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100 dollar graduation fee not making any sense to seniors

Jen Levy
Lion Reporter

Starting with this year's graduating class, seniors will pay in order to graduate. This year a fee of one hundred dollars was imposed on each graduating senior. In his letter to Student Government President Derek DeCosmo, Executive Vice President Paul Gazzoero explains that the money generated from the graduation fees will help to pay for things such as: baccalaureate services and program, commencement exercises and program, reception from commencement, senior cap and gown, and diploma and leather case. In an interview and a letter to Albright seniors, he said that proposals were made to increase seating capacity and supply an audio/video system for those citizens who might be extra sensitive to heat. It is in-

creases in expenses such as these that are cited by Executive Vice President Gazzoero as the reason for graduation fees. He writes, "the significant increases over the years can no longer be supported by curtailing or not funding other program needs of the College."

The budget for baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies has traditionally been \$18,000, but its expenditures have far exceeded that budget, costing \$39,037 last year. Unfortunately, costs do escalate from year to year and so future graduates can expect these increases to be reflected in their graduation fees. In his interview, Executive Vice President Gazzoero said that the solution was either to charge each individual graduating senior, or to cut money from other student activities.

He said that the Student Government Association was asked to allocate

\$25 from each student's annual activity fee. but declined, leaving the graduation fee as the only choice. However, in his interview the Executive Vice President also suggested that Albright needs to look for different ways, ways to conserve, thereby reducing our expenditures.

Students' responses to these newly imposed fees ranged from complete passivity (parents' footed the bill) to outrage. Many misunderstood the reasoning behind the fee, attributing it to the cost for a guest speaker. After all, wasn't the cost for tuition and fees next year increased by 4.9% from those of this year? Will some of this increase not cover some of the deficit caused by graduations? Apparently not. Tuition and fees cover things such as "increases in salaries and fuel" Executive Vice President Gazzoero said in his interview.

Dead body found on campus

Matthew Kemeny
Editor-in-Chief

On March 14, at approx. 10:11 in the morning, a male body was found by a grounds crew member on the path leading up to the Albright Woods Apartments.

The man, who was identified as Craig A. Richards, 43, was apparently living about 100 feet into the woods for about two months prior to his death.

Richards was identified through X-ray records at St. Joseph Medical Center, where he frequently went for prescription medicine.

He picked up his last prescription on Feb. 7 and died shortly after that, according to Berks County acting coroner Michael F. Feeney.

According to Berks county Chief Deputy Coroner Jim Wilson, the man was cooking food on a stove over a plastic tarp when he accidentally fell asleep, causing a fire to occur. The flames reached as far as 15 feet high on several of the surrounding trees.

"This was definitely not a homicide," said Wilson. "It is apparent that this was an unfortunate accidental death."

Richards died of burns and smoke inhalation, according to the re-

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Police units investigate the remains of the dead body that was found on the trail to Albright Woods.



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Palm pilots give hand to computer Science and Digital Media

Matthew Jay
Lion Reporter

Albright College will be ahead of all the other colleges and universities in the country.

Next semester the Computer Science and Digital Media departments are starting a new program in Wireless technology. The program is called PDA (Personal Digital Assistants). PDA refers to wireless devices such as Palm VIIx. Professor Anthony Crisafulli, Head of the Digital Media Department, and Dr. Daniel Falabella, head of the Computer Science Department, co-developed the

program and will oversee all the courses.

AOL President Dennis Patrick has said, "The landscape of the information superhighway is changing and more than 1 billion people worldwide will be using mobile devices by 2003." Crisafulli agrees with Patrick. Crisafulli said, "In the next three or four years, most of the colleges will have a program similar to Albright."

The Program consists of four courses; PDA 101 (Intro to Handheld Wireless Devices), PDA 102 (web design and dynamic documents for hand held devices), PDA 201 (Fundamentals of the palm oper-

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ating system), PDA 202 (Wireless Networking and Bluetooth technology). PDA 101 and PDA 102 will be offered in the fall semester, and PDA 201 and PDA 202 in the spring. All students in the program will be receiving a

palm pilot for class and Internet service will be included on campus.

Palm's CEO, Carl Yankowski, said that Palm is adding voice, first via telephone then incorporating voice as data into the Palm OS. He also intends

PDA's to be used as passkeys and to perform services associated with a wallet. PDA's are a reality, and everyone will own one.

The future is here at Albright College.

Colleges drop plan for city charter schools

Kori Walter
Eagle/Times

Facing opposition from teachers unions and eroding support from Albright College faculty, Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley and Albright colleges abandoned a plan Wed. for opening a charter school in Reading.

The Penn State Albright Partnership agreed after an hour long meeting to appeal a Reading School Board decision denying a request to open the Gabriela Mistral Charter School this fall, said Barbara J. Marshall, Albright director of college relations.

Protests by teachers unions in Reading and Boyertown upset with the colleges' heavily influenced the colleges' retreat.

"I think that was probably the biggest piece," said Dr. Susan Phillips Speece, dean and campus executive officer at Penn State-Berks. "If some decisions are being made that hurt our students, then we have to con-

sider that."

Teachers in Reading and Boyertown agreed to keep student teachers and other observers from Penn State and Albright out of their classrooms if the charter school opened.

The school board unanimously rejected the charter school application March 5 because the partnership failed to prove it had a site and did not demonstrate enough community support.

Dr. Craig A. Bernecker, executive director of the Albright-Penn State Partnership, agreed the colleges were concerned about how the unions' positions would affect students.

"Out students are paramount, and we have to deal with their needs," Bernecker said. "That's really the bottom line."

Teachers unions were not the only ones concerned about the plan.

Albright faculty recently expressed opposition, according to an email obtained by the Eagle/Times.

Dr. Sarel P. Fuch, chairwoman of the college's education dept.,

feared the union protests would spread to other public schools, making it difficult for Albright students to find student teaching posts and possibly jobs, according to the email.

"If an Albright-Penn State charter school is actually realized, the Albright education dept. could not and would not place its student in that charter school as student teachers, tutors or aides."

Fuchs wrote, "To our students to participate in a charter school under prevailing conditions would be tantamount to forcing them to cross a picket line."

Bernecker declined to discuss the email Dr. Henty A. Zimon, Albright president could not be reached.

Reading School District officials were pleased with the colleges' decision.

Richard W. Ashcraft, the Reading teachers union boss, expressed relief.

"I feel like I have before at the end of a battle, but realizing that we must stay alert because the war

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New passes given to Albrightian staff members after phony students claim to be reporters

Jennifer Romans
Lion Reporter

The Albrightian staff has a plan to deal with their impersonators.

The editorial staff created passes that everyone from Editor-In-Chief to occasional writer must wear when interviewing someone on campus about anything pertaining to an Albrightian article.

Geoffrey Smith, News/Photography Editor and maker of the passes, said it was an idea that the staff had been tossing around but when a student "requested information from the Information Systems Director" under the pretense of reporting, the idea was cemented.

The director requested a meeting with the Albrightian staff and, according to Smith, raised several what if's about giving out information to

non-reporters or those "impersonating us" as Kristin Lavis, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, said.

At this point passes were raised and security wanted to have photo IDs on them to prevent misuse if lost. Lavis, said security agreed to do it for free for them.

Laminated ID cards were made. Every student who writes or takes a picture is assigned a number on the back of the card to identify staff, said Smith.

Reporters wear the passes around their neck to avoid confusion during interviews and to gain admission to events.

Faculty and staff were also sent memos announcing the new pass system and directing them not to speak with any student that said to be from the Albrightian unless the reporter had a pass.

The editors do not

feel that passes will de-sway any student from writing articles. If fact, there are "more reporters this last semester," since the pass system has been implemented, then, Smith said.

Passes will be handed out to all photographers and writers at the biweekly meetings held Sundays at 8 p.m. in the Albrightian office. Lavis said this is one reason students really need to come to meetings and let the staff know just what they are planning to do.

Journalism students are still able to interview staff for their own articles and submit them for publication, but they must tell the interviewee that it may be submitted and it is up to the professor's "discretion" whether they will speak to students, Lavis said.

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sults of an autopsy done a day later by forensic pathologist Dr. Neil A. Hoffman at Reading Hospital.

