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Albrightian comes out victorious in dispute over censorship

Melanie Weik
Assistant News Editor

On November 9, 2000 The Albrightian was confiscated from The Albrightian Office and from the Campus Center by Security that had strict orders from administration to confiscate them. After a long weekend consisting of protesting outside the campus center during an open house and organizing petitions signed by students who felt that it was wrong of them to confiscate them the way they did. A meeting was held attended by Academic Dean Brogan, Student Dean Daniels, and College Relations Director Barbara Marshall, numerous faculty (including Dr. Ann Myers, Chair of the Faculty), and The Albrightian's Editor-in-Chief Matt Kemeny, Assistant Editor-in-Chief Kristen Lavis, and News/Photography Editor Geoffrey Smith.

At the beginning of the meeting Matt Kemeny had asked Dr. Thomas C. Brogan, the Dean of Academic Affairs, to submit in writing all questions he had for The Albrightian. Brogan said that he

would not write down any questions, nor did he want to be taped by a video camera that Albrightian Advisor Dr. Achal Mehra had brought to the meeting. During the meeting Brogan had asked, "How can we come to the conclusion of copyright at this college?" Kemeny had said that he "did not want to discuss that issue right now."

Brogan had then said that The Albrightian had violated copyright and the college could not give the paper back. Mehra had then brought up the fact that if The Albrightian had broken copyright, then they had been doing so for years and asked why the administration is just now doing something about it. The faculty present during the meeting raised the question, "Who

made the decision to take the paper?" At first the administrators would not answer the question on

know that the college had confiscated the newspaper and why. When the Administrators were asked why they had confiscated the newspapers, they said that it was decided that that the newspaper may have broken copyright laws. Kemeny did raise the question if the newspaper was confiscated because of the article that he had written about the college falling from national ranking. The administrators denied that that was the reason why they pulled the newspaper. They reiterated that they felt that The Albrightian had violated copyright and that there were some inaccurate stories in the newspaper and that was why they had confiscated it. Only when Adams came in did he slip and say that the paper was pulled because

of the Open House. A completely different story from what the rest of the administrators had said earlier in the meeting. Meanwhile, Professor Tom Watcke left the meeting in search of the newspapers and soon two Facilities employees came in carrying the newspapers as an agreement was being made with Administration and The Albrightian staff that if they gave the newspapers back then they would consider a written statement proving that The Albrightian had permission from the Reading Eagle/Times to reprint any article that they wanted too. Brogan misunderstood the agreement as to when the proof was to be given. When the newspapers were finally returned to the editors, Brogan demanded a statement to prove that they had the right to reprint any articles from the local newspapers. Kemeny politely declined to do so at that time and asked Smith to start redistributing the paper. Brogan did receive the written statement, but after the meeting was over.



who made the decision. When the paper was confiscated on that one Friday afternoon, Dr. Michael Adams, acting in place of Dean Brogan who was away at the time, had tried to call Kemeny, but when he heard he was off campus for the night there attempt made to contact any other editor that is on the Albrightian staff to let them

Binge drinkers, fake ID's dangerous for bar workers

Stiff penalties are in store for the owners and employees of establishments that serve alcohol to people under 21 or to people who are already inebriated.

Alexandra Rodriguez
Eagle/Times

For many students, the early college years are characterized by plastic cups, kegs, and a few drinks and smokes on the balcony of an off-campus apartment.

"Alcohol in college is so accessible and expected," said a bartender and bouncer at Shorty's Bar, 272 W. Main St., Kutztown. "When you are close to a college atmosphere, you go and get hammered."

When those students turn 21, then line to the keg in an apartment changes to the line at the door to a bar. In a place of the inebriated host is a bouncer

who checks every little detail of a driver's license.

Bar owners need to be careful about whom, they let inside, said Peter Wlodek, supervisor of special investigations, state police liquor control.

False identifications and binge drinkers present problems for bars, he said.

An underage or drunk customer can lead to more problems than a

to jail. If an establishment serves alcohol to an underage customer, the owner could face a \$1,000 fine and the bar's liquor license could be suspended or revoked, Wlodek said.

The bartender could face criminal charges for giving liquor to minors, which is a third degree misdemeanor, Wlodek said.

Under the state liquor code, first offense could include a fine of \$100 to \$500, a month to three months in jail, or both. Subsequent offenses could be punished by a \$300 to \$500 fine, three months to a year in jail, or both, he said.

Under the crime code, the fine cannot be less than \$1,000



This machine detects fake driver's licenses.

fight with a bartender or a vomiting drinker, he said.

Either could send a bartender

Barron's data reported correct at recent faculty meeting

Late Breaking News
Albrightian News Services

Faculty statement regarding the Albrightian

"The Albright College Faculty would like to go on record as strongly protesting the seizure of the Albrightian on November 10. Newspapers were taken from distribution points on campus, and campus security officers entered the Albrightian office and took possession of all remaining copies of the Albrightian. We see the act of seizing a college newspaper as highly symbolic, and threatening to the academic values of free statement. We also think that the crisis was not managed well. A better way to respond to the Albrightian article(s) would have been to

As a liberal arts community we firmly believe that the college should operate in an atmosphere of openness in the sharing of ideas and the publishing of information. When errors occur, corrections can follow in a timely way. While there may have been inaccuracies in the newspaper articles in the Albrightian, we think that this in no way justifies the seizure of the newspaper, which constitutes censorship.

The Albright College Faculty challenges the Administration to pledge that such an act of suppression of information will not occur in the future."

