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## Security Officer Becomes Police Officer, More Police to Follow

■ Albright Security sends Michael Mulholland to the Reading Police Academy. The goal is to protect the campus from outside intruders.

Sheila Berninger  
The Albrightian

### Sergeant Michael

Mulholland is more than just a cop without a gun. In fact, he marks the first time in Albright history that an actual police officer is on staff with campus safety and security.

Last November, Mulholland completed six months of police training at the Reading Police Academy. He has twenty years of experience at state and county correctional facilities, and he has worked as campus security for three years. On campus, Mulholland is the only officer who has the power to detain and arrest individuals who cause problems.

Robert F. Gerken, Director of Safety and Security, said that employing Mulholland as a police officer on campus is not a result of an inability to control students, but a

precaution against problems from the city that spill over onto our campus.

"It's a better way to protect our Albright campus community," he said.

Although Sgt. Mulholland is the only certified police officer on campus now, for the past year and a half all security officers have been carrying batons, handcuffs, and pepper spray. Mulholland, who through his own police training has become a certified instructor on the use of the weapons, helped to train the other officers.

It was not cost effective to individually train every security officer, according to Gerken.

Before security officers were authorized to carry and use pepper spray, they were each sprayed with the vision-impairing chemical that also affects one's respiratory

system so that they knew what reaction to expect if they ever used the potent spray on someone else, according to Gerken.

Sgt. Mulholland said that officers would use the pepper spray to protect the Albright community from outside threats: "It's not for the students on this campus." However, officers do have the power to arrest Albright students for offenses, as well as people from the community on Albright's campus.

The police officer will continue attending classes through the Reading Police Academy in order to be updated on any new procedures. He will then pass the information on to the other on-campus officers.

Security's main goal over the next few months is to hire several certified officers to be on duty at once, Gerken said. He added that next month they will welcome to the force a female member who is already a certified police officer. The new officer must be sworn in through Berks County Court before becoming a member of Albright security.

For now, both Gerken and Mulholland said they think that

the officers' weapons provide adequate protection. Even though Mulholland is licensed to carry a gun, Gerken said the need for a gun-toting officer would be worked in gradually and on an as-needed basis.

Security always has an officer on patrol and will continue working with the neighboring police forces of Reading and

Muhlenberg to ensure safety on campus. Gerken said he would not comment on the exact number of officers that are on staff, but he assured that in comparison with other colleges Albright has a sufficient security force.

Sheila Berninger is a senior reporter for The Albrightian.

## Student Response to Changes Mixed

"I think it's a good idea.

It'll be safer because it's

not just students and

Albright officers- it will

actually be police

officers."

-Angela Sweeney, '07)

"I think it's both good

and bad. Good because

there will be protection

on campus. Bad because

situations that were

formerly just dealt with

on campus will now have

to be dealt with by

Reading Law

Enforcement."

-Warren Heil, '05

"I think it's probably a good idea. Especially with the amounts of outside crime coming into campus. But I don't think they should be allowed to go off Albright's campus to harass anyone, such as Deer Path or Autumn Park."

-Justine Miller, '07

## Rugby Team Goes Division II

Mara Buzad  
The Albrightian

Jason Horowitz's goal when taking over the Albright College Rugby teams' head coaching position was to take his team to the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union Division III Championship and win. The first year he coached the team it was all about learning the game for

the majority of the boys. After his second year of coaching he started the season off with summer camp that had the boys come back to school a week early. Horowitz's second year of coaching was more about applying what they learned during their first year on the field. He started off this season with a goal, and during camp Horowitz made his goal of winning known to the team.

During their second season the team's goal of winning the EPRU (East Penn Rugby Union) Championship was definitely on their minds and they let everyone know about it. John 'PooPs' Grison, Albright's Prop/Hooker said, "First day of practice after school started there was lots of determination, everyone was confident and it rubbed off on the new players. Coach got into our heads, whatever he said stayed with us." The EPRU Div. 3 league consists of small colleges in addition to Albright. They are: Susquehanna University, Swarthmore College, Franklin and Marshall College, Lehigh University and Lafayette College. With the team's dedication and the senior leadership they were able to win the EPRU & Mid-Atlantic Championship this past fall by beating Lehigh University and University of Richmond.