Police units from both Muhlenberg and Reading townships arrived to determine the jurisdiction of the case. It was resolved that the death had occurred in Muhlenberg township.

A few hours following the incident, Albright Security sent out a mass voice mail and e-mail message calming the students who had feared that it was a possible homicide, or even a Albright student.

John Glassmoyer,

the maintenance worker who discovered the body, immediately contacted Albright Security, who then notified the Reading police dept.

According to Head of Security Bob Gerken, it was important to calm the students down before the rumors started to come about, and word of mouth was the best way to accomplish that.

The problem facing the Albright Community, is that we might have homeless people living in the woods near the path to the apartments.



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Groundscrew plant new trees along Bern St., outside Walton and in the Quad

Notice from Tom Miles concerning the mice in the Albright dormitories.

We encourage students not to leave food of any type out. If there's a crumb, the mice are there. Put food in plastic containers or bags. When you're living in a building with 120 other people, some of them are messy. It could be the person above you or below you, not necessarily the person next door. So, a word to the wise is to keep a clean room so when the mice find nothing to eat, they will go away. When students become aware of a problem, they should notify Facilities immediately.

THE ALBRIGHTIAN HOPES THAT THE ENTIRE ALBRIGHT COMMUNITY HAD A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER BREAK!!!



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The steps by the Administration Building are redone as cement steps

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

It's the end of the world, as we know it...and I don't feel fine

Kate Yaeger
Columnist

On April 17-22, hundreds of delegates from 34 nations will meet in Quebec City, Canada to discuss the creation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), an agreement that will pump up the already existing North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The FTAA will extend NAFTA to include the entire Western Hemisphere, except Cuba. Why should we care?

For starters, these meetings are being held in secret. Like the WTO, the formation and execution of the FTAA will be done in a completely un-democratic way. Not only are doors sealed to citizen from any country, but the entire city of Quebec will also be sealed off from people like you and I who want to have a say in our politics. Not even the United Nations has been able to voice its opinions and concerns. So who does have a say? The politicians acting as puppets for multi-national corporations are running the show. And, while we as US and global citizens have no access to documentation of the agreement, over 500 corporate representatives have security clearance and access to the FTAA documents. Why do these corporations care so much?

Because these massive multi-national corporations have so much power, they want to ensure that the power and wealth will stay in their hands. Corporations move high-paying jobs to countries with lower wages to save money. They also use the threat to move in order to bust unionization of workers. Sure, it makes sense that Company X would rather pay \$.23 per hour to

their workers than \$12.50...but does that make it OK? In the US, almost 400,000 jobs have been lost since NAFTA; in Mexico, one million more Mexicans earn less than minimum wage, and eight million families have slipped from the middle class into poverty.

With the FTAA, these numbers will increase dramatically, and these trends will be witnessed all across the Western Hemisphere. All this will happen in the name of corporate greed and profit.

Corporations also like to pinch pennies and take short-cuts when it comes to taking care of our earth. Just as they move around to where the cheapest labor is, they also like to set up in countries that have the most lax environmental laws and regulations. That way, they don't have to worry about paying high fines for making a mess. It's also no coincidence that countries with low wages also have low environmental regulations. Not only do they destroy the environment wherever they settle, but they make it even harder for smaller companies who are environmentally conscious to compete. What follows is an increase in company replacement, even among those once "green" businesses.

The FTAA will also expand NAFTA's rules on monopoly patents, meaning that companies with a patent in one country will have the exclusive right to market their products anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. Companies can patent anything from an indigenous medicinal plant, making the people who have used it for centuries pay to continue to use it, to preventing drugs that help AIDS patients from being distributed.

The FTAA will also lead to the privatization of services like education, health care, and energy and water utilities. The FTAA will allow the US to continue their push to force all countries to accept biotechnology and genetically modified food (GMO's).

Basically, the goal of the FTAA is the time-old push to make the rich richer and further concentrate power and wealth into the hands of the few.

I am willing to bet that "the few" is neither you, nor your family, friends, and neighbors. Feeling outraged yet? Here's what people are doing all over the entire Western Hemisphere: massive protests, nonviolent direct action, and demonstrations are being held everywhere! From Quebec, to Buffalo, NY to Burlington, VT to Washington DC to Brazil to Peru, people are uniting to say "We are NOT OK with this! We want our voices heard! We want true democracy and a sane economy!"

Let your voice be heard, too! On Saturday, April 21st students and local citizens will travel to the west side of City Hall in Philadelphia to join in solidarity the scream to stop this corporate globalization.

Albright Environmental Action is organizing car-pools from Reading to Philly. Whether you are a student, member of the faculty and administration or a local citizen, please contact me if you are interested in going: Kate Yaeger, email: kate88@visto.com or phone: (610)236.9405.

Come make a difference and make history! Say "NO" to the Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement!



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Letters to the Editor

Frustrated parent speaks out...

Dear Editor:

My child attends Albright and is currently a Junior. I am appalled at the constant barrage of extortion from the distinguished administration at Albright. Where do I begin?

I can start with the two tuition increases that are at least double that of our current inflationary rate.

I can go on with the cost of furniture replacement, room painting, and other maintenance fix-ups I could have completed myself for one eighth of the college's charge (if in fact my child had damaged the room to the extent it needed anything but normal maintenance). Isn't that what you're paying for anyway?

Then there are the parking tickets, late fees,

and prison food that is fed to our kids when it is not parent's day or freshman orientation.

The college has, in just three years slipped in academic standing, hired a President with a questionable resume, mismanaged funds to the extent that they try and extort funds from its current students and parents. I'm sure there are other parents and students who feel the same way that I do. Until last year my daughter, who is a junior in high school, had an interest in attending Albright College. She has a 4.0, scored 1200 on her SATs, and is in the top 5% of her graduating class. I told her she deserves better!!!

To the administration: Think of the legacy you are leaving, the hole you are digging, and alumni who will never support your effort!

--A concerned parent.

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On behalf of the Staff of the *Albrightian*, I would like to thank the Albright Library and Fianna Holt for their editorial in the March 15th issue of the *Albrightian*. We are also very glad that the *Albrightian* will have better shelf life due to the

quality of the paper. Our hope is that in the future it will be easy to look up a past *Albrightians* for whatever reason one might have. Thank you once more, and we hope to keep the *Albrightian* archives going.



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Features

Something to think about

Katrina Wright

Guess what. A very famous author of horror stories may soon become the centerpiece of a dark talk of his own; no pun intended. That is right: Steven King may be going blind. He suffers from an eye condition called macular degeneration. ON a TV show I watched recently, I learned that Steven King knows what it is like to have an alcoholic father, and what it is to be one himself for that matter. However, surprise, surprise, he has no idea what it is like to be blind. From what I know, macular degeneration is a progressive disease, so I guess he will soon find out. I have no doubt that in the future we can all look forward to such insightful Steven King titles as Blind Man's Ally. However, the reason why I am writing this piece now is to spread some insight of my own.

As I prepared to bake a cake last night and thought about how interesting it was that I had no

one to share it with, I began pondering on why people are so uncomfortable around me. At first I thought it was because of my tough exterior attitude. However, I dashed that thought because most people have never experienced my tough exterior attitude. Aside from that, it doesn't take the genius of a college student to know that no one is perfect. Then I thought it was because disabled people are often times misunderstood due to ignorance. There may be some validity to that point but I don't think it explains everything.

I think the real reason why people are so uncomfortable around me is because I violate their false sense of security.

If you are not blind, as I am, it is easy to think of blindness as some foreign condition that will never affect you. It is also easy to pity people who are blind. I violate people's sense of security because I won't be pitied. I fly in the face of most of the things that people believe about the blind. I'm not

docile and helpless. I won't be manipulated. I am an intelligent person who knows what she wants. Hint, hint; I'm just like you, which means that you could go blind tomorrow! No one is immune, not even Steven King. So if you happen to be strolling along one day, take some time to appreciate the view. Smile at yourself in the mirror more often, because in the blink of an eye, fate could put an impenetrable curtain of darkness down around you. In that case, you'd never see your face, or anybody else's for that matter, again.