At the meeting it was also confirmed that the data sent to Barron's guide to colleges and universities, was in fact correct information.

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for that violation or less than \$2,500 for subsequent violations, said, Cpl. William Hariston, district office commander, state police liquor control.

Which code to use is up to the arresting officer's discretion, Hariston said, adding that in his experience, judges tend not to use jail time in their sentences.

Some bars in Pennsylvania have installed machines that detect counterfeit Pennsylvania driver's licenses. The bouncer would swipe the card through the machine, which reads the magnetic strip on the back of the identification. A green light identifies a customer who is over 21.

The state however, does not force bars to purchase the machines.

Shorty's bought such a machine. So did the Third and Spruce Café, Third Avenue and Spruce Street West Reading, and Pike Café, 930 Pike Street.

Mike's Rising Sun, 1360 N. 10th Street, and Barbon's Tavern, 1006 New Holland Road, Kenhorst, both hangouts for students at Albright College, Alvernia College, and Penn State Berks, intend to install them soon.

While staff from Mike's and Barbon's agree it is not a substitute for careful examination of identification, it does help weed out the fakes.

Not only does the machine fail to identify out of state identifications, but it takes responsibility away from the bouncers, said John R. Ortiz, owner of the Brass Lantern, North 12th and Pike Streets, an Albright College hangout.

It is not enough for bouncers to just run the cards through a machine, Ortiz said.

"They don't look at the picture," he said. "All you need is the strip to get in."

He does not accept out of state identification, he added.

Without the machine, bouncers can only rely on their eyes to spot fake identifications.

Staff members at Sam's Goose House, 1665 N. 10th Street, which Albright students frequent, carry a small book that shows all state licenses and how to counterfeit them, said Ree Riley, owner.

Bar staffs look for the holograms on state identifications, check the texture, compare information with eye color and height of the card carrier, and ask customers their birth dates and hometowns.

"If you keep working the identification, you find something out," said Mike Faust, owner of Mike's Rising Sun. "If it's questionable, you should have a back up and if you don't you don't get in."

Bar employees also need to make sure customers stay out of trouble once they get inside. Bar workers

could face a lawsuit of criminal charges if a patron of legal drinking age becomes intoxicated and is involved in an accident, Wlodek said.

The staffs from the various bars agreed that they would cut off a customer who appeared visibly drunk: had stumbling, slurring speech or was too noisy and rowdy.

None of the bars would admit a customer who arrives drunk bar owners insisted.

But sometimes bar workers do not notice a problem until it's too late.

"I had somebody come in and we physically had to wake him up," Ortiz said. If we are talking about the college scene, they usually have their college buddies with them and we tell them to take him."

Bartenders sometimes don't help the cause, the Shorty's bouncer said.

"you have some bartenders that don't cut them off because they want some more bucks," the bouncer contended.

Most bar workers agreed that is the exception rather than the rule. Most said the college crowd's reputation as binge drinkers in undeserved.

"I find these kids very refreshing," Reilly said.

"They would have two or three beers, look at me and then say, 'I have a class tomorrow,' 'I have to write a paper.'"

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????Question and answer period with administration????

By Geoffrey Smith
Senior Writer

President Zimon, Executive Vice President Gazzero, Dean Daniels, Dean Eichhorn, and Security Director Gerkin were sent interview packets concerning their roles in the confiscation of the November 7th issue of *The Albrightian*. A joint statement was released through Barbara Marshall, Director of College Relations on behalf of President Zimon, Executive Vice President Gazzero, Dean Daniels, and Dean Eichhorn instead of answers to the questions. Security Director Gerkin neither informed Director Marshall of his receipt of an interview packet nor returned it by the time of the writing of this article.

The point of sending interview packets was twofold. First to save time instead of setting up half a dozen interviews in a short time, and a more important second was to ensure accuracy. The format of this article was to like an interview in a monthly periodical or magazine. For example, if I were to ask Dr. Suess about his favorite color, the article would look like this:

Alb.: What is your favorite color?

Dr. S.: Blue

The following is the memorandum that was sent in lieu of answers to the interview questions. The questions asked of each administrator will be listed after the memorandum.

December 1, 2000

TO: Geoffrey Smith, News/Photo Editor, *The Albrightian*
FROM: Barbara Marshall, Director of College Relations

RE: Interview Questions for *The Albrightian*

This memo is in response to your questions for President Zimon, Dean Daniels, Mr. Gazzero, Dean

Eichhorn for your *Albrightian* news story. We cannot answer your questions since discussions about *The Albrightian* situation were held by senior administrators in executive session.

In any organization, including student organizations on campus, executive session proceedings are held in confidence. Without the ability of staff to offer opinions in confidence to a chief executive officer, it is unlikely that institutional advisors will share candid opinions and critical judgments with their superiors. Such forthright advice is a prerequisite to executive decision making. We commend *The Albrightian* for the courage of its convictions in critiquing a decision it disagrees with. However, our substantive disagreement on the issues should not lead to a hunt to locate blame on executives offering what they considered at the time to be privileged counsel.

In any organization, the final decision is made by the chief executive officer based on his/her assessment of the advice offered without fear of public censure by the advisor. Therefore, we will not comment about our opinions or recommendations made at the meeting in question.

Our intention was not to censor *The Albrightian*. The paper is an educational vehicle for students. While we do not intend to dictate what the paper may cover, as a private institution, Albright College has both the right and the responsibility to ensure that the students are aware of their individual journalistic responsibility.

