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AIDS study indicates educational efforts failing 'More concern than we'd anticipated;' ignoring folks 'who look like parents'

by Michael O'Keefe

(CPS) -- As many as three out of every one thousand college students may have AIDS, the preliminary results of a nationwide study involving 20 campuses show.

The results, if they hold up when the full study is completed in February, would indicate students are not paying much attention to efforts to get them to change their sex habits and mean a significant portion of the American student body is at risk of catching -- and dying of -- AIDS, observers say.

"If figures hold up, there is more concern than we had anticipated said Dr. Rolan Zick, director of the University of Colorado health center. "If there is an infection rate in that range then students will simply have to start paying more attention to education themselves."

"At this point, the numbers are so preliminary it's practically meaningless," cautioned Anne Sims of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). "Meaningful estimates" won't be proper until the study is finished in February.

The CDC, along with the American College Health Association, is gathering and testing 1,000 blood samples drawn from students on 20 campuses for other medical reasons to see how far AIDS has spread.

Few know which 20 campuses are in the study, but Tulane and Rutgers universities as well as the universities of Colorado, Maryland, and Georgia have acknowledged they're participating.

AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is caused by a virus which destroys the body's immune system. The virus is most typically contracted by having sex or sharing intravenous needles with an infected person, or by contaminated blood products. There have been more than 76,000 cases reported in the United States since 1981, with 43,000 fatalities.

Campus lifestyles, health administrators believe, leave students especially vulnerable to the disease.

"Students are a sexually active group," said Dr. Florence Winship of the University of Georgia health center. And because they tend to be young and inexperienced, "they feel immune, even when they know the problem's out there."

Many students objected to the CDC study when it was proposed last spring, noting they would never know if a blood sample they gave at their clinic was being tested or if, in the end, they tested positive for the disease.

Still others worried samples could be traced back to the donors. In New Jersey, for example, the American Civil Liberties Union lodged a formal complaint with Rutgers University, charging the school's participation in the survey endangered students' privacy.

Through it all, however, the CDC believed the study was worthwhile. Sims contends, "The survey will help us focus our efforts."

About 5,000 of the 20,000 college blood samples to be tested have been processed, Sims said, showing a rate of about three per 1,000 students. Sims said she didn't know

from which campuses the samples came.

"The only thing we can show from these preliminary results is that there is infection on college campuses. College students are not immune from AIDS," Sims said.

"The figure cited is based on just one-quarter of the sample," added Miguel Garcia-Tunon of the American College Health Association. "In that sense it's inconclusive. It's just a number. But what's important is not to fixate on a number, but to deal with the problem on campuses. Students must be aware of this."

"It's not surprising to me," Winship said of the preliminary figure. While the data may be "skewed" and don't "provide the full picture," she predicts the final tally "won't be too far off."

If it isn't, many health officials wonder how they'd make collegians respond to the AIDS threat more seriously.

"In general," said Rich Wolitski of the AIDS Education Project at California State University at Long Beach, "college students have a fairly high knowledge about AIDS. They know how it is transmitted and what they can do to protect themselves."

"But in general, they do not consider themselves vulnerable."

In September, the CDC reported the AIDS scare apparently had not markedly changed students' sexual habits, prompting Assistant U.S. Secretary of Health Dr. Robert E. Windom to urge campus officials to try harder to educate their students about the plague.

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New policy recognizes Campus Crusade

by Jodi Kreider

After two and a half years, Campus Crusade for Christ had received recognition as a student organization. Initially, after going through the proper channels and receiving approval from the Student Life Committee, the organization was turned down. The administration stepped in, citing a policy dating back before 1920. This policy, created by the Board of Trustees, allows for only one religious organization on campus, Horizons. Despite the fact that the rules had been bent to allow for Hillel and the Newman Association, the administration felt that, "the line had to be drawn somewhere."