I guess I'll end this piece by reflecting on the Y2K scare. Although most people panicked for nothing, many of them were at least somewhat prepared for the predicted disaster that was to mark the first day of the year of 2000. Take a lesson from that. Build on your reserves of strength, courage, and determination, just in case you need them. For again the events that go through the space of a moment could change the world.

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you know it. No, I'm not talking about an alien invasion, swirling vortex we call life and the things that happen when we least expect them.

Dave Matthews?

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Most of us today are keenly aware of the deluge of information coming at us from the moment we wake up with our favorite morning talk show until we turn off the late-night shows. Books, newspapers, magazines, professional trade journals, e-mail from family, friends and co-workers — it never ends.

But more information doesn't necessarily mean better. If you read the headlines, you know the opportunities for inaccuracy, deception and exploitation have grown along with the speed and magnitude of information available on demand.

Coping with this bewildering amount of information requires a place that can help us make sense of all that's out there. And it's as close as the Albright Library.

In 1989, the American Library Association Presidential Committee on Information Literacy wrote: "How our country deals with the realities of the Information Age will have enormous impact on our democratic way of life and on our nation's ability to compete internationally."

That was before the Internet became a superhighway running through businesses, schools, libraries, and our homes. Librarians were among the first to recognize the importance of this new information technology and to fight to make it widely accessible to the public.

As a nation, we have focused our energies on maximizing the availability of new technology. Some people are asking, "Will the Internet make libraries obsolete?" Just the opposite is happening. New technology is making libraries even more vitally important, especially in rural and under-served communities where people do not have access to the Internet at home.

Today, libraries are

changing and dynamic places — virtually every public, academic and school library is connected to the Internet and the numbers keep growing every day. Libraries offer an array of new technolo-

gies and resources including computer training, online databases, 24-hour-a-day remote access from your home, digital online catalogs, and more. Of course, there are still all those great books and magazines, videos and CDs that we have come to expect and enjoy at your library. And the library is no longer the quiet place you remember. At your library, there is always something going on. The library is abuzz with programs and services that make it a central place in the Albright Community. Libraries have always been places of opportunity, self-help and lifelong learning where we can find what we need for our health, school, jobs and family. And with today's library technology, libraries are reaching beyond their walls to connect to the larger, global community. Pittsburgh reaches Paris and Boise accesses Beijing. Today's library technology means that information from around the world is just a few clicks away and affords us opportunities like never before.



A view of Gingrich Library during Library Appreciation week.

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Of course, none of

online. At the beginning of this new century, the library is as vibrant as ever. Libraries and librarians continue to play a unique role played by no other in

viding a new place to call our own.

April 1-7 was National Library Week. As part of the celebration, the Albright Library hosted a lecture on Wednesday, April 4th. David Q. Voigt, Albright Emeritus Professor of Sociology, told a few lively stories about some of the more interesting characters that helped build baseball into America's favorite pastime, entertaining an experience event audience of more than 100 people.

The big event at the Library took place last Thursday, April 5th. You may have noticed the balloons and streamers and wondered what was happening. Or perhaps you were curious enough to come in to the party and get a piece of cake. We were visited by many campus personalities—thanks to all who joined us!

Even if you missed the cake, it is still a great time to come see what's new @ your library!

Fashion Corner

By: LINDUS TALEY

Hey Albright! Looking for something to do after dinner on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30? Come to the fashion show in the Campus Center. Some of Albright's "hottest" bodies will be showing some of the "hottest" fashions from famous designer brands. Some designer stores sponsoring us will be Nuatica, Calvin Klein, Delia's, Nine West, Wilson's

Vogue Fashion Show 4/19/01 6:30 pm Campus Center

lacking in style and spunk, it might be a good thing to check it out. There might even be a surprise guest from one of the top designers!

There will be advertisements throughout the campus two weeks before the fashion show, and we will be giving out broadcast messages in the Caf, sending

email messages, and posting flyers all over campus the week of the fashion show. You

won't be able to miss all the signs. We hope everyone will realize what a special event this is going to be for

Albright students. Hopefully everyone will make an effort to show up and find out this extraordinary event! Hope to see you there with open eyes and a keen sense for fashion. The fashion students of Albright are here to help out with all your fashion flaws. Don't miss it!

Leather, Fashion by Design, Victoria Secrets Beauty and much more! This show will be the real thing...catwalk and all.

The fashion majors of Albright are trying real hard to make this show "spectacular."

It may be a good thing to look at the new spring fashions, maybe to get a glimpse of the "in" styles for the spring and summer. This goes for guys and girls, if your wardrobe is



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is not over in this case; the war is over charter schools," Ashcraft said referring to his two tours of duty in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Students from both colleges would be welcomed back into Reading classrooms as a result of the decision, Ashcraft said.

Discussions about using some of the charter school's ideas would also be welcome, said M. Melissa Jamula acting superintendent.

For example, the district would be interested in a program similar to that proposed by the charter school that would teach pupils in English and Spanish.

"I'm very happy that they decided not to move forward," jamula said. I think where we need to work together as a com-

munity is to meet with state officials and out kind of model is really a workable model that does not pit communities against each other."

Dr. Sean D. Hyman, school board member, agreed.

"I would hope that they would realize that the best way to get their ideas accomplished is to work in cooperation with the school districts," Hyman said.

Neither Bernecker nor Speece viewed dropping the charter school plans as a defeat.

"I'm a optimist, and I think there will be wonderful opportunities for us to work together and for us to provide services for the Hispanice community," Speece said.

"It's just going to look different (than a charter school)."

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The TV Zone

Matthew

By:

Jay

SONY

It looks like SAG (Screen Actors Guild) and WGA (Writers Guild of America) might strike over the summer.

Contract talks between screenwriters and producers are deadlocked, but many people feel that the amount of money lost due to the commercial strike last year is a deterrent. WGA's contract ends May 2nd and SAG's film-TV contract runs out June 30th.

The WGA believes its members deserve millions more in secondary payments, or residuals, from subsequent showings of their TV shows and movies.

Meanwhile, ad-

vertisers are running scared, they have expressed concern that if there is a strike, TV viewership will decline. Without writers or actors, the networks will be forced to rely on a lot more news programs, sports and unscripted TV shows. All six-network entertainment bosses say they have enough programming to last well into the first quarter of 2002.

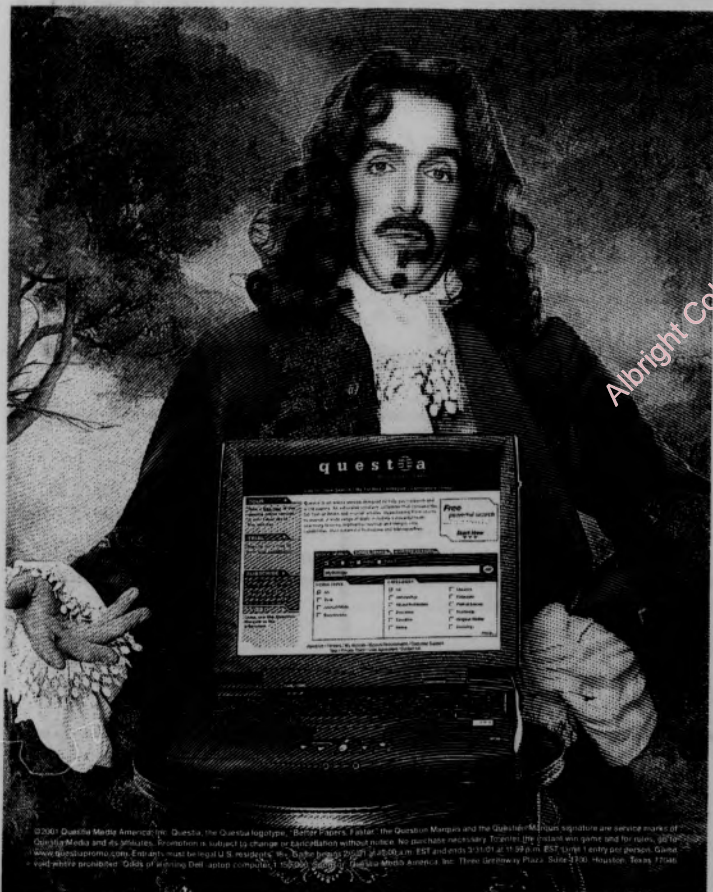
These plans include programming like "The Cube," where 10 strangers locked in a room must figure out what trait they share and "The Runner," a \$1 million contest challenging viewers to capture someone traveling across the country. Some reality shows aim higher than others.