Barbara J. Marshall
Director of College Relations
Albright College

The questions asked of President Zimon were: 1- Please provide an itinerary of Friday, November 10, specifically the times of all the meetings, who was present, what decisions were made, and who gave

the instructions to Security for them to be carried out? 2- Why did the copyright concerns not surface earlier, considering that *The Albrightian* has been reprinting articles for 2 years now, and that you said at the Organizational Senate on November 12th that each issue of *The Albrightian* is scrutinized right after its release?

3- Why was there not a greater effort to contact *The Albrightian* editorial staff? Security has access to everyone phone number and room number, in addition to *The Albrightian* office, where on a big board it has the staff's phone numbers and cell phone numbers. 4- Why did you decline to talk to Matt Kemeny as an *Albrightian* reporter regarding the Admissions story? 5- If it was recommended to you to change the locks on the door to the office of *The Albrightian*, would you have supported that course of action?

The questions asked of Executive Vice President Gazzero were: 1- What and where were you on Friday, November 10th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (college-related only)? 2- At the SGA meeting on November 12th, President Zimon said before the entire Organizational Senate that the Vice Presidents made the recommendation to him to confiscate the November 9th issue of *The Albrightian*. What was your recommendation? 3- President Zimon also said that the Vice Presidents examine every issue of *The Albrightian* right after they come out. Why was the concern over copyright not expressed earlier, since *The Albrightian* has been reprinting Reading Eagle-Times articles for the past 2 years? 4- President Zimon said that one of the options that was being considered was to change the locks on the office door of *The Albrightian*. Would you have supported that course of action? 5- Mr. Gazzero, why were you not at the meeting on Monday, November 13th between Editors of *The Albrightian* and Administrators?

The questions asked of Dean Daniels were: 1- What and where were you on Friday, November 10th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (college-

related only)? 2- At the SGA meeting on November 12th, President Zimon said before the entire Organizational Senate that the Vice Presidents made the recommendation to him to confiscate the November 9th issue of *The Albrightian*. What was your recommendation? 3- President Zimon also said that the Vice Presidents examine every issue of *The Albrightian* right after they come out. Why was the concern over copyright not expressed earlier, since *The Albrightian* has been reprinting Reading Eagle-Times articles for the past 2 years? 4- President Zimon said that one of the options that was being considered was to change the locks on the office door of *The Albrightian*. Would you have supported that course of action? 5- Dean Daniels, why were you sent to the meeting on Monday, November 13th between Editors of *The Albrightian* and Administrators? 6- Dean Daniels, why did you not say anything at the aforementioned meeting?

The questions asked of Dean Eichhorn were: 1- What and where were you on Friday, November 10th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (college-related only)? 2- President Zimon said at the November 12th meeting of the Organizational Senate that one of the options that was being considered was to change the locks on the office door of *The Albrightian*. Would you have supported that course of action? 3- Why were you not at the November 13th meeting between Administrators and Editors of *The Albrightian*? 4- Why did you not inform Matthew Kemeny that the wrong information was sent to Barrons, especially after he made it clear that he was doing an article for *The Albrightian*, not just for his journalism class? It seems that this type of information should be broadcasted freely, not something to be quiet about. 5- When it was discovered that the wrong information was sent, why was everyone except the students informed?

Security Director Gerkin did not return the interview packet sent

to him. The questions asked of him were: 1- Who called and gave the order to confiscate the copies of November 9th issue of *The Albrightian* at each instance? 2- News/Photography Editor Geoffrey Smith found that all previously distributed copies of *The Albrightian* located in Jake's Place and the Campus Center missing after a fire drill that occurred at approximately 3:50 p.m. in the Campus Center and Center For The Arts. Why use a fire drill to confiscate them? 3- During the previously mentioned fire drill, Shift Commander Gross stated to the group of students, faculty, and staff that Security thanks them for their patience in the routine fire drill that they perform every so often. However, Theatre Manager Wayne Vetteson (employed at Albright for 17 years) and Art Department Chair Professor Tom Watecke (employed at Albright for well over 20 years), who were among the group said that they do not remember a fire drill ever happening in those buildings in all their time at Albright. Why was Shift Commander Gross instructed to say something that was not accurate to a group of people that could very easily prove that it was not accurate? 4- Is there a connection between the comment on page three of the November 17th issue released on November 20th of *The Albrightian* in the "Personals" section and the sudden fire drills on the academic campus the next day? 5- Unrelated to confiscation issue, in multiple interviews with Reporter Melanie Weik, you declined to comment on the fire alarms issue in Krause Hall, stating that they are still under investigation. However, you sent a letter to all the residents of Krause Hall stating that the investigations would only last five days and that all the residents of Krause hall will be billed for the damage. However, those interviews occurred over five days after each instance.

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Feature short story: MIDNIGHT MURDERS

Gregory James
Features Editor

Chapter 1: The Arrival

While driving along a rural road in County Kildare, Ireland, James Catcher is anxiously awaiting his first vacation in three years. It had taken some convincing from his girlfriend Amanda who was tired of not going anywhere exotic with James. You see, James and Amanda are detectives who have been working together for two years. They fell in love the second they first saw each other. Amanda, with her long, golden, hair, smiling blue eyes, and 10.0 figure made James' heart skip a beat when she walked into his office. She was responding to an ad he had placed in the newspaper for a private investigators assistant. She was not very tall, only 5'4", but as James would come to find out, she could take on anyone in her path. James, on the other hand is 6'2" with coal black hair. His eyes are the darkest jade you have ever seen. They do not see eye-to-eye all of the time, but they make one heck of a team and complement each other nicely.