Concerns with this policy and the dilemma surrounding the new religious organization established a need to develop a new policy. A task force, the Religious Life Council worked to develop a policy that would allow for other religious groups and yet establish some limitations. One concern was that if too many new groups are allowed to form, membership and unity would be diminished in existing groups. In the fall of 1987 the council, headed by Albright's Chaplain, John Gordon, submitted a policy to Dr. Ruffer that was very restricting and did not allow for new religious organizations on campus. This policy was reviewed by the Student Life Committee, who then made some changes and submitted a revised proposal of their own. Following that time, numerous attempts to come up with a new policy, agreeable to all, failed and no progress was made. Throughout this time Campus Crusade had been active on campus, while awaiting official college support and recognition.

After meeting with Dr. Ruffer and the Board of Trustees, SGA president, Pat De... realized that a new approach was necessary. On November 29, SGA created a new policy to address the situation. The policy states that until a new policy is created and implemented concerning recognition for religious organizations, SGA will continue to use already existing processes of recognition for student organizations. This, in effect, gives Campus Crusades for Christ recognition as a student organization and the ability to utilize college facilities and student activity funds. In looking back, Delaney states, "I feel the situation has come to a positive conclusion that supports the liberal arts position of Albright."

To Whom it May Concern:
Over the weekend, several trees from the Campus Center were taken. It would be greatly appreciated if the stands were returned to the Campus Center Desk before Christmas Break - no questions asked! Please respect our request as we are responsible for their replacement.

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Surrogate mother speaks to students

by Cindy Buonaiuto

Thursday, December 1, was no ordinary evening for the thirty or so students who attended a lecture in Teel Hall. The students had the rare opportunity to hear a surrogate mother lecture for the first time at Albright College. The surrogate mother, whom we shall call Mrs. Stevens (her real name has been withheld upon request), was invited by Dr. Snyder and Prof. Manzella to speak to their IDS class, Feminism Theory and Practice.

This IDS class considers the women's movement in its historical, philosophical, and political perspectives. It also studies various feminist approaches to the oppression of women and their suggested social remedies. Thirdly, it explores and debates current women's issues, such as pornography, child care, and surrogate motherhood. For pornography, there were two speakers: a lawyer who is involved in the movement to ban it and a video store owner who was brought to court for selling pornographic material. For child care, there was a class trip to a day care facility. And, for surrogate motherhood, there was Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. Stevens, born and raised in the Berks area, already has a son and a daughter from her first marriage which ended in divorce. Mrs. Stevens' husband was granted custody of their son when he was four years old. That was four years ago and Mrs. Stevens has not seen her son since that time. Recently, she has married a man who also has children from a previous marriage.

In a similar situation is Mrs. Stevens' sister, Mrs. Peters (again, the name is withheld). She too has two children from her first marriage and she too has remarried. Right after her divorce, however, Mrs. Peters had a tubal ligation, so that she would not be able to have any more children. Unlike Mrs. Peters, Mr. Peters did not have any children, although he quickly became an excellent father to Mrs. Peters' two daughters. Consequently, when Mrs. Stevens approached the Peters with an offer to bear their child, they

It took two and a half years for the idea to become reality. First, the Peters' and Stevens' had difficulty finding a doctor in the area who would agree to help the couple and their surrogate. Most doctors would not touch the case because of the negative publicity from the Baby M case. Even in Philadelphia, they encountered antagonism and accusations of homosexuality and immorality. Finally, a local doctor said he would take their case. Then, they had to find a lawyer, because they wanted a contract to make the procedure legal. So, medically and legally the possibility of having a child became a reality for the Peters, when Mrs. Stevens became pregnant through artificial insemination. Insemination costs \$5000 per attempt, and there is only a 50-50 chance of success. Unfortunately, early in the pregnancy Mrs. Stevens had a miscarriage. Still, they did not abandon their dream. Again, Mrs. Stevens became pregnant through artificial insemination. The pregnancy, however, was exceptionally problematic. Mrs. Stevens had to lie on her back for weeks, because she went into premature labor on Labor Day weekend. Shortly after, her doctor prescribed medicine which was supposed to induce labor within a few days; it took three weeks. Finally, the contractions started. They lasted a long time, but the times between contractions kept fluctuating. As a result, it was one false alarm after another. Eventually, Mrs. Stevens gave birth to a boy, Alex (name withheld) in mid October of this year.