The Emmy-winning makers of "Law & Order" will follow real-life prosecutors in NBC's "Trial & Error."

Don't worry about many of your favorite series; shows such as Fox's "That '70s Show," have agreed to produce additional episodes for fall. And some producers with fall series commitments, such as Dick Wolf and his third "Law & Order" installment for NBC (this time subtitled "Criminal Intent"), have begun production in order to wrap before a strike.



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Engagement Announcement

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Deen of Wadesboro, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Claire Deen, to Mr. Justin Michael Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf W. Schneider of Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey.

Miss Deen is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, and a third year law student at Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mr. Schneider is a graduate of Saddle River Day School, class of '90, and Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, class of '94.

He received his Juris Doctorate from Regent University School of Law in May 2000 and is pursuing a Masters Degree in International Tax Law. The wedding will take place in June.

Top 10 List

By Matthew Kemeny

Top 10 adult night classes with highest enrollment

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4. 101 Ways to Slack Off
3. Censoring 201 (Pre-requisite Corruption 101)
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1. Study Hall

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Did you know???

The Beatles song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" does not stand for "LSD." The title actually comes from John Lennon's son Julian, who left his mark on more than one Beatles song. His drawing of a nursery school classmate, Lucy O'Donnell caught his father's eye. When asked what it was called, Julian replied, "Lucy in the sky with diamonds."

When John Lennon divorced Julian's mother Cynthia, Paul McCartney composed a little song to cheer the boy up. Eventually Hey Jules evolved into Hey Jude.

Calender of Events

April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	K	17- CLASSES RESUME	18- "What Can I Do With A Major in Music?" 6:00 p.m. (CCML)	19- "Rising Waters: Global Waters and the fate of the Pacific Islands" -4:00 p.m. (Klein)	20- Faculty Recital- 7:30 p.m. (Roop) Casino Night- \$2 cover- 8 p.m.-1 a.m. (Jake's)	21- Reggae concert-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Outside CCML)
22	23 Environmental Studies Presents: Dr. Eric Pallant- 7:30 p.m. (CCSL)	24	25 "What can I do with a major in Optics?" 6 p.m. (CCML) "Burning Patience" 6:45 KLH	26	27- "Airbands" 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (CCML) "A Funny Thing..." (see the 28th for info)	28- "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." 8:00p.m. (Meridian)
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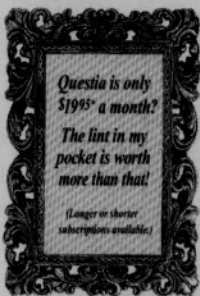
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Q: Dear Question Marquis: I've got a paper due on Diderot's political influence. I figured, "The Question Marquis is from the French Enlightenment - maybe he could give me some insight." So...scoop? - Karen in Santa Monica

A: Yes. You are fortunate you asked. Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm. Do you know, he had his Ds coming before his Cs in *l'Encyclopédie* before I straightened it out for him? If there were a French Enlightenment, you can be sure that Denis Diderot knew nothing about it. So you are best behaving to pick a new topic. Once you do, go to questia.com to search for an extensive collection of scholarly books and journal articles for reference in your paper. That should make up for some of the time you wasted thinking about Diderot. Time that you can use to improve the thoughts you will put into a new paper. So Questia will not only save you *beaucoup de* time, but it will also help you to write a better paper. And of course, my loyal readers (you feisty roustabouts, you!) will know that Questia also does your footnotes and bibliographies automatically, once you have finished your paper. You can part with a few francs for that, can you not?

"Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm."

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I haven't been feeling myself lately. I lash out at the people I care about, my cooking skills are slipping, and I'm often visited by the ghosts of vegetables I've eaten. I worry I might be losing my mind. - Nick in Houston

A: It is a shame that losing one's mind must inspire fear. It is really not so bad. I myself lost my mind several decades ago. I highly recommend it, in fact. The day you want to lose it, just put it under your pillow before you go to sleep, and that night, the Mind Fairy will come along and take it, leaving behind anywhere from 50 to 3,000 francs, depending on the quality of the gray matter. I got over 1,800 for mine. Yours, being an American mind, will naturally not command such a high price. But still, something is better than nothing.

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OBITUARY

KYNDI M. BERTOIA

Kyndi Maraih Bertoia, age 21, of Captain Wolfe Road, Barto, PA, died suddenly on Friday afternoon, January 12, 2001, at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center-Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township, Allentown, PA, after being stricken at home.

Born in Allentown, PA, she was the daughter of Val O. Bertoia and Kylene T. (Lantzy) Bertoia, both of Barto.

She was a sophomore at Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont, where she was studying international business, and played on the women's rugby team. Prior to that, she received a scholarship and attended Albright College in Reading for a year. She was a 1998 graduate of the Purnell School in Pottersville, New Jersey, and attended there from ninth to twelfth grade. From first to eighth grade, she attended the Wyndcroft School in Pottstown. As a child, she attended the Palm Country Day School at the Palm Schwenkfelder Church in Palm. She loved to dance and sing, and had a great sense of humor and loved life.

Surviving along with her mother and father are paternal grandmother, Brigitta (Valtiner) Bertoia of Quakertown; maternal grandmother, Joan (Cisick) Lantzy of East Greenville; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, Harry Bertoia, and maternal grandfather, Edward C. Klimcho Lantzy.

A "Celebration of Her Life" gathering will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2001, and also from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2001, at her mother's home, 48 Captain Wolfe Road, Barto.

Sports



The long season has come to an end, only to give way to a month and a half of great hockey with the playoffs beginning this week. With top teams getting bounced in seven games, money players coming through in the clutch, incredible goaltending, and, of course, sudden death overtime, which isn't so sudden sometimes, it's a great time of the year for hockey fans. It was a great season I'd say; the playoff races came down to the last day, Carolina edged out Boston for a spot in the East, and Toronto, once a Cup contender atop the East, has fallen drastically to become the 7 seed. Phoenix will go down in history as the best team ever not to make the playoffs, with 90+ points. LA and Vancouver will round out the bottom of the West. The West features two rather appealing matchups in the 4/5 and 3/6 series', two great rematches from last year, STL and SJ and DAL and EDM. The best series' in the East will be WAS/PIT and PHI/BUF. There will be more to come on the playoffs later, the all rookie team, awards and predictions.

Like most seasons, this one had its share of rookies shining and showing great promise. Last year's All rookie team featured strong players like D Brian Rafalski and C Scott Gomez of New Jersey and W Simon Gagne of the Flyers. These are easily

three of the future stars of the league. Gomez won the Calder Trophy as the league's top rookie and Brian Rafalski runs the point on a power play in NJ with the best line in the NHL in W Patrik Elias, C Jason Arnott, and W Petr Sykora. Simon Gagne is one of the most skilled young players in the league; he has great speed, passing ability and the vision to make plays happen. If Rafalski (9G, 43A) were



Havbet (left) and Rachunek were two of the top rookies in the league this season.

not on such a deep team as New Jersey, his points total would be up there with the elite defensemen of the league like Leetch and Lidstrom. Check out Rafalski if you haven't already, and look for him and Gomez to play for the US Olympic team in 2002.

This year's Puck Talk All Rookie squad has the same amount of promise as last year's group. Goalie: Evgeni Nabakov, SJ (32 Wins, 2.17 Goals Against Avg., .915% Save Pct, 6 Shutouts). Defensemen: Colin White, NJ (1G, 19A, +32), and Karel Rachunek, OTT (3G, 30A, +17). Center: Steve Reinprecht, LA/ COL (15G, 21A, +11). Wings: Brad Richards, TB

(21G, 41A) and Martin Havlat, OTT (19G, 23A).