By winning the EPRU's they then went onto the MARFU D3 (Mid-Atlantic Regional Football Union Division III) Championship in which they placed third after losing in the first round to the National Division III Champions, University of Central Connecticut. After a

## Rugby Fall 2004 Schedule

09/12/04 @ MEDIA TOURNEY 9:00 am 1W/2L  
09/18/04 @ ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY 1pm 1W/1L  
09/19/04 @ KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY/PSU vs. Albright (mixed B sides) 2:30 pm TIE  
09/25/04 @ BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY 1pm 2W  
10/02/04 COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (HOME) 1pm  
10/09/04 @ EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY 1pm  
10/16/04 To Be Announced  
10/23/04 HOMECOMING  
10/30/04 D2 PLAYOFFS  
11/07/04 D2 CHAMPIONSHIP

division III or division II rugby team wins their league championship they have a chance to get a bid or a challenge at moving up a division. The challenge at hand would be playing a division higher team and winning. By doing this they would receive a bid from the head of the league and move up a division. Albright being as powerful as they were did not even have to challenge a DII team. The dedication from the whole team and their goal setting from the summer camp is what brought them to the DII EPRU. Vince Salvatore Albright's Scrum Half says, "This is a great step for our team

and hopefully we will keep on moving up, I mean the only place we can go and will go is up."

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# NEWS

## Andrea Blassingame: SGA President, Defender of Student Rights?

■ Widely known on campus as "Mama Dre," Andrea Blassingame has definite goals for her time as President of SGA.

Elizabeth Gaska  
*The Albrightian*

In an effort to let students know who represents the student body of Albright College to the administration, the Albrightian decided that it might be best to interview Andrea Blassingame, (A.K.A. Mamma Dre) the current president of the Student Government Association. It was well after 12 in the morning before she could fit me into her hectic schedule when we sat down to chat. Determined to separate fact from fiction about what I had been hearing in the college rumor mill, I interviewed her last Tuesday night and this is how it went.

EG: So, how's SGA looking so far?

AB: So far so good. We have a very diverse group of people on the Executive Board this year. I feel that Albright is very well represented. Everyone gets along nicely.

EG: How are allocations and committees going?

AB: Well, we got through allocations but we haven't got to committees yet. That is the Vice President's job and she's just now able to get to it. [Allocations being how much money SGA gives to each campus organization and committees being what students who sign up to be in SGA are placed into to be

student representatives.]

EG: What do you want to accomplish through SGA this year?

AB: I would like to improve communication on campus. I would like SGA to become a liaison between the students and the administration. That would be my main goal. I would like to give students a resource to actually do something about their gripes. I would also like to get an NAACP chapter on Albright's campus. I would like to help get a lot of organizations up and running. I would really like to see AGON and Cue become more fully developed organizations.

EG: So, I've been hearing rumors about administration trying to push for Albright to be a dry campus. Are you aware of any actions being taken?

AB: No, I'm not aware. It has never come before SGA. We've never discussed it. It's just a rumor running through the student body.

EG: If administration did ever ask SGA what they thought about it, how would you handle the situation?

AB: I would poll the student body and see what they thought. But, on a personal note I'm totally against alcohol. A main concern of mine this year is to alleviate

alcohol pressure for freshmen. I would like to see the school enforce its policy of no underage drinking.

EG: Rumors are circulating accusing you and Dean Daniels of being racist and discriminatory against anyone who doesn't belong to a minority group. Reportedly there was an incident involving the POPs organization. POPs has a blind application process [meaning that they don't actually see the applicants or their names while deciding who is going to be in the organization] and that you and Dean Daniels wanted to abolish it to include more minority students without subjecting them to the application process? What are your reactions to this?

AB: (She paused with a serious frown on her face) Yes, of course I've heard these things. I don't know. It's hurtful and I'm very offended that people would think I'm racist. (She paused again) Every decision I make, I make it for the betterment of the student body. I can't worry about 100 people. I have to worry about 1600 people. I have to be as fair and ethical as I can possibly be without compromising my own personal beliefs. People don't like me, (she shrugged) but in spite of that I'm still going to do what I think is for their well being.

EG: I've also heard that Albright is trying to get rid of all Greek organizations. Have you heard anything about that?