So, the birth of Alex and subsequent adoption of him by Mrs. Peters is still relatively new to Mrs. Stevens, but she said she was not suffering from postpartum depression (a state many mothers go through after the birth of their child). Neither is she bonded to Alex as his mother. When asked why, Mrs. Stevens listed five basic reasons: 1. she had to give up a child before Alex. The second time is somewhat easier to handle. 2. with the miscarriage, three weeks in bed, and extensive labor, she had a very difficult pregnancy. Doctors have suggested that the worse a pregnancy is, the less

(see Surrogate Mother, page 3)

Correction

The photo of DARE! Night in last week's issue identified one of the participants as Hilary Mason, it was not. The person in the photo was Junior Rheta Shaeffer, her partner was Lisa Korics.

Attention underclassmen!

There have been many questions concerning the course-unit system and sometimes many answers. As a service to all students I will be happy to answer any questions concerning the old and new system and how it may effect you. Therefore, I am beginning a series of articles in *The Albrightian*. Please feel free to send any questions you have in writing to me and I will answer them. In the case of general questions that I feel might be of concern to other students, I plan to publish them in future editions of *The Albrightian*. The following Q's and A's may be of interest to students:

- Q. Was the new course unit system approved?
 A. Yes. The faculty approved it this fall and the Board of Trustees approved it on Friday, November 18, 1988.
- Q. When will it go into effect?
 A. Fall 1989
- Q. How many units will be required to graduate?
 A. 32. General Studies (12-15) and Area of Concentration (13) with remainder in electives.
- Q. How will the credits completed to date be changed into the unit system?
 A. The proportion of the requirements completed in the old system at the end of *next summer* will be multiplied times 32 to give the number of courses completed in the new system. If you subtract that number from 32 you will get the number of courses to be completed in the new system. If the number of courses to be completed in the new system. If the number is a decimal, use the 'rule of 5' (that is, if it is 5 or more, round up; if less than 5, round down).
- Q. How will that change my GPA?
 A. It won't. Your GPA is a "rate" and so it will remain the same.
- Q. What are the General Studies requirements?
 A. See below:

English Composition (Through 102 level)	1-2	units
Literature (any language)	1	unit
Foreign Language (101-102-201- or 104-201 or 201-202 or 301)	1-3	units
Philosophy/Religion	2	units
Science (one must be a lab science, the other may be a lab science or nonlab science or mathematics or comp.sci.)	2	units
History	1	unit
Social Service	2	units
The Arts	1	unit
IDS (interdisciplinary)	1	unit

In addition, all students will be required to take activities in Phys.Ed. and attend 18 Experience events. Interims are optional, but 2 will count toward graduation.

- Q. Do I need to take an Interim this year?
 A. All students should have successfully completed at least 30 credits/yr. in the credit system to be on target in the unit system. My advice is to treat this year as remaining in the old system. An Interim course this year will still count toward your total requirements.

Please send questions to: Dr. Nancy Harrison, Associate Academic Dean/Registrar



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OFF THE RECORD

Last week's *Albrightian* announced that there would be a tuition increase next year. We must ask ourselves, are we getting the most for our money? Current tuition is \$9785. Out of this about \$7200 goes to faculty and administrative costs. So what do we get for the remaining money we pay?