Nabakov has been one of the best goalies in the league this year; he's nowhere near Brodeur, Roy, or Kolzig, but he's up there. He posted top 5 numbers in wins, GAA, and shutouts. He led San Jose to success when C Vincent Damphousse went down for the year in January and when W Owen Nolan was suspended for 11 games due to a dirty hit (go figure a Shark giving a dirty hit). He will be key to their success in the playoffs, as they will take on rival St. Louis once more in the first round. Colin White of NJ is technically a rookie, even though he was part of Jersey's great defense in

last year's playoffs, as he was paired up with playmaker Vladimir Malakhov. White is among 5 Devils who are in the top 6 in the NHL in +/- rating. He amassed a healthy amount of penalty minutes due to tough play and was the perfect complement to speedy offensive minded Scott Niedermayer on the blueline. White also threw in a handful of helpers for good measure. Look for him to be key to Jersey's defensive success in the playoffs. Karel Rachunek of Ottawa is this year's Brian Rafalski, a great playmaker and a tough defender. Rachunek played on Ottawa's #1

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What you might have missed in the last two weeks...

From the SID Office

submitted by Jim DeLuccia '03

Both the men and women's track teams won their first meets of the season as they defeated Cheyney University with the men winning 93-33 and the women winning 128-14.

For the women, freshman Rachel Williams won the triple jump with a distance of 32-1, the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.77 and the 440 hurdles with a time of 1:23.92.

She was also a member of the 440 x100 relay with freshman Laura Jean, freshman Dena Shibib and sophomore Steph Manzella that took first with a time of 53.48.

Junior Angela D'Amato took first in the mile with a mark of 6:26 and the 800 yard with a time of 4:42.66, and teamed with Jean, Williams, and freshman Krista Kollner to win the one-mile relay with a time of 5:23.24.

For the men, freshman Nick Torsiello, freshman Kareem O'Brien and sophomore B.J. Sumner won the one-mile relay with a time of 3:51.22.

Junior Justin Piro excelled in the weight events, winning the shot put with a distance of 35-6.5, the discus at 120-3, and the hammer throw at 100-3. The win improves the men and women's record to 1-0 (0-0 MAC).

The golf team dropped a close match to MAC Freedom opponent Wilkes University by one stroke, 425-426. The loss evens the Lions' mark at 1-1 (0-0 MAC).

The baseball team

went 1-2 for the week splitting a double header with Widener, losing game one, 9-1 and winning game two, 1-0, followed by a loss to DeSales, 6-4.

In the win sophomore Mat Slivinski and junior Mike Strack went 2-3 and junior Toby Ranck went 1-3 with the game winning rbi in the fifth inning. Senior John McGillian threw a complete game shutout for the Lions with four strikeouts for the 6-11 Lions.

The softball team broke even for the week, splitting two doubleheaders to Juniata (6-5, 4-5) and Moravian (2-5, 3-0). In the 6-5 win over Juniata, junior Liz Groves went 3-3 with a double and two runs scored. In game two versus Moravian, Groves led the Lady Lions again with a 3-3 performance.

Sophomore Shannon Kline threw a complete game six-hit shutout for the Lady Lions. The Lady Lions record stands at 7-6-1.

The men's tennis team is on a three-game win streak after beating Widener and Wilkes. The team shutout Wilkes by a 7-0 score. Seniors John Fotopoulos, Keene Turner, Matt Matlack and Matt Short recorded singles victories for the lions.

In doubles play, freshmen pair Trevor Fisher and Matt Zimmerman, along with sophomores Rich Carrione recorded victories. The Lions improve their mark to 3-3 (1-0 MAC).

Lion Lookout

Toby Ranck

by: Jim DeLuccia

Junior first baseman/pitcher Toby Ranck is day-to-day and it's not just from a physical standpoint. Ranck, the Lion's leading hitter and first team All-Commonwealth selection in 2000, is leading an improved 2001 team with a relaxed approach. The 6-14 Lions, though struggling of late, are gaining respect throughout the MAC with their first baseman as the focal point.

"We're more of a team this year," said Ranck.

Ranck, who has been troubled by shoulder soreness since last season, has spent limited time on the mound and is out indefinitely.

"I never really had a chance to rehab after last season. I'm on a day-to-day basis right now and won't return until the soreness goes away."

Last season, Ranck led the team with 48 hits and a .366 average and was tied for the team lead in rbi's with 24. His performance on the mound was inauspicious, which could be contributed to his health, as he went 1-4 with a 7.78 E.R.A. The team struggled to an 8-26 (4-10 MAC) finish, as the Lions dropped a few winnable games in a frustrating season. However, this season has been different.

"I didn't pre-judge the team before the season," Ranck said. "We're taking it one game at a time"

The soreness in the shoulder has not affected his hitting and fielding this season. He leads the team with a .291 average and a .547 slugging percentage and is tied for first with five doubles and two homeruns. His fielding percentage is spotless, yet despite the numbers,



Toby Ranck leads the Lions in 2001

ons trailing, 5-4 with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

The Lions have also enjoyed success this season, splitting double headers with tough conference foes such as Widener and Messiah. The Commonwealth conference is tough, but the pressure

doesn't seem to bother the Twin Valley graduate from nearby Elverson, PA. "He has a lot of natural ability and talent and not a whole lot affects him," said Feiler. "He's not a rah rah guy and his numbers do the talking."

Ranck has a simple explanation for his style of play towards the game, which as

Yogi Berra once astutely observed, "is 90% mental."

"If you get pissed, your game will get worse. One inning could be bad, but the next one could be great."

Despite the simplistic approach, Ranck and the team still have their goals.

"Right now we are in the mix of the league," Ranck said. "If we win some conference games down the stretch, we can make the playoffs."

Ranck and the team's attitude could pose as a lethal combination that may make their foes a little less than calm by the end of the season.

XFL: a score or not?

Kirsten Byers
Staff Writer

room pep talks, makes for a very personal football game.

It's new, it's hardcore, and it's stirring up a lot of talk from the NFL world: yup, it's the brand new XFL football league series.

This series was made up by Jesse "the Body" Ventura and Vince McMahon.

Both men either are or were popular players in the pro wrestling world. And for anyone who first watches an XFL match, they will see this style of entertainment almost instantly.

The XFL was created because a bunch of men thought that the world needed another football league that was more exciting, more rough and tough. It was also put into play because a lot of people felt that the NFL had gone soft. Plays were getting weak, there's too much punting, and not enough passing, tackling and running. These were all ways of slowing the game down and making it into a glorified commercial sport.

A lot of the ideology that came behind the idea of creating the XFL was the fact that football had gone soft, that it was being played for big businesses and more of a money-making scheme than for the love of the game and the fans.

In many cases this all may be true, but that doesn't mean that the XFL is going to solve all those problems and make the NFL obsolete. A lot of sports and their players have turned into a money ploy, just to get us [the fans] to watch and spend money on these events.

The XFL is no different and has many problems of its own. Some of the interesting differences between the XFL and NFL do make the XFL exciting to watch. For one thing, the new "in your face" camera actions that go up close and personal to almost every play, coaching directions, huddles,

and all the locker

This close up look of all aspects of the game can be a good thing and a bad thing. Along with hearing ever play that is going to happen before it happens, you also get to hear the quarterbacks directions, the snap count and the huddles thought, all of which have gotten on people nerves. The whole point of an exciting sneak play is that it is secret.

With the XFL nothing is secret, and for too many fans this spoils a lot of the fun of football.

One of my personal favorites though, that does make the XFL extremely entertaining is the hardcore hitting from anywhere at almost any time.

The tackling is extreme, and the hitting is in full view and at times rough enough to hear the crack of someone going down.

This aspect of the XFL makes for some exciting football that we definitely don't get to see as much in the NFL, but I am not sure if even this is enough to save the XFL from becoming another flop.

One of the aspects of the XFL, though, that is most definitely going to be one-sided, would have to be the XFL cheerleaders. I really didn't think it was necessary to have more girls strutting around in some outfits that had less materials than bathing suits. This part of the XFL obviously shows the influence of the pro-wrestling federation, because most of the XFL cheerleaders looked like glorified pinups or strippers.

It was lucky if one of them did a dance that actually looked rehearsed versus just wiggling and shaking their asses the whole game.

But, what else can you aspect from the wrestling federation. This was just the quickest idea to get men to gawk at scantily clad women with hopes of watching the football af-

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by: **Jim DeLuccia**
Staff Writer

Even the best baseball and softball players hit the inevitable: the slump. For Albright's second-team All Commonwealth shortstop, junior Liz Groves, her time has come.