It was almost 7:00 P.M. when they arrived at Kilkea Castle which is forty miles southeast of Dublin. It is an extremely imposing place with high walls and endless towers. "Well here we are and you're still in one piece," said Amanda with a grin.

"I do seem to be all here, dear," replied James, glancing

down at his gold pocket watch. He always carried it with him no matter where he went. As they approached the castle James thought he heard a faint scream. "Did you hear that?" he asked.

"Hear what?" asked Amanda.

"I guess I'm imagining things. You were right about us needing a vacation." The courtyard was empty. There was not a soul in sight. Once inside the Great Hall a bellboy named Eric greeted them.

"May I take your bags to your room?" he asked.

"I don't know James, should we let this fellow take our bags?" asked Amanda jokingly.

"He seems trustworthy enough. Okay. You go ahead with him and I'll be up as soon as I check in." James replied. He made his way to the clerk's desk as Amanda and the bellboy went up the stairs.

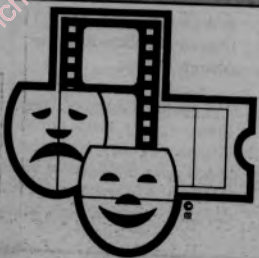
At the desk was a tall, pompous man of fifty, with gray hair and stone cold eyes. "I'd like to check in. My name is James Catcher," stated James as he leaned on the desk.

"Ahh yes, Mr. Catcher. We've been awaiting your arrival. Your room is ready and I do hope you enjoy your stay," the clerk said. James was handed two antique brass keys to room 207.

"Thank you," replied James.

As he was turning to leave the clerk said, "Dinner is at 8:30 in the east dining room." James gave a nod and continued on to his room. He couldn't shake the feeling that something is amiss about this place. Where are the other guests? Why does this castle seem so deserted?

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THE
MOVIEMAN
Gregory James

"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"

Am I reading my calendar right? It looks like the Holiday season is already upon us. So what better to do than to see a Holiday movie shown on the silver screen? The movie I chose to see to was The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, which is a Dr. Seuss classic and one of my favorites.

Anthony Hopkins narrated the movie and Jim Carey played The Grinch. His portrayal of the Grinch was marvelous, as was his costume. Jim Carey brought a new dimension to the Grinch character.

Taylor Momsen played Cindi Lou Who. She was adorable and just wouldn't give up on the Grinch.

She definitely tugged at my heartstrings.

Wooville was brought to life from the cartoon right before my very eyes. The sets and costumes were magnificently detailed and life like.

The story itself strayed somewhat from the book, but basically the Grinch was his old, mean, nasty self and up to his same old, nasty tricks. It was a little too long for me though. It was one hour and forty minutes and one hour would have sufficed. On a scale of one to ten I give it a 7. Until next time, this is the Movieman signing off.

Spotlight on Albright's Joe Rosenberg

Samarie Cope
Staff Reporter

Joseph Rosenberg, Interim Director of Student activities has given a new meaning to his position. Since Rosenberg has started his new position, he has integrated programs that prove "there are more things to do than drink on campus." In the office of Student Activities is responsible for running the Campus Center Desk, leadership programming, AC2 (student programming organization) and eating a positive, co curricular activities for academic advancement.

Albright students have continually complained that there is nothing to do on campus. With most every weekend of next semester filled with a student activity, it will be nearly impossible to claim that there is nothing to do. Rosenberg's programs have had much success and are growing in popularity. Some of these programs include, the foam party, sports night, and the Fall Break suitcase party.

The foam party attracted about 15 students both upperclassmen and underclassmen danced in clouds of bubbles. Sports Night has been averaging 40-60 people, it is held in Jake's Place where a football, basketball, or hockey game can be viewed on a big screen TV. Prizes

ranging from a DVD player to T-shirts to TV/VCR's are awarded.

Next semester these activities will continue, but many more will be introduced. There will be another suitcase party before Spring Break; a trip to Ireland, the Bahamas, or Cancun is in the works. Casino Night will be held again. There will be a variety of trips to see the Philadelphia Flyers, and the Philadelphia 76er's. Two trips to New York are scheduled. Spring Fever is scheduled for April 26-28. The winner of the Mr. Albright contest will be awarded \$250, the second runner up will receive \$150 and the third runner up will receive \$50 cash. Also during Spring Fever there will be 7 hours of continuous, live music played in Shirk Stadium on 2 stages, food, and carnival rides. "It will serve as a true Albright Community event," says Rosenberg.

While Rosenberg has accomplished enormous strides already, his end goal has not yet been accomplished. He says the main goal of Student Activities is to be "accessible to all Student Organizations, help students explore leadership potential and to offer alternative options for students who don't drink." Even further in the future Rosenberg would like to see Student Activities provide an Organizational Resource Center for all student organizations.



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NEW BREED



"And on that day you will feel my wrath with the heat of a thousand suns! You will recede into the depths of hell and you will bear witness to my fury! ... Oh, I'm sorry, I thought this was line 2."



"What's the point in giving us homework? They know we'll only eat it."



"Honey, the Hendersons are here ... and they brought the kids!"



"I was gonna ask for a friendly re-match, but never mind."

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Gallery Review

Geoffrey Smith
Senior Writer

The latest Freedman Gallery show was "New Work", by Albright College's own and chair of the Art Department, Professor Thomas Watcke.