Our first day at Albright we get a care package from the school complete with cologne, shaving cream, food coupons, and cheap magazine rates. Total savings to us - \$85 (of course we throw out about \$40 worth of the stuff.) One of the first things you do at Albright is order your first Pigger's pizza. Don't you feel privileged that being a student gets us free delivery? Total savings over four years - \$700.

Even though Albright is a Division III school and we can get into the football and basketball games free with our ID cards, each game is really a \$10 value for seats this good at any Division I school. So, if the average student sees 24 basketball and 12 football games in four years, he saves \$360.

Our college ID cards also entitle us to discounts in the outside world. Places

such as movie theatres and record stores regularly give student discounts. Our savings - \$200.

One thing which we all take advantage of here at Albright which is provided for us either free or at a greatly discounted rate is the health services. If you have a headache and need some aspirin (assuming your care package is finished) you can always get some free of charge. If you need to see the doctor, you can pay a visit at a fifth of the regular cost. All of these benefits add up to a value of \$665.

There are many miscellaneous benefits we receive, also. The bookstore gives us a free gift wrap during the holiday season (\$25). We get study care packages from the cafeteria during each finals week (\$40). We also get condoms for practically nothing (\$1-\$500 savings, depending on your lifestyle).

Now that we've itemized exactly where our money goes and what services we get in return, we ask the question: Why are they raising tuition and what new services will we get?

--Joel Cohen
 --Mark McKinney



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago, I received a call from Carolyn Dresher of Berks County's Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. She told me that MADD was planning to hold their yearly Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Honor, a service in the memory of friends and family killed in drunk driving accidents, and asked me if B.A.R. could help out. Last Sunday night, we came out to do what we could for the service, which was held in Albright Chapel, and were touched by the grief of those who had lost loved ones at the wheel of a drunk driver. Of the more than 100 people who were there, I saw no Albright students. Maybe in recent years we have been lucky on this campus regarding drunk driving accidents.

But maybe luck isn't enough. We've all had situations when we ourselves, or our friends have gone out driving late at night having had too much to drink - maybe to Dempsey's or back from the apartments, thinking "it's just down 13th Street." With the holidays coming up, it is vital to keep safe drinking habits in mind. This is one message that can't be emphasized enough. When you go out drinking with a group of friends, designate a driver. If you are having a party, put out plenty of munchies and alternative beverages, like soda. Also stop serving alcohol about an hour before people leave. So they have time to sober up. Most importantly, do not let anyone drive drunk. Take their keys, let them stay overnight, or get someone to drive them home, only make sure a drunk person doesn't get behind a wheel. There are enough candles lit by MADD each year. Please make it a safe holiday season and think before you drink!

Marshall Weiss
 President
 B.A.R.

Dear Editor,

This letter comes to you in response to the tempting ads in the Classified section of *The Albrightian*:

Dearest Eagle,

The following lyric expresses the response by your blunt, yet poignant pleas:

*We spoke of you, in the beginning, in jest;
 With mild intrigue in your galant quest.
 But you showed persistence, which made us guess
 That stamina is a quality you may possess.*

*Your recurring ad in the personals led
 To echoing thoughts of you in our head.
 We can only to mute the Eagle tone
 By being with you, and you alone.*

*As fair young maidens (hot babes), we beseech thee
 To honor our reply to your plea.
 Would you join our existing quintet
 For an evening which you shan't forget?*

*We'll let you know, when, where and with whom
 During Interim, your correspondence can resume
 Dearest Eagle, you have caught our eye,
 And now it is your time to fly!*

Longing for you,
 Us



S.G.A. Minutes for the Meeting held
December 6, 1988
Time: 8:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Caramanica, Pat Delaney, Cris Giambalvo, Andrew Kearney, Andrew Kokius, Tom Malecki, Pete Mandalakis, Heather McKnight, Heather Stewart, Eric Wenslau.

Members Absent: Stan Chrapowicki, Andrew Lobley.