"I'm not surprised," Groves said. "I kind of expected it, but I just have to work my way out of it."

Groves, who has a .400 average over the past two seasons, led the 2000 Lady Lions in rbi's with 28 and hits with 38, which are all-time records at Albright to go along with a team-high of four triples and two homeruns. In addition to the all conference selection, the U.S.A. Athletes International selected Groves to participate in a week long tournament in Prague, Czech Republic during the summer of last year. She participated with Division II and III athletes during the prestigious trip.

"It was an amazing experience," Groves said.

Expectations were high personally for

Lions in contention, especially during their spring trip in Fort Myers, FL, where the team was severely tested by tough

competition. As of April 8th, Groves was beginning to recover, raising her average to .300 and slugging percentage to a team-high .441. Groves and the team's slump has surprised coach George, but an offensive turnaround could be impending.

"She [Groves] had a monster year last season and carried us for much of the year," George said. "She has all the tools to

be the best on the field and when she breaks out, some team is going to pay."

With conference double headers on the horizon, timely hitting may be necessary to keep the team on its path towards the post-season. According to George, Groves could be the focal point.

"For her to do well, she has to do well," George said.

As Groves continues to raise her average and confidence, those expectations will surely be met.



Junior Liz Groves is a leader for the Lady Lions.

Groves and the team. The Lady Lions had their best season in 2000 with a 17-12 record under first year manager and Albright alum Steve George and the team appears even stronger this season with the addition of highly talented newcomers.

"We want to do better than last year and set a new record," said Groves.

Albright, 10-7-1 (5-3 MAC) this season has struggled offensively as a team, but strong pitching has kept the Lady

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ward. So this aspect of the XFL probably won't entice female viewers, let alone women activists and most of the female population in general has just been degraded because of the stupidity of this concept.

Probably one of the most intriguing parts of the XFL is the idea that once a touchdown is scored,

you can't try for the extra point by kicking it, you have to try for it by running it through the end-zone with a skilled play.

This aspect, I think, is more fascinating than anything else, mainly because we are all so used to seeing the extra point kick; watching a team figure out how to accomplish this is mesmerizing.

All in all, the XFL has proved to have a good amount of view interest, a lot of which I am sure has come from college viewers, after its first couple of weeks, whether it will hold up against the NFL is too early to tell, but in one word, the opening games of the XFL proved to be merely disappointing, to say the least.

Lion golf team swings into 2001

Mitch Lauver

Ryan Douds playing the no. 3 spot.

The 2001 Albright Lions Golf team will look to be a contender this year in the Middle Atlantic Conference. With a lot of youth and some experience they will look to improve upon 2000's ninth place finish in the MAC.

The Lions will be young this year, fielding no seniors, only two juniors, five sophomores, and two freshmen.

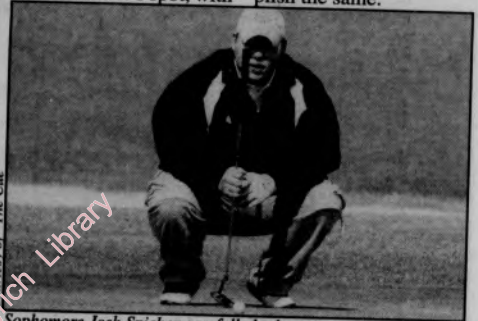
Nick Pomo and Brett Frey will be the two juniors. Pomo is the most experienced player on the team, with this year being his third season for the Lions.

Tim Cummings, Jon Mullineaux, Mitch Lauver, Ryan Douds and Josh Spicher are the five sophomores on this year's team. Of these five, Cummings, Mullineaux and Lauver are the only players that are returning from last year's team. Mitch Lauver will be the man at the no. 1 spot, with

The Lions will also look for this year's freshman class to be productive in 2001. Freshmen John Trainor and Brad King have both had prolific high school careers with nine-hole averages in the low 40's. Trainor will fit in nicely at the no. 2 spot and King will be at the no. 4 spot for Albright.

Coach Ray Mest hopes to have a respectable 2001 season and is encouraged by the enthusiasm and level of participation exhibited by the candidates in the early season.

Youth on this team is clearly the driving force and there are signs that indicate a desire and willingness on the players' part to build a winning tradition. Coach Mest is also optimistic about potential recruits for the next 2 years and is looking forward to beginning a new spirit of success and the commitment necessary to accomplish the same.



Sophomore Josh Spicher carefully looks over a putt.

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power play unit with great players like C Alexei Yashin, D Wade Redden, W Shawn McEachern and W Daniel Alfredsson. A strong majority of Rachunek's points came on the power play, and he has established himself as one of the stronger power play quarterbacks in the league (not quite Pronger, Lidstrom or Bourque yet, but he and Rafalski will eventually be around such a high caliber). Brad Richards from Tampa Bay lead all rookies with 61 points and is part of a strong youth movement in Tampa Bay, along with C Vin Lecavalier, G Kevin Weekes, and W Frederik Modin. Tampa has a strong group of young talent; look for Richards to continue his success. Martin Havlat is one of the true young stars of the league. Many of his goals were worthy of the highlight reel, and he combined well with W Marian Hossa and C Radek Bonk on the power play. Havlat came on strong at the end of year with a hat trick against Atlanta and he has a great knack for the timely goal, which is evident through two recent overtime winners. Steve Reinprecht came over to COL from LA in the Rob Blake trade and anchored the Avs third line (which would be most teams' second line, but when you have Peter Forsberg and Chris Drury on the second line, you're in good shape). Reinprecht is an outstanding defensive centerman and contributes offensively as well when the Avs big guns have an off day, (which isn't too often), and he contributes even when the big guns are on their game. He's on the #2 PP unit with W Drury and W Alex Tanguay and shows great promise.

There are several major awards given out after the season is over; here are Puck Talk's predictions for several of them. Hart Trophy (MVP): Joe Sakic, C, COL. Best Defense: Peter Forsberg, D, DET.

with 115 (52G 63A) and lead the Avs to the best record in the league along with linemates W Milan Hejduk and Tanguay. He carried the Avs for a month early in the season when Peter Forsberg was injured and was a great player at both ends of the ice, which his #2 ranked plus/minus rating of +42 would indicate. Sakic deserves this award more than Jagr, he has been more consistent and a better team player. Vezina Trophy (Top Goaltender): Martin Brodeur, NJ: Brodeur's name rarely comes up in the mentioned names in the voting—even though he deserves it more than Roy or Hasek. He has quietly led the league in wins, and is near the top in games played, minutes, and shutouts. Due to the fact that he has such a stellar defense in front of him, Brodeur does not have to face all the action that other top goalies do, hence his name is usually not mentioned because he does not get the recognition of others. Brodeur is the most consistent and dependable goalie in the league and does pretty much everything in goal well, not to mention his 2 Stanley Cup rings. Calder Trophy (Top Rookie): Evgeni Nabakov, G SJ: Hands down, no contest amongst the other top rookies—see above for accolades. Frank J. Selke Trophy (Best Defensive Forward): Patrik Elias: W NJ. In addition to finishing third in scoring with 96 points (40G, 46A) Elias had the top +/- rating in the league at +46 and was an instrumental part to New Jersey's strong penalty kill with specialist W John Madden, D Scott Stevens and country mate W Petr Sykora. He has played great two way hockey all year and back checks on every shift. Norris Trophy (Best Defenseman): Nicklas Lidstrom, D DET: This award has been a long time coming for the Swedish blueliner, and he wholly deserves it this year. He finished with 137 and 60A.

Detroit's lethal power play with W Brendan Shanahan, C Steve Yzerman, and C Sergei Fedorov. He doesn't have the hitting power of Rob Blake or Scott Stevens, but Lidstrom has the ability to completely shut down the opposition's top scorers as well as contribute to one of the most balanced attacks in the league. Detroit's balance of attack can only be rivaled by New Jersey, Ottawa, St. Louis and Colorado. Lidstrom has one of the most feared shots from the point and is one of the best passers in the league. Lady Byng Trophy (Most Gentlemanly Player): No predicted winner, but I can tell you a few players who won't win it: None of any members of the San Jose Sharks or Philadelphia Flyers, D Derian Hatcher from Dallas, W Peter Worrell from Florida, or W Krystowf Oliwa of Pittsburgh.