Professor Watcke held a presentation right before the opening of the gallery on the first day of the showing. After listening to the presentation and the explanation of the works on display and then seeing the show myself, I realized something amiss. If someone came to see the show and neither knew Tom Watcke nor saw the presentation, they probably would not have understood the works in the main room.

The room to the left of the entrance contained a definite statement. Tom Watcke is on the "Save Antietam Lake" committee and the room contained an atomized panorama view of the lake and control house framed by items found in the vicinity of the lake. The flanking walls had canvases displaying a map of the area, one filled with green, the other with white dots all over it in a regular fashion. The white dots represented locations of proposed building sites. The only bad thing in this room was that the explanation of what was being represented was on the wall behind the person when they entered the room.

The two other rooms had interactive as their purpose. One room had items that were used in the photographs (aka "Ray-o-Grams") that are pieces of a lot of Tom Watcke's work along with pictures that did not quite make it, or those that were part of the creative process. The other interactive room had four lanes cordoned off on the floor with wood. One lane had

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 "Golfing for cell phones," the next "Bowling for barbies," followed by "Bowling for walkmans," and lastly "Take a swing at Liberty" (golf game). You could actually roll a duckpin bowling ball or hit a golf ball at the objects, provided that you set them back up afterwards.

Overall, on a scale of one to five Barbie Pins, I give this show four and a half, because the presentation was really needed to understand many of the things that were going on.

NEW YEAR'S PREDICTIONS

Written In The Stars: Your Script For Success In 2001

(NAPS)—In the year 2001, what you believe is what you'll get, say experts charting the stars.

According to Women.com resident astrologer Genie Easy, the new millennium offers heavenly opportunities to get what you want in life and love. That's especially true for the millions of people who wouldn't dream of planning their day without first consulting their morning horoscope.

Astrologers point to the influences of two of the universe's most dynamic planets as the force behind major changes to come. In 2001, the cosmic powerhouses, expansive Jupiter and foundation-building Saturn, will enter the brain-sharpening sign of Gemini.

Saturn helps people shed negative thought patterns, and Jupiter promotes a constructive optimism about achieving goals.

"Unusually clear thinking and strong-mindedness will enable people to make positive changes in their lives," says Genie, founder of Astronet on Women.com, the largest astrology site on the Internet.

Additional cosmic forces will stoke people's brainpower. Several times a year, during the three-week-long event known as Mercury Retrograde, planet Mercury appears to move backward in the sky. This event rewards people who take time out for an introspective change of pace.

In 2001, this phenomenon will trigger the ingenious influences of



Is your future in the stars? What we believe, we can achieve, astrologers say.

the signs Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. No matter what their sign is, people can use these cycles to get positive results—by shedding ways of thinking that may sabotage their plans and to reprogram their lives with constructive messages and intentions.

"Attitude is everything," says Genie. "What we think and what we believe, we can achieve."

By promoting education on individual and community levels, Jupiter and Saturn encourage people to share the power of their knowledge and experience. By tapping into the vast amount of information on the Internet, people can change themselves and thereby change the world.

Positive, forward-thinking attitudes can help the worlds of

finance and relationships, both of which face cosmic stress tests in 2001. The market will continue to be erratic, says Genie. Fiscal responsibility and common sense hold the key to success. People will re-evaluate what they spend and why.

The retrogrades of Mars and Venus will also test relationships in the spring. These cosmic events will stimulate relationships or provoke partners to seek better prospects elsewhere.

In time for the New Year, Astronet will launch its annual New Years Predictathon, with a wide range of forecasts for the coming year in career, money, love, sex, romance, and more. For more information, visit www.astronet.com.

New Year's Resolutions: How Long Do They Last?

(NAPS)—On New Year's Eve, the ball drops—and so do most Americans' resolutions. According to the WingspanBank.com financial survey, 50 million individuals made New Year's resolutions in 2000—but almost half broke their



In order to gain control of finances, use online financial planning tools and services available at Web sites like WingspanBank.com.

resolutions. The majority of those who broke their resolutions did so within three weeks. Only two million, or eight percent of the "resolution-makers," were able to keep their resolutions for more than three months.

Still, even more people plan to make resolutions in 2001 than this past New Year's, experts say. The keys to success are: set smaller goals, accomplish them and build from there, said Dr. Deborah Bright, spokesperson for WingspanBank.com, a leading financial services Web site. Some tips to help you:

- **Get real:** make one or two resolutions
- **Grasp your goals:** make smaller, more achievable goals
- **Let your fingers do the walking:** look for online financial planning tools and services, like Wingspanbank.com, for financial-related resolutions
- **Get a new attitude:** adopt positive behaviors
- **Cheer yourself on:** be your own personal motivator

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why,
Why can't the
Caf's
dishwasher get
the glasses
clean.

???????

Sugar daddy,
Thanks for the
visor,
D.C.

Newly blinded,
1% of the
population.
:p

Scotty too Hotty,
happy
hannukah!
E-300

Naked Girl,
Does your
roommate
always answer
the door in only
a towel?
--innocent knocker
??????
No, sometime
she answers it
completly
naked!

?????,
P.S. Go Home!
You live a block
away.

??????

Natty,
Will you marry
me???

Love,
Devinney and
Kerm

Eric,
Congratulations!
I'll miss you at
all the
basketball
games.

Love,
Tina Chris

Dani,
Congratulations!
You're finally
out of here! I'll
miss you so
much.