AB: People don't know what's

going on. Let them talk. I don't know that to be factual at all. That's not the case. From my experience with administration, those are just rumors. I mean I can't speak for them, but Greek life is very important to our campus. They are a part of Albright. They've been here as long as I've been here. (She chuckled) But, I would like to see more interaction between independents and Greeks. I would like Albright to have a greater sense of community. (She paused again) I can see how there might be some anxiety towards Greek life. I think some people use it as a scapegoat. They just want a small, close group of same sex friends. I think that people need to see that there are other ways to get involved at Albright that would enhance our sense of community. Each organization is unique and they all have beauty and energy that is all their own. But I think that, if need be, I

would really fight to keep Greek Life at Albright.

EG: Is there anything that you are personally driven to do this year through SGA?

AB: Yeah, I hate giving tours on campus and having potential students parents ask me about the smokers in front of the campus center. I would like Albright to be more health conscious. I want to push for the smoking situation to be different. I also would like to see people get ponded more often. I think it's a great tradition for Albright. I'd like to make sure that it stays around. (She paused for a few seconds before she got really excited) I also would like to have concerts and events outside. I know we have the whole noise ordinance situation, but I'd like to do some research to see if there is any way we could get around it. I think it would bring some much needed energy and excitement back to Albright College functions.

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# STUDENT LIFE

## RSA Spirit Night- Fun for All

Ginny Sinkey  
*The Albrightian*

After much planning and continuing with the new tradition, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spirit Night is here! Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7-8pm in the Bollman Center will be the place to be for the best Homecoming event that RSA sponsors. Students can support their class by wearing your designated class color: seniors-red, juniors-black, sophomores-white and freshmen-gray. The night will consist of games that should not be missed, all in the spirit of the Homecoming theme, "Legends of the Fall." There will be a roll call to see which class shouts the loudest

followed by games such as, the balloon game, pie eating contest, over/under, and the dizzy bat race, as well as trivia questions that each class will have to answer. Each class will earn spirit points for how well they compete in the games. There will also be door prizes: Albright paraphernalia and \$25-giftcards to Hooters, Wawa, Walmart and Applebee's. Each student will be given one chance to win the door prizes by raffle tickets, and will have the option of buying more chances for \$1. All the money earned will go to the Berks County Crisis Center. The fall athletes will also be in attendance, so that the student body can recognize their hard work and dedication.

Students are encouraged to come out and support their friends. If you have any questions, just ask anyone you see in a BRIGHT orange RSA shirt on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Spirit Night will top last years and it is the event of Homecoming that you will NOT want to miss. The more students and faculty that attend, the louder and better the night will be.

Do not forget to bring your pennies to lunch and dinner to start to earn spirit points for your class. Find your class representative you have your penny collection jar. Penny Collection will start on October 14<sup>th</sup> and end on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.

## Gateway takes on a whole new look... again

Jordan Mauger  
*The Albrightian*

With a restructured format and brand new theme, Freshman Forum, the freshman entry class required for all students during their first year here at Albright, will provide a new experience for the members of the Class of 2008.

The main objective of Freshman Forum, formerly known as Gateway, is to provide an introduction to academic study at Albright College. A committee comprised of faculty and administration representatives organized the new class format. A similar committee designed last year's revamped Gateway course. According to Dr. Jon Bekken, Albright College Communications Chair and Freshman Forum Committee Member, the committee took feedback from students and faculty and launched an extensive overhaul of the course.

This course re-design took place this summer. One of the new elements of the class is the change in theme. Last year, the main topic was violence and aggression. This year's topic focuses on the city of Reading. The topic was one of several suggested by faculty and was presented at a meeting of the college faculty for a vote, Bekken said. The City was the overwhelming favorite. In order to facilitate the study of Reading, the Freshman Forum Committee created liaisons with city officials.

Also new to the course are

a variety of assignments and requirements aimed to engage freshmen and provide them with a better understanding of Reading and cities in general. Activities planned for the coming semester include a showing of the movie *Gangs of New York* with accompanying documentary, a service project, and a trip to New York City. Students are not required to go to New York City and can instead choose to attend one of three planned speeches on campus. Those students deciding to go New York have a choice of attending the Broadway play *Rent*, touring the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History, or visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

All these activities intend to help freshmen appreciate both the city and the Freshman Forum. To the incoming freshmen, however, the required Freshman Forum at first seemed pointless, according to freshman Gina Carfagno.

"But it is kind of interesting that it is focused around the city since most classes don't focus on small towns like Reading," Carfagno said. "The hope of the committee is that the course will help students make the transition from high school to college while presenting them with an intellectual framework for the college experience through the topic of the city," Bekken said.