Playoff Matchups:

- East: (1) New Jersey v. (8) Carolina; (2) Ottawa v. (7) Toronto
- (3) Washington v. (6) Pittsburgh; and (4) Philadelphia v. (5) Buffalo.
- West: (1) Colorado v. (8) Vancouver; (2) Detroit v. (7) Los Angeles; (3) Dallas v. (6) Edmonton; (4) St. Louis v. (5) San Jose.

Series' to watch—

Philly v Buffalo, St. Louis and the Sharks, and above all, Dallas and Edmonton. These two usually meet in the first round, and, although Dallas usually wins, the series will go six or seven games—keep an eye on it. Look for NJ and OTT to meet in the East finals, maybe WAS instead of OTT though, who knows? Detroit will have a formidable task in LA, but they should beat them—look for them to face off with Dallas or Colorado in the West finals—do not be surprised if St. Louis loses to the Sharks again. Well that should be it for now—take care and enjoy the playoffs, they are always quite a spectacle!! Go Devils!

Sports Talk

with Dan Pennucci

The NCAA Tournament came to an end last week with Duke winning its third title in 10 years under coach Mike Krzyzewski. Duke beat Arizona in a great final in Minneapolis (coincidentally where Duke won their last title in 1992) after getting by rival Maryland in the semifinal. Maryland got lucky this year; they should have been bounced by George Mason in the first round. The team Maryland beat to reach the Final Four was the only team who has underachieved more than the Terps in the past three years, Stanford (who actually made it out of the second round this year, even though Marvin O'Connor and St. Joe's should've won that second round matchup). Duke took it to Arizona early on, but Arizona led by guard Gilbert Arenas, center Loren Woods, and forward Richard Jefferson played tough defense and kept the game close at the half. Duke, led by sophomore Mike Dunleavy (4 3's in the 2nd half), went on a three point shooting tear in the early stages of the second half, only to see 'Zona claw their way back into the game with about 2 and a half minutes left. This was when Jason Williams (who should've had three fouls before the first half ended and been on the bench the majority of the second half) did not turn the ball over and finally hit a three, which kind of killed Arizona's rally. Williams lackluster play was protected by the strong defensive play of Player of the Year Shane Battier, stud freshman Chris Duhon, and Dunleavy. Williams was beat on defense numerous times by 'Zona guard Michael Gardner and made several poor turnovers, in addition to missing many shots. Battier carried that team and got what he deserved; a national title to add to his list of accolades.

Tiger Woods won his fourth consecutive

major when he held off David Duval and Phil Mickelson (both of whom have a tendency to stop playing well when it matters in majors) to win his first Masters Title since he broke onto the scene in 1997. Woods won the US and British Opens and The PGA Championship last year, and has now captured the Masters, making him the only golfer to hold all four major titles at once. Yet, golf "purists" argue this is not a grand slam since he did win them all in the same year. Who cares? He won the last four majors, name another golfer who has done that? Exactly. With Tigger's high quality play at big events, he'll probably defend his next three titles just to keep "purists" quiet and have a "true" Grand Slam.

I'd like to rant about tennis' classless Williams sisters. Venus was told to withdraw from a semifinal at Indian Wells two weeks ago against her sister so Serena could go to the final because Serena was told to let Venus win at Wimbledon last year. Their father, Richard, concocts these plans that truly detract the class from the game of tennis by telling the girls who he wants to win when they play one another. Serena was rightfully jeered at the final of Indian Wells all the way to the championship stand.

Baseball has begun. Six months of this stuff before we get to see the Yankees win another World Series. The Yankees should just be given a season bye and placed in the AL Championship Series; no make that the World Series. Some notable performances from the first week were Boston's Hideo Nomo throwing a no hitter against Baltimore (which probably wasn't that hard), and Luis Gonzalez of Arizona and Carlos Delgado of Toronto were tied for the homerun lead with 5 apiece at the week's end. That's about it for now sports fans—take care and enjoy the baseball season.

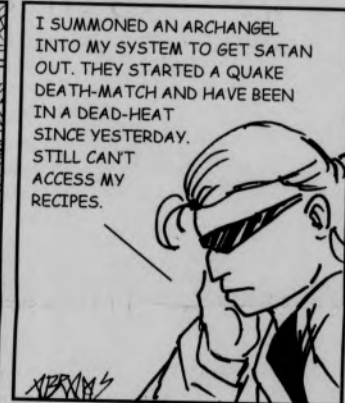
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Personals

Lela,

Who's in charge now?

???????

Angel, Melissa, Richa,

I see you baby, shakin' that @ss...

???????

Jamie,

Remember that Wednesday night? Don't make me laugh!! It hurts!!

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Hey Toti!

Thanks for the offer, but the only assistance you could give me involves a shotgun!

-T.S.C.

Anonymous,

Don't worry, it gets bigger...

???????

T.S.C.

Don't worry! If you think the stress is too much...just take a deep breath and remember that it could be worse- You could be a fink!

-Toti

Coach Cheeba,

If I smoke you up, can I be captain too?

???????

Dear Benedict,

Is it possible, sits the wind in that corner?

Love,

Don Pedro

To Joey Woe and Krissy

Wissy:

Thanks for making Albright literally tons of fun. Why don't you two do everyone a favor and skip a couple meals to help feed the homeless.

Sincerely,

The enire campus and all major fast-food restaurants

Dear Security,

You're KILLING us!!

From all of the trees that are chopped down, so you guys can write tickets.

Dear Scott,

Our new shipment of light blue shirts came it. You can pick them up anytime.

**Sincerely,
The Limited
and Wet Seal**

Timmy

Can I see the snatch???

???????

Housing

-Where's the love? -Greeks

Bring Back Nas!!!

DeTuro,

"Lyn in Bed, just like Brian Wilson did.

dino

Dave

-good job missing your bus ple..err..brother ;)

-your room-mate

**From,
All the guys
on campus**

Henry Z.

Why so quiet? Speak up!

???????

Kerm,

the lily pad needs a visit!

-The Sa-moan

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---Staff

Commentary

Political Point of View

It's Time to help the poor

Andrew Harris
President of College
Libertarians

The more you give, the more you have. The only thing that does not change is change itself. The more you learn, the less you know. Government welfare hurts the poor. The following were paradoxes. A paradox is a statement that seems contradictory on one level, but has some truth on another. With tax day coming up, I would like to explore how government taxes hurt the poor. Many people like to justify high taxes by saying that they are helping the less fortunate through government welfare. The truth is that they are actually helping repress the poor. The government's high tax rate hurts an individual because it decreases

one's ability to earn wealth decreases one's ability to give to charitable institutions, decreases the amount of money people can put away in savings accounts and decreases the ability of businesses to pay higher wages and increase the amount of people that they hire.

The best way to see how government taxes decrease a person's ability to earn wealth is to look at the statistics. In the 1950's, an average person paid about five percent of their income to government taxes. Today an average person pays about fifty percent. Even that number is not really accurate. The reason being is that you cannot just look at the taxes you see. The government also taxes things like gas, cigarettes, hotels, and often times it

does not show. Then the government puts strict regulations on certain things, which increases the price of everything. In addition throw in the price of how much people spend to do their taxes be it record keeping, software, or an account. Dr. James Payne of the University of California estimates that the percent of a person's income that goes to direct taxes, compliance costs, hidden taxes and regulations is seventy one percent of the average person's income.

Having an average person lose seventy-one percent of their income on account of the government hurts the poor. Granted, an average poor person does not pay seventy one percent of their income. However, they are still being hurt because they, too,

have to pay hidden taxes and the price of regulations. With the average person losing seventy one percent of their income to the government, how are they supposed to donate money to the poor? How can private organizations fully help the poor when their possible support base is being suffocated by government taxes and regulations? It is common knowledge that private charitable organizations are better able to help the poor. They have to be or people will not donate money to them. Due to volunteer work, adapting to situations and a strong need to be accountable for the money they spend private charitable organizations could help the poor a lot better than the federal government. However, these organizations hurt because it's hard for people to come up with spare money to donate to them. People are working too hard to ensure that they are not becoming poor be-

cause they are losing seventy-one percent of their income.