Love,
Christiana

I-wanna-humpa-lot,
that's a good
way to lose the
pounds

?????

Keys,
Great time
at the formal!
Sam

Dear Freshmeat,
just because
you stole our
boyfriends,
doesn't mean
your in the
clear. Good
luck!

Love,
The upperclass
WOMEN.

K-
You should of
left your
diseases at E-
Town.

??????

Dear Wynn,
I'm so so sorry,
but thanks for
the artwork on
my car.

--The Samoan

Scantron,
Be all you can
be!!!

Penna,
Can I have
some dip?
you know who
Dustin,
what do you
bring to the
table????

?????

Dear Hawk and
Kerm,
Maybe next
year for the
IFL title.

?????

Samoa,
Styx sucks!

Kerm

Derek,
you'll be missed
for everything!

-SAE

Ladies,
Beware of the
thong patrol!!

Joke of the week

"Viagra Coffee"

An elderly woman went to the doctor and asked his help to "revive" her husband's sex drive.
"What about trying Viagra?" asks the doctor.
"Not a chance," says Mrs. Murphy. "He won't even take an aspirin for a headache."
"No problem," replies the doctor. "Drop it into his coffee, he won't even taste it. Try it and come back in a week to let me know how it went."
A week later Mrs. Murphy returned to the doctor and he inquired as to how things went.
"Oh it was terrible, just terrible, doctor."
"What happened?" asked the doctor.
"Well, I did as you advised and slipped it in his coffee. The effect was immediate. He jumped straight up, swept everything off the table, at the same time ripping my clothes off and then proceeded to make passionate love to me on the tabletop. It was terrible!"
"What was terrible?" said the doctor. "Was the sex not good?"
"Oh, no doctor, the sex was the best I've had in 25 years, but I'll never be able to show my face in Hardee's again!"

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Editorials

Caf worker enraged at meal time

Dear Editor,

As of late, I have noticed that there are a lot of things that could use some changing. It is pretty well impossible to change everything. However, one thing that needs changing is people's behavior in the cafeteria. I work there and I observe certain attitudes and behaviors that are inappropriate. Most of us need to use the Caf, and not all of us are independently wealthy enough to eat out every meal. If we could adjust our behaviors a little bit, then eating in the Caf would be a more pleasant experience for everyone, both those eating there and those working there.

First, Dave Tanger is

adults now, so please let's start acting like adults. Are sports teams the only offenders? Heavens no. In some cases, though (football, basketball, swimmers) they are the most egregious.

Now, I know what's coming: This school doesn't care about its sports teams. I've heard it before. It's not that the school doesn't care, it's that those of us who work in the Caf have better things to do. This leads to the second biggest Caf offense: coming in late. Everyone should know when the meal times are; if not, you can find them posted on the Caf doors. If you have late practice, I understand. These things happen. The best thing to do is have your coach call AHEAD of time. We don't mind, but we would like to know when the meal starts

up so that the professional staff can clean the carpets. They are not to be taken down unless absolutely necessary. On Sunday nights, fine, but are some people who will take the chairs down just because they want to sit by themselves. Once again, if you don't like it, tough. Sit with someone else if you are by yourself. If you are with a large group of people, try to consolidate the chairs that are down around a table and, if you need more, than move to another table with chairs up. But do this last, most people understand this well enough, so it's not a big deal, it's just a reminder.

We who work in the Caf aren't out to cause problems. While I don't speak for everyone, I can think of a few



a great manager and he likes

making the students happy. As such, he will be more accomodating to the students eating there than the student workers might be. We deal with the student workers on a daily basis. Our fellow students work in the Caf to make money, not to be servants. We don't do this job because we are enamored with it, we do it because we need to pay our bills. As such, we aren't always the most enthusiastic about our jobs, but we work hard and we put up with a lot of B.S. A good many people at this school are inconsiderate not only of we workers, but of their fellow students as well. The biggest of these offenses is that of people who do not bring their dishes to the dishroom. We are NOT a restaurant people; we don't wait on ou and we shouldn't have to bus tables for you. The biggest offenders of this are some of the sports teams (only certain ones, though). Just because you have a game and we shouldn't have to, nor should you be told to, clean up after you. We are all

and **not** two minutes until we close. If you wake up five minutes before closing, all I can say is tough. Wake up earlier. Don't try to sneak in afterwards. We do notice it and more than likely all the machines will be turned off and all the food pulled. Get to a meal at least 10-15 minutes ahead of closing and there will almost certainly be a meal for you.

Along these same lines, taking drinks from the Caf. It is ignorable IN SMALL AMOUNTS. Those of you who bring in empty gallons of milk and fill it at the machine, first, you are not being clever and second you will have to pour it out if you get caught. Too many times, I have seen people try to surreptitiously fill gallons or even fill bags with cereal. You're not fooling anyone. Also, with the cereal, close the containers when you are done. Flies get in there and ruin the food. Also, if you leave the cover to the hard ice cream case open, it will melt. I would think this intuitive, but apparently not.

Lastly the chairs put up over the weekends. They are put

people who agree with my views. All we want is a little common courtesy and common sense. If we get it, we will show the same to you. We all want to be able to eat and work together; if we do so than there shouldn't have to be any complaints about how the school treats students or how the students abuse the school.

As a last side note, I would just like to address the fact that all the past Albrightians from this year, in the editorial section, revolve around Achal Mehra and his policies, which all involve Dr. Zimon. I say this to Dr. Mehra: the nation dropped the Elian Gonzalez issue after six months or so. Yet you have kept up this Zimon-bashing for nearly 2 years! LET IT GO! I can't speak for everyone else, but I don't care anymore! You can respond to this if you tinue the chain. Let it go gently into that good night.