## Comedian, Former Miss NJ Scheduled to Give Albright A Laugh

Therjuana Bethune  
*The Albrightian*

It is not everyday that an amateur reporter has the opportunity to interview a standup comedian and participant of the Miss America pageant. However, I did have this opportunity when former Ms. New Jersey (1995), Dena Blizzard, scoped out the terrain on Albright College recently. Blizzard has just won the Ladies of Laughter Competition-New Talent 2004 in New York. She has preformed at the Improv Comedy Club, the Tropicana, and the Comedy Cabaret in Philadelphia.

Blizzard is quite an interesting lady. When asked about her emotional state prior to performance she exclaimed, "I'm too tired to be nervous!" I was informed that her three children occupy the time that she would have otherwise spent being nervous. Blizzard described herself as a "mommy comic." She explained that both the actions

of her husband, children, and

the details of married life are her source of comedic inspiration. This novice comedian admits that she did not realize that others found her funny until she had participated in the Miss America pageant. As an Alumni of Rowen University, she majored in Biology and later received her masters in Gerontology. Let's just say this former beauty queen has credentials. There's nothing funny about that!



photo courtesy denablizzard.com

On October 23, 2004, Jay Black and Joe Matarese will join her as they star in Comedy Night at the Wachovia Theatre during Alumni/ Family weekend here at Albright College.

Vickie Cesarz, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, stated that, "Comedy Night will be a great opportunity for Albright students to attend a Homecoming party with out feeling guilty about ditching

their parents!" What do the students think? Freshman Tiffany Clayton and Freshman Shannon Donegan both agreed that they would suggest attending Comedy Night to their parents.

A Fresher Perspective  
by Andrew Holets



Housing has a problem.

# 525

The number  
of freshmen  
in the Class  
of 2008



# SPORTS

## Lions Take Lyco for First Time in 24 Meetups 49-32

News Service  
The Albrightian

READING, PA - Albright rolled up 554 yards of offense on the way to a 49-32 victory over Lycoming Saturday afternoon at Shirk Stadium. The win snaps a string of 24 straight wins in the series for Lycoming, and puts Albright at 3-0 on the season and 2-0 in the MAC. The Warriors fall to 1-2 overall and 1-2 in the MAC.

Lycoming raced to a 16-0 lead in the first eight and a half minutes of the game. The Warriors scored on their opening drive, with Phil Mann hitting Tim Brown from 22 yards out to give Lycoming a 7-0 lead. Following an Albright three-and-out, Lycoming again struck quickly. Mann hit Richie Schiccatano at the 11, and Schiccatano took the ball to the three, but was stripped by Albright's Steve Butler at the three. The ball squirted into the end zone, where Tony Kopp recovered for another Lycoming score.

After Lycoming held Albright to another three-and-out, a Lion special teams gaffe gave the Warriors two more points. The snap on the punt sailed over Albright punter Seth Kaplan's head and into the end zone. After a scramble, the ball went out of the end zone for a safety.

### Nick Cushman Named to Team of the Week, MAC Honor Roll

News Service  
The Albrightian

Albright senior wide receiver Nick Cushman (Perkiomenville, PA/St. Pius X) was named to the D3Football.com Team of the Week on for the games of September 18. Earlier in the week he was named to the MAC Honor Roll. Cushman caught nine passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns to help lead Albright to a 51-34 win over Ursinus last Saturday. He also moved into third place on the Albright career receptions list, finishing the game with a career total of 179 receptions.

giving the Warriors a 16-0 lead and the ball. Albright's defense held for the first time, and the Lion offense began to get untracked on the next series.

Albright took over on its own 31, and drove 69 yards for a touchdown to cut the Lycoming lead to 16-7. The big play of the drive came on a John Port to Steve Mocey 36-yard pass to the Lycoming one yard line. Adam Hubley dove over the pile on the next play to get the Lions on the board.

After Lycoming's Chris Schrader missed a 46-yard field goal attempt early in the second quarter, Albright continued to roll on offense. Port drove the Lions 71 yards in seven plays, with Port hitting Nick Cushman from six yards out to make the score 16-14 early in the second quarter.

A key play in the game came late in the second quarter. With the score still 16-14, Lycoming took over on its own 23 with 2:43 left in the half. On first down, Mann's pass slipped through his intended receiver's hands, and into the hands of Lion linebacker Muhammed Siddiqui at the 27-yard line. Siddiqui ran untouched into the end zone to give Albright its first lead of the game at 21-16.