With so much of a person's money going to the government it's hard to save money. At the very least, people do not have the ability to invest as much money as they would if they had more of their income. This hurts the poor because by saving money in banks the interest rate decreases. A decreased interest rate allows businesses to take out more loans. The loans are then used to expand their businesses and increase their ability to hire more workers and increase their wages. People who spend their extra money on buying stocks are in essence also increasing the businesses ability to expand and grow. The poor are able to benefit by getting better jobs and better wages due to the expansion of the businesses. Government taxes also hurt the poor because taxes

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What you see is not always what you get

Achal Mehra
Associate Professor

In mid-March, Albright decided to scrap plans to hire a provost for next year. The official reason for dropping the search was that the process had failed to yield anyone of quite the stature to be Albright's first provost.

Col. Henry Zimon created the provost position last year with the professed aim of attracting top-notch candidates, as it would elevate the academic dean formally to the second-ranked position at the college. Col. Zimon told the faculty that his measure for the right candidate was someone superior to the current acting academic dean Tom Brogan. But none of the candidates measured up even

to Dr Brogan. So plans for a provost for next year were dropped and the search extended for another year.

Why did the college fail to attract candidates good enough even to be academic dean, much less a provost? I think the reason the college failed to attract good candidates — and is unlikely to do so in the next round — is because of the unresolved academic dishonesty allegations against Col. Henry Zimon. The trustees can pretend that they consider the matter closed, but the public record resonates outside the college, even if we elect to bury our heads in the sand. The following is a communication I received from one of the three finalists for the provost position: "I am concerned and surprised about the issue and the responses

to be sure (prior to my interview I obtained copies of the articles from the Chronicle of Higher Education website).... In any event, I certainly intend to continue to ask the Search Committee and the President himself about this matter. Should the College and I deem it appropriate to continue to move my candidacy forward in the search, I will need a better understanding of the situation, the actions taken in response and particularly the faculty perspective on the matter."

That is from an active candidate for the position. We will never know of the scores of others who were dissuaded from even applying to the college because they were appalled at Col. Zimon's academic misconduct. We are just plain foolish in trying to pretend that we have

whitewashed this shameful episode in the college's history. And we will continue to suffer externally unless we move to clean up our mess. Our students will face the same problem when they graduate. We better have answers for them to such questions as: "Albright, isn't that the college whose president falsified his resume?"

It appears that many faculty members are so concerned about Col. Zimon's lack of competence that they are terrified by the prospect of bringing in another unfamiliar face to manage the academic division and therefore prefer to stick with an internal candidate. I do not find myself in disagreement with that faculty perspective, which is the rationale for the faculty's support for continuing Dr. Brogan's appointment. It

is simultaneously a vote of confidence in Dr. Brogan and a vote of no confidence in Col. Zimon. Incidentally, in a stinging rebuke to Col. Zimon, the faculty recently voted to reject the nomination of Mr. R. James Woolsey for honorary degree by a vote of 40-7. Mr. Woolsey, for those who might have forgotten, was the alleged co-author of Col. Zimon's second fake book. He denied he was involved in such a manuscript and is probably not at fault for Col. Zimon's misrepresentations, but the faculty nevertheless voted against Woolsey's candidacy because of his unwitting association with Col. Zimon and the college's failure to explain the controversy over the books.

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hurt businesses. Businesses have to pay payroll taxes, income taxes, capital gain taxes, corporate taxes, inventory taxes, licensing fees, ect. With businesses paying so many taxes, their ability to hire and train new workers diminished. The business' ability to increase the wages of their workers is decreased. Licensing fees and regulations also hurt a poor person's ability to start their own business to get out of poverty. In New York it costs 142,000 dollars to get approval to run a taxicab. In Washington D.C. it costs 7,000 dollars to get a license for running a pushcart. Taxes hurt businesses, which in turn hurt the poor. Taxes are stopping the poor from starting their own businesses. The time is now

to decrease our taxes. We need to decrease taxes to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Even if you still feel that the government needs to provide welfare to help the poor there are other ways we could cut taxes. End corporate welfare. Decrease defense spending and have the military actually defend the United States. Get rid of the pork in the federal budget. The US government does not need to pay for things like research on the mating habits of Californian kangaroo mice. The time is now to demand that our taxes be lower. The poor are depending on us.

You can voice your opinions to the College Libertarians of Albright through ac@campuslp.org or by visiting: <http://campuslp.org/ac>

"Quote of the Week"

"Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise."

--Alice Walker

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college, but fortunately for Col. Zimon, the continued focus on his academic dishonesty, serves also to obscure both his abysmal performance as well as the harm his continued presence is causing the college. So let's catalog Col. Zimon's reign of error of the past year.

We have seen the fiasco surrounding the college's rankings and the misrepresentation of college data. This year, the college slipped below Alvernia College in Barron's college rankings for the first time in its history. In U.S. News & World rankings of liberal arts colleges, Albright is 4th from the bottom in SAT scores and 146th out of 162 in academic reputation.

The college, which was once reputed as very selective, now accepts almost 86 percent of all those who apply to it. We may as well adopt an open admissions policy or bid to become a community college.

More recently the college was embroiled in the charter school fiasco, over a poorly conceived college plan to establish a charter school, which was shot down by the Reading School Board and local teachers. Last year, we witnessed the censorship of the Albrightian, once again for the first time in college history. The administration falsely accused the newspaper of violating copyright and falsely alleged that the Albrightian's story on the college's declines in national rankings was false.

Instead, the college's attempts to mislead the campus community and the local media over the decline in rankings was its own exposed as false in the Reading Times.

The college has been nationally and publicly ridiculed over Col. Zimon's academic dishonesty and several of our most talented faculty have either left or are leaving the college because they cannot stomach his academic misconduct. Now we are discovering that potential senior administrators are also spurning the college so that we are hard pressed to recruit any talent. I would think that even trustees as detached as Albright's would wake up to the problems with Col. Zimon's continued stewardship of the college.

A faculty colleague has pointed out that the

deeper into the debt slave crisis. And what are we doing to fix these problems? Not a thing. The most disturbing fact of the matter is that select groups of people who do not consider the implications of their actions want to bring further lawlessness to our country. What will bring total "liberty" to the American people accomplish?

Politically speaking, all actions involve limiting other actions. By bringing ultimate liberty to the mob, we will allow the most base and destructive actions of individuals the freedom to contaminate our society.

What truly is needed is for the government to crack down on lawlessness, to throw drug users, rapists, killers, and criminals into jail and keep them there. People who commit violent crimes need to be eradicated from our community. Why keep predators — who prey among us alive — alive

and sustained on taxpayer money? Make committing crimes an economic risk. If you are caught selling or buying drugs in any quantity your house, property, and assets ought to become simulated into the community to prevent worthless individuals like yourself from further degrading our society.

The true problem is individuals within our community who want to be lawless, who want to do whatever they feel like doing, all in under the guise of "liberty."

It is time to enforce law, to limit lawlessness, and to put an end to crime. Only a limited government who takes the law seriously will be able to clean this country up. The true villains are all political ideologies who want to bring lawlessness and anarchy to the people under the guise of libertarianism.

Ryan Bialas
College Republicans

broke stadium wall is symptomatic of the state of the college. Months after it collapsed, it has not been restored. We lack the resources to repair it, just as we lack the funds to restore other decrepit buildings and potholes at the college. It is not that we are entirely without resources, simply that resources are channeled to pandering to Col. Zimon's personal vanities.

Soon after he arrived on campus, Col. Zimon started a legend that he had stayed in Albright's Woods while his house was being fixed. The man-of-the-people story was very touching. What was missing from the tale was the fact that the college squandered almost \$100,000 to improve the presidential mansion and upgrade his kitchen. Incredibly, after neighbors

reported his vagrant dogs to the Humane Society, which ended picking them up, the college built a fence around the house to prevent his dogs from straying. Any wonder that we do not have the money to fix the stadium wall and the college potholes? Next year, college employees are facing steep erosion in their health benefits, because the college cannot afford the premiums to maintain the existing level of health care. That should not trouble Col. Zimon, because he, after all, draws on veterans' benefits. He has far more value for new toys for his home and his office.

With Col. Zimon, beware. Like his resume and the hard-luck story of camping out in Albright Woods, what you see is not what you get.