Sincerely,

Michael Obert

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Professor responds to controversial issue of Albrightian

Dear Editor,

I write in response to the November 9, 2000 article on Albright admissions. What does not come through clearly in the *Albrightian* article is the dramatic increase in applications for admission to Albright that has occurred over the past two years. Although other liberal arts colleges have also had increases in applications because of demographic changes and a strong national economy, none of our competitors have

had nearly the increase in applications that we have experienced. The total number of applications rose from 1385 in 1998 to 1954 in 1999 and was at an all time high of 2646 for the class of 2004. This represents a 41% increase in 1999 over the 1998 figures and another 35% increase in the 1999-2000 recruiting year. We enrolled 407 first year students this fall while maintaining the same average SAT score.

The reason for our strong improvement is due to the effective administration of the Admissions Department.

Over the past five years, under the leadership of Greg Eichorn, the Admissions Office has implemented new marketing strategies, improved programs for prospective students and developed new measures for giving current applicants timely feedback. In addition to these efforts, admissions personnel have worked particularly hard to attract applicants for the highly prized Shirk and Jacob Albright scholarships. In short, the increase in applications in the result of an improved and effective admissions process that has resulted in our

enrolling the largest first-year class in the college's history.

It is important to state that Albright College de-emphasizes SAT scores and looks to a broad range of factors when making admissions decisions. Class rank, participation in high school activities, teacher recommendations, and community service are all factors the Admissions Office looks at in developing an incoming class.

SAT scores have never been the primary criterion for determining admission.

In the five years I served on the Enrollment Man-

agement Committee, I have been consistently impressed by the professionalism and the high level of commitment of the admissions staff and the student volunteers who work in this office. It is regrettable that the November 9th *Albrightian* article did not include complete information on our actual current situation in admissions.

Sincerely,
Mary Jane Androne
Professor of English



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What do you think of Albright? Student voices concerns

Dear Dr. Daniels, Mr. Eichorn, and Dr. Mehra,

I feel it is important to write to all of you as President of student services and Dean of students, Dean of Admissions, and Head of the Newspaper. I have many concerns. One is the reputation this school has with the president who is a liar, the lower standards we have at this school which were published in our paper and in a lot of papers locally. Our safety at our school is really slipping. It has me really concerned. I don't even feel safe walking at night anymore. With the rapes and flashings. The flashing took place right in front of Jake's. This school is going down it is really falling down. I am really upset at this school the only thing I like about it is a few teacher and my friends. This school isn't for you as a student and all. It is very over priced to go here. You can't have even a freedom of speech. Our emails our watched, our phones are taped. I know as Alumni and I have a very successful job I wouldn't give a dim to this school. I know about 100 other people that feel the same way. I can't wait to talk with alumni that come back and which are involved. Another thing is it isn't fun being a student here.

I know half of the Woods is going to register and drop out as soon as they can get all their money back just to screw over the school. Everyone wants to live off campus. I have only one more year here so I won't transfer, but any prospective here I tell yeah it looks all pretty here, but looks can be deceiving. I ask them what other school they are looking at and tell them to go there.

In three years this school will be a dry campus. The housing and Greek ad-

visor is trying to make this school which is 40% Greek not have any Greek life. Who are these people like Kristin Kawczynski, Amesha Brown, and Joe Rosenberg? I don't think they speak for the whole college? I believe there will come a point when there will be law suits here against these people, but hurt the school not them as much. These people are not here for you. How did these people ever get hired? I wonder. They really need to be checked out again. Ask students what they think of these people that hate them. You should really look in at a survey these people are important and are very lacking on many things how to deal with people. People that should be respected here are not. It's a joke you need to hire professionals. People who are suppose to be liked and have a friendly relationship with you. I am totally not sure why I picked Albright anymore. I thought the school was for the students. I'm a 3.5 student and I wish I went somewhere else. I tell students don't go here. I told them it isn't fun here. College should be a little fun before you enter the real world-you don't have a freedom of speech here. You have these uneducated people running your life, meaning the president and those listed not referring to the whole faculty. I hope for the school these people are looked at and questioned and should take some kind of classes to be able to talk with people. They see one side- that's all. Isn't that funny they don't give a ("explicit) about us students.

All these other

schools around us look better. Kutztown five years ago, anyone could get in-now it is a better school than Albright, a private school. There is a web page I have about how bad this school is and all the news clippings. I really feel you need to discuss this matter, and not just let this slip away. This is our lives-the future of Albright College. I'm just writing as a concerned student. So many students are afraid when they go for a job people will know this school as having a fake president who lied. This school at one time was good. You have a new kind of generation here-you need to be here for the students. The students are backing away in making this school known. They are not involved. The school spirit is run by the Greek life and the Greek life is slipping away because the school is awful to them. None of the Greek life recognizes Joe Rosenberg as their Greek advisor. He is another person. This school was known for science, but they got rid of the nursing program, and the Education program [stinks]. You can be in high school and pass every class with A's. This school lost its challenging edge. Expect 600 to 1000 SAT scores here in the next few years. I'm so glad I got some of my friends not to go here. I care about their future.