Albright took the ball to open the second half, but gave the ball right back to the Warriors when Vinnie Andrews' fumble at the Lion 46 was recovered by safety Nick Pinto. The Lion defense came up with a big stand, as they forced a three-and-out and a Lycoming punt,

which was downed at the Lion two-yard line.

Albright methodically moved the ball out of the shadow of its own goal line, and nine plays later faced a second and 10 from its own 49. Port and Cushman then connected on a 51-yard touchdown pass that gave Albright a 28-16 lead with eight minutes left in the third quarter. Three plays later, Butler intercepted Mann at the Lycoming 43 and returned the ball to the 31, putting the Lions in scoring position yet again. It took Albright only three plays to find the end zone, with Hubley scoring for the second time on a 12-yard run to make the score 35-16.

After the teams exchanged punts, Lycoming got into the end zone late in the third quarter. Mann hooked up with Chris Beissel for a 15-yard scoring pass to make the score 35-22. The Warriors went for two, but Mann was sacked by Siddiqui to end the play.

On Albright's first play of the ensuing possession, the Warriors recovered an Albright fumble at the Lion 28. Again, the Albright defense held when it needed to, and the Warriors settled for a 33-yard field goal from Schrader to cut the lead to 10, 35-25.

The Lion offense had an answer. After Port was sacked on first down, he hooked up again with Cushman for another big play. Cushman beat his man down the near sideline, stayed in bounds, and raced

71 yards to the end zone to give the Lions a 42-25 lead with 13:15 left in the game.

Lycoming was not about to go away, however, as Mann drove the Warriors right back down the field. Lycoming covered 48 yards in just 1:35, with Mann hitting Tim Brown for a six-yard score to make the score 42-32 Albright.

Once again, Port and the Albright offense had a response. First, Port hit Bryon Haupt for a 39-yard gain to the Lycoming 20-yard line. Three plays later, on third and seven from the 17, Port again found Haupt, who made his way into the endzone for Albright's seventh touchdown of the game. Dustin Kaplan's extra point put the score at 49-32 with 7:30 left on the clock.

Lycoming again drove downfield, but on fourth and four from the Albright 22, Lion cornerback Josh Benson broke up Mann's pass in the end zone to effectively end any hope for the Warriors. Albright ran the final 5:30 off the clock, and left the field with a win

over Lycoming for the first time since 1977.

Port had a huge day, finishing 20-30 for 414 yards and four touchdowns with only one interception. Cushman had seven catches for 172 yards and three scores, while Steve Mocey had six catches for 148 yards. Adam Hubley had a stellar game for the Lions, as he rushed for 107 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. Darnell Hayes added 63 yards on the ground for the Lions. Linebacker Pete Manotti led the Lion defense with 14 tackles, including nine solo stops. Safety Paul Mohr had 10 tackles, nine solo, and forced a fumble.

For Lycoming, Mann was 23-35 for 236 yards and four touchdowns, but he was intercepted three times. Brown had five catches for 97 yards and two scores, while Joe Cosmello led the ground game for Lycoming with 59 yards on 18 carries. Jim Smith, Mike Piotrowicz, and Matt Murock each had seven tackles for the Warriors.

### Albright's Next Home Game: October 9 1:30 v. Widener

### New Athletic Logo Released



**LION PRIDE-** The new logo representing Albright Athletics was released late last semester. It can be found on everything from stationary to apparel. The logo was designed by Albright's own College Relations Department.

### Top Ten Selected For Homecoming Court

The senior class selected the ten men and women they want to represent them when the Albright community votes for its 2004 Homecoming Court. Look for the table outside the cafeteria with photographs and bios of the candidates.

The King and Queen will be crowned at the Homecoming game on October 23 at Shirk Stadium.

Amanda Crouse  
Kristin A. Dwyer  
Lakeisha Fairley  
Silver N. Glover  
Summer A. Hagey

Lauren C. Kelly  
Megan A. Lynch  
Molly A. O'Connor  
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### Other Albright Scores

Women's  
Soccer:  
9/25 v. Alvernia  
2-1 W

Field Hockey:  
9/25 v. Alvernia  
5-1 L

Men's Soccer:  
9/25 v. Alvernia  
2-1 L

Volleyball:  
9/25 v.  
Rampano and  
Scranton  
3-2, 3-2 L

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