Reading.

Dr. Dale Yoder, Professor of Distory, Chairman of the History Department and Head Men's Tennis Coach, is married to Mrs. Nicole Yoder, Instructor in French and Director of Albright International. Two younger Yoders, also related, are students on campus.

Dr. Androne and Dr. Androne are two different people in one department. Mary Jane is Associate Professor of English. Richard Gerald, her husband, is Assistant Professor of English.

Dr. William John Birdsall, Chemistry, is married to Dr. Marion J. Birdsall, Home Economics. Mr. Benjamin E. Brown, Associate Professor Dr. William Hummel, Professor of History, is married to Mrs. Patricia Hummel, Lecturer in English.

Health Center.

Psychology.

Dr. Rena and Dr. Sally are the Lawrence sisters in the Nursing Department.

J. Randy Miller is Associate Dean of Students

J. Randy Miller is Associate Dean of Students and is not related to Mrs. Sally Miller, Instructor in Physical Education and Women's Coach in Hockey and Basketball.

Dr. Thomas Meyers, Sociology, and Dr. Ann Myers, French, are not related (but they do sound

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Typesetting & layout Sandy Stump Plan now to participate in Albright's "Physical Fitness"
Homecoming

Saturday, October 24, 1981

Albright Facelifts

During the summer months, many people have been busy working on improvements to buildings and grounds on the Albright campus. Depicted below are just a few of the changes in Albright's facilities.



Left: The PAR Course Fitness Trail, located near Albright Woods, was finished and direction signs to the course were installed.

Below: Albright Woods (the new apartment complex) is fully landscaped. Trees, evergreens, and grass added the finishing touches.





Contruction progresses on the New Humanities Common Room in Masters Hall, which has been subdivided for office space. The Language Department moved to the third floor, and the Education Department moved to the second floor. All offices have central air conditioning, and preliminary equipment has been installed so that next year all classrooms will be air-conditioned.

...and more

Albright Court now has been completed. The first and second floors have been remodeled. The building now has all new plumbing, electrical, and heating systems. There is a direct link to the fire alarm at City Hall, and the building now has a sprinkler system. The recreation room and the TV room in the basement have been paneled and carpeted.

A few minor changes are visible in the Campus Center. Sixty lockers for band uniforms were built in the music room, and the Campus Center desk was remodeled. One hundred and fifty rooms in the dormitories were painted.

All of the study tables on the first floor of the Gingrich Library were replaced by individual study carrels. A partition was also contructed for the purpose of relocating the Xerox machines closer to the circulation desk.

The Administration Building has had a few changes. The main lobby was refurbished, and the President's Office and the Conference Room were interchanged. The Mathematics Department moved into the basement alongside the Computer Center. Also a new computer terminal room was added.

The Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science has new heating and ventilation units in the Horn Wing.

The new Albright College Sign has been erected at 13th & Rockland Streets.



Dr. David Ruffer, Judge Richard Eshelman, President of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Wilbur Renken break ground for the new Lifesports Center during a ceremony held in July. This addition to the campus will include four basketball courts, a four-lane running oval and four racquet-handball courts as its major features.