- Minutes from the November 29 meeting were approved as read.
- Tom reported that the Treasury holds a balance of \$30,603.33.
- Dave reported that he received minutes from the Financial Aid Committee. He also reported that he's waiting for minutes from the Student Life Committee.
- Heather reported that the dorm winner for Winter Wonderland theme for January is "sports". RSA is also looking into an ice skating trip and a band for a dance during Interim.
- Brian Niles and Rich Pfaltzgraff were present from ASPA (American Society for Personell Administration) to request administrative budgeting.
- A motion was made to allocate ASPA \$75.00 for administrative expenses.
- SGA discussed a meeting time for Interim. The first Interim meeting will be Wednesday, January 4, at 9:00.
- Pat reported on the first meeting of the Greek Task Force.
- Andy Kearney motioned to close the meeting with Heather Stewart seconding.

Respectfully submitted,
Cris Giambalvo
SGA Secretary

AIDS study

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Windom said that one-fifth of the reported AIDS cases occur among people 20 to 29 years old.

"Since the average incubation period (for AIDS) is seven years or longer, it's clear that many of the 14,000 patients in this group were high school or college age at the time of their infection," Windom said.

Moreover, a 1987 survey of college students by Blotnick Associates, a New York polling firm, revealed that only 6 percent of men think about AIDS before choosing sexual partners.

And officials at the universities of Texas and Arizona and Denver's Metropolitan State College have reported that the rates of other sexually transmitted diseases have not decline, suggesting that students are not protecting themselves against AIDS.

"It's a little frustrating," Georgia's Winship said. "Their behavior doesn't go along with their education. We need to do everything we can to transfer that 'yes-I-know-about-it' attitude to change in their behavior."

She believes students simply may be unwilling to listen to "parental figures" like older college health officials. "Students listen to their peers more than folks who look like their parents," Winship said.

Georgia now has a peer counseling program in which students actually spread the word about AIDS, Winship reported.

Virtually every campus in the U.S., of course, now has some kind of AIDS program.

Some -- the universities of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Iowa and Texas at El Paso, as well as Michigan State, Southwest Missouri State, Indiana and Plattsburgh State College in New York among them -- have supplemented education

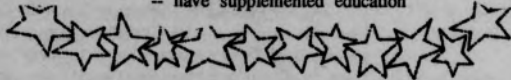
programs by installing condom machines in dormitories and student unions, or by distributing condoms for free.

Critics say condom distribution promotes sexual promiscuity.

The Board of Regents of the Texas State University System, for example, stopped health centers at Angelo State, Sam Houston State, Sul Ross State and Southwest Texas State from distributing condoms earlier this year.

And the University of Washington administration has resisted installing condom machines, preferring educational methods to prevent AIDS instead.

"Students are not mature," Winship said. "They don't plan ahead." Condom machines, especially in dormitories, "let's them have better access later in the thinking process," just before they have sex, she said. "It's controversial, but it's realistic."



Surrogate mother

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maternal bonding that occurs. 3. she did not give birth for a stranger. She did it for her sister and brother-in-law, so her desire to give was compounded by her familial love. 4. she has a degree in psychology and is well aware of the bonding with one's child. Throughout the pregnancy, she "self-programmed" herself to give up the child. 5. because their problems stalled the birth for two and a half years, she had that time for emotional shutdown and conditioning.

Despite these factors that seem to indicate Mrs. Stevens' detachment from the child, many students were disturbed by Mrs. Stevens' inability to recognize Alex as her nephew. Instead, she referred to him as her "son" several times throughout the lecture. Moreover, one student suggested that Mrs. Stevens' subconscious motivation to be a surrogate was the result of losing her son to her first husband.

Overall, however, the students

were impressed with Mrs. Stevens. "She was friendly and honest," and "she shared some very personal experiences," they commented. Mrs. Stevens was insightful and detailed in the portrayal of her pregnancy and how others reacted to her surrogacy. She even shared her opinion that surrogacy was immoral, if money or an outside family is involved. Mrs. Stevens basis for this was her uncertainty and fear of how a stranger would care for the baby.