I'm also writing a separate letter to Kim Jackson to discuss some issues about diversity here. I'll write a few things about what I'm planning to say to all of you. There are so many clicks here. I would hate being a freshman-you almost have to find a club to belong or you are alone. What a diverse school; yeah we have a good amount of people from other countries. They give a lot of money, and hey that is good, but look at how they sit alone

as friends only themselves. Either all back in the cafeteria. I talked to some of the african-american girls that hate this school; they think it is the most unfriendly school. Then you have the potheads, the football players, the preppie's, the Nerds, the underground's, and the people that are just average there. I know independents that want to transfer and leave this school. Some other issues that I think are important for all. The parking at this school [stinks], you can't park in our own lots-they're only for teachers, then on the street you can't park. The caf is another issue you have only from 11 to 1:30 to eat and 5:00 to 6:30. I feel like I'm in jail. Most schools allow you to have those times to eat. You should at least have a blocking schedule on your card so it says he missed so he can use it at Jake's. Just think about these ideas I'm suggesting. I want to have this school look good. I did care at one time. I could always send my kids here and other people. The school should care what students think and this is important to be talked about and everyone should know this.

I have sent other letters to the President and some of these other people, and I plan on keeping up with doing this unless I here a change or start seeing a change or my life starts getting better here at school. I felt you are very important people and you can get to these problems so many students here have. I'm sorry that I'm not giving my name but it is for my protection. I am afraid of these people; they seem like they run the whole school. Thank you so much for your time.

Journalism professor speaks out on confiscation

Albright's Shame

The censorship of the *Albrightian* by college administrators is one of the most shameful episodes at the college in the past decade, rivaled perhaps only by the termination of 18 faculty members and scores of other employees in the early 1990s as the college teetered on the brink of financial insolvency.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said: "I have never seen such a shameless act of censorship at a college or university. Confiscating newspapers and searching newsrooms is the kind of thing that happens in dictatorships, not in democratic societies. It is reprehensible that an American college would engage in such behavior and it very well could be a violation of the law. The college owes the student newspaper a major apology as well as a pledge that such actions will never occur again."

Mr. Goodman should know. The SPLC annually catalogues some of the most egregious incidents of student censorship in the United States.

The most reprehensible aspect of this episode, however, is the dishonesty and disingenuity of the administrators involved in the confiscation of the newspaper and their unconscionable intrusion into the *Albrightian* offices, where they removed not just the

newspapers, but also publishing and news gathering material.

Col Henry Zimon, who masterminded the Gestapo-style censorship campaign, now professes that his advisors managed the project and that he had been instructed to stay out of it. That is about as believable as the two books he falsely claimed he was publishing.

Nobody buys the bogus administration claim that the college was concerned about copyright issues. The copyright assertion was totally fabricated as a smokescreen by college administrators to justify their unconscionable censorship. The *Albrightian* has reprinted

Reading Times articles for years. Why did the college wake up to that concern all of a sudden in November? In fact, Dr. Michael Adams was among those who participated in the censorship campaign. As a former advisor to the *Albrightian* he was aware both that the newspaper regularly reprints *Reading Times* material as well as the fact that the newspaper had a long-standing agreement with the newspaper to do so.

The dishonesty of administrators, who trotted out this fabricated charge, knowing its falsity, is unconscionable.

What Col Zimon and his cronies were attempting to cover up was the lead article in the newspaper, which reported a decline in the college's rankings in *Barron's* and *U.S. News & World Report*, which have fallen precipitously in recent years.

The college is not discepted 86 percent of all students who applied to the college. By contrast,

Indeed, the most scandalous part of the story is not how many applicants the college accepts, but rather how many of those admitted reject the college. Last year, less than a quarter of admitted students ended up at the college.

Because the shameful college secret — the precipitous decline in college standards — was exposed, college administrators engaged in a calculated and dishonest campaign to fool people into thinking that the *Albrightian* story and

quartile, ranking third in that group of schools in SAT scores for instance. Albright slipped into fourth tier schools in 1996 in the *U.S. News* rankings and its rank within that tier has been slipping ever since as it has struggled both financially and with enrollment.

Those are the facts. Those who want to believe their delusions are welcome to the shimmer of Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the college's accrediting agency, has established among its standards for accreditation: "Integrity in the institution's conduct of all its activities," and "honesty and accuracy in published materials and in public and media relations." It also has as its central tenets in the standards for accreditation a commitment to "academic freedom." The 28-page accreditation document of the commission is replete with repeated references to "integrity," "honesty," and "openness." The standards state that the "integrity of an institution is reflected in all of its publications. An institution is entitled to public trust and confidence of the educational community only if its publications are honest and accurate."

The dishonesty of college administrators in the censorship of the *Albrightian* and their campaign to suppress the college's decline in external rankings raise very serious questions about the college's compliance with Middle States accreditation standards during their upcoming review of Albright.

Achal Mehra
Associate Professor



Alvernia, which accepted around 70 percent, is ranked as competitive. That should shame and embarrass everyone associated with the college. Students who live with delusions about Albright's reputation and their own academic performance in getting into the college should feel downright humiliated. For all practical purposes the college takes virtually everyone that ap-

the rankings were in error. They lied by claiming that they had mistakenly provided wrong data to *Barron's*. Indeed, the college tried to falsify the data to try to improve its 2001 *U.S. News* rankings place Albright 146th from the bottom in SAT scores among 163 national liberal arts colleges in the country and it shared the 146th spot with five other colleges in the reputational score. In several areas, the 2001 rankings find Albright at the near bottom of the fourth quartile. By contrast, in 1991, the college was among the top schools in the third

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