Why did Mrs. Stevens offer her services as a surrogate? She responds that she felt so strongly about the unfairness of her brother-in-law's situation that she had to change it. First, Mr. Peters was a good father to her daughter and her sister's daughters. In addition, he was a neglected, middle son; his older brother was favored. Third, Mrs. Peter's decision to have the tubal ligation was never approved by the family.

As to the future, the Peters plan to tell Alex before he begins attending school. They feel that he will

understand his situation in a limited way, but that this knowledge should come from the family, not a stranger. Moreover, psychologists say that a child of 5 or 6 years will react to a situation the way his parents do. If the Peters tell Alex about his biological mother in a positive and accepting manner, Alex will not question himself nor his parents at least for the present.

There are so many issues to be considered in surrogate motherhood that one speaker can not represent the entire population of surrogate mothers. However, as a representative, Mrs. Stevens demonstrated both positive and negative aspects of the process. She clearly justified her rationale in becoming a surrogate, but there may be other motivations that were not discussed, in fact, not realized. She demonstrated an inner conflict, between recognizing Alex as nephew or son. However, Mrs. Stevens, also demonstrated the positive aspects as well when she said, "It was all worth it, just to see the look on my brother-in-law's face when he first saw his son."

Security Beat

Just a few notes to bring everyone up to date on a few issues before Christmas break...

1. Workmen have been hard at work installing alarm systems in the dorms. The installation of these systems has been completed in Mohn, Smith, and Crowell. Installation is to begin this week in Krause which leaves only Walton, Selwyn, and Albright Court. The systems that are completed are not yet functional; however, at least they are installed and some progress is finally being made.

2. Doorbells for the Apartments have been approved, but the exact date of their installation is still unknown. These doorbells are supposedly going to ring in each individual apartment versus their ringing in the hallways as they did prior to the time when they were

disconnected. Hopefully this system will stop all of the door propping that has been occurring in the Apartments since the doors were permanently locked in October. Students must realize that the doors were not locked as an inconvenience to them or to their guests. It was done for safety reasons which obviously are not as apparent to some students as they should be. Hopefully, the residents of the Woods and the RAs and RDs will work together and close these propped doors until the doorbell system is installed. This should be done to protect the safety of the students.

3. Overall, things have been running smoothly on campus lately. If we all work together we can keep it that way. Have an enjoyable holiday and good luck with final exams.

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Students who do not have their meal ticket validated in the business office by Thursday, December 22, will not receive a meal plan rebate.

'Twas the Night Before Finals

by Kimberly L. Haigh

*'Twas the night before Finals, when all through Albright
Not a creature was stirring, not even the watchmen at night,
The girls decorated their doors with ribbons and bows and paper and more
While the guys went out and bought Winterfest Coors.*

*Every student was studying in their dorm,
This most likely was not the norm;
Their books were strewn in disarray,
Some were drinking coffee all night and all day.*

*Chemistry students were nestled all snug in their beds
While nightmares of molecules collided in their heads.
The profs were cozy and comfy alright
Not knowing the anxiety they were causing that night;*

*With blue books in sight, everyone was uptight,
For all wanted to be bright to return to Albright.
All are in cheer, with the prospect of beer
And realize that Interim soon will be here!*

*The RA's are excited for the semester break
And are amazed at the quiet finals make.
After the last bit of cramming is done,
It is off to Dempsey's for some late night fun.*

*All are in anticipation of the next coming day,
When finals are over and Santa is on his way.
He will be coming from the North Pole
And all are hoping he will not leave coal;
For throughout this year
They forgot he was near!*



This Christmas, one of the programs sponsored by the Salvation Army is the Angel Tree. The names of needy children in the community are placed on the backs of cut-out angels, which are then hung on a Christmas tree. People from the community have an opportunity to choose an angel, and buy clothing and toys for the child whose name is on the angel. Today, the Salvation Army will be distributing these gifts to the children.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We Wish You A Varied Christmas

by William Heller

In about two weeks, most of us will be going home to celebrate Christmas with our families. And many of us will do so in the traditional American Christian way -- church, big dinner, tree, gifts -- the same as families across the country. But these traditions are not practiced world wide. When Albright's foreign students were asked about how the holiday is celebrated in their native country, they were only too happy to reveal vast differences from the American Christmas.

Finland -- Pia Tapaninen

Santa Claus is alive and well and living in Finland! His name is Joulupukki and he lives in Korvatunturi, which is a town in Northern Finland. Pia met him when she was a child. She is worried now, because "the Swedish people are trying to start a commercial campaign to say that Santa Claus is from Sweden, which is ridiculous, because everybody knows that Santa Claus is from Finland."

On the morning of Christmas Eve, the Finnish enjoy a special Christmas sauna, which is a type of a steam bath. Instead of putting gifts under the tree, Santa hands them out on Christmas Eve. This is not to say that the Finnish do not have Christmas trees. They decorate their trees with real candles and three rows of flags. The top row is made up of only Finnish flags; the second row consists of flags of the Scandinavian countries; the third row displays the flags of the world. Pia insists that the Finnish would never, ever use a plastic tree.

On Christmas day, people go to church. At night, they have a special dinner, which

usually includes ham, sweet potatoes, and apples. They also make a rice porridge that contains one almond. Whoever gets the almond will either be married within the year, or have good luck for the year. Families also tell the story of the birth of Jesus every year.

Italy -- Enrico Abate-Daga

In Italy, every region has its own different traditions. Enrico is from Milan, a city in the region of Lombardia. There, it is customary to eat zampone and lenticchie on Christmas. Zampone is made from the leg of a pig, and lenticchie is a kind of lentil seed. They also eat pannetone, which is a type of sponge cake, and chombella, which is a ring shaped bread, filled with dried fruits.

Italy does have a Santa. He is called Papa Natale. Smaller gifts in stockings are given out by an old crone. Occasionally, they will have a tree, but to them, it is more important to have a manger. The Catholic Italians attend Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, there is a large luncheon. Everybody gets Dec. 26th off from work.

Japan -- Hirohiko Shioda

Despite the fact that Japan also has a small percentage of Christians, practically the entire nation celebrates Christmas. What's more, the way they celebrate it resembles our Christmas. Parents give gifts to children. There is a special dinner, where cake is eaten, champagne is drunk, and candles decorate the table. They even have Santa Claus. Hirohiko credits this to Western influence. "After the time of the Meiji restoration, it was

a great turning point for Japan. Many new ideas were brought over from Europe, and Christmas was one of them. It isn't really a very religious time for everybody who celebrates it. But in every city, in every town, everybody goes out and buys gifts and illuminations for the tree, and they sing Christmas songs. It is a big celebration."

Mexico -- José Carlos Alaniz Estrada

In Mexico, Christmas is celebrated from Dec. 16th to Dec. 25th. During this time, parties, called *busadas*, are held. Literally, *busadas* means "to be hosted." Sometime during the party, the family recreates Joseph and Mary's quest for shelter the night Jesus was born. They also have ceramic figures that they use to represent the characters in the story. On Christmas, they put the figure of the baby, and they put it in the manger.

These parties include a big dinner with special foods. *Buñuelos* are a type of floury pastry, and *atole* is white dense corn drink. Mexicans attend Mass on the evening of Christmas Eve, and then return to the *busadas*. They also celebrate through Jan. 6, which is the presentation of the Magi. Each day they move the ceramic figures of the Magi closer to the manger. Then, on the 6th, they dress up the figure of the baby and sit it in a chair.

José sees Christmas as a "time of family gathering. We look after each other, we feel thankful and happy for all of the things that happened over the year, and we feel united when we celebrate this religious tradition that has been around for so many years."



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PERSONALS

Hey Dork Dong - Nice attitude! Shape up or we're shipping out to a new dorm! HA!
Love, the two that count

Hey Cheeks - How's your nose?
Just kidding! Friends 4-ever.
Love ya - Roni

Dear S.S., M.B., & J -
What a weekend!? SH:so the locomotion with me? MB:how was the dance? S:were you in my lot? J:where were you running to? I luv ya guys. Good luck on finals!
Luv, Keik

Jen - Cheer up, we love ya! You're the bestest ever!
Luv, the Christmas Villagers

Hey Suzanne - How did the first week of 19 go? Was it as good as we said it would be?
Love, Lori & Christie

Swingle 103 Mohn:
Not only do I worship the ground you walk on but also the bed you sleep on...thanks for everything!

Happy Birthday, Heather Stewart!
Nor more wild and crazy teenage years! Love, Chris, Michelle, Barb & Cheryl

Lynn, Proud to call you sister!
In sisterhood, Maria

Spiff - I'll forget the stain on my carpet, if you forget the scar on your neck.
Hoover

Wishing my friends: A high profile, a year's supply of Pepto, a new transmission, an empty wastebasket during interim, and the biggest and best of everything!
me

Bring it on boys.-The Chess King
2 - Let's have some more fluff, party at 7 (or beyond) and the fluff get some lettuce!
-J

T - A toast to ... Third world! Perhaps tea?!! -ABK

H3 - I WANT GOLDFISH JUST DON'T CUT THE MUSTARD.
The Albright Humane Society

D - So you're both going to be foot doctors - The only question is - what school will it be?? -A

Bri & Rob - Hawaii or bust, eh? Just keep the videos clean!
- Jan

Miko - Happy one year anniversary!! Love, your wonderful, caring, athletic, musically inclined, knight in shining armor, Mark

No more branches please. We like our food unseasoned.

Impotence is over!
Congratulations Lynn. Welcome to Sisterhood. Gamma Sig

Hey Selwyn: To all the regular singers and Telegram sellers...Thank you! Especially to 2nd floor. You guys are the

greatest! Your spirit and enthusiasm is awesome. Keep it up. Love, your Vice Pres.

Dave - the question is: Are you ever going to get a hair cut? No, not in this lifetime, silly me!!

Hey J - Words of wisdom: when you hook up next time, make sure the blinds are closed!
- P.T.

in response to your over-the-air suggestion on Tuesday night: no thanks, I'd rather have a large helping!!!
-J

Joy! Happy Birthday Honey! Now that you've turned the BIG 18, ya have to get a little "calmer", like me! Thank for the sign! Can't wait until X-mas! Georgetown - here we come! I love ya! SAI

The helicopter club will have a meeting as soon as the officers decide who's buying butter for the rolls, and where the landing spots are. (They're not on the secretary!) T-T-h-a-a-n-n-k-k-y-y-o-o-u-u!! The Secretary.

Mike - It's the right thing to do and the tasty way to do it... with total satisfaction guaranteed for two. -M.M.

Hey "Lerch" (SE) - You big stud! What's the score of the Flyers game?

SLICE - I hate those darn Northerners! Why can't you believe me wehn I say I DON'T HATE YOU?!? Love ya! SAI

LISA - I hope you AND Tracy HAVE FUN AT SELWYN. I'm gonna miss mu little Italian! Love

always - SAI

Desperately seeking a replacement for a lost roommate missing in action last seen sometime during October, walking towards Hampden Blvd. late at night.

KMK: I think. I think I am. Therefore, I am...I think. Thanks for listening to me, MKM

Ei - What do you think about making a Pulsations field trip Tues.? BYOV...Not Mel & Susan

T. Bear - I just can't stop loving you, so take as much time as you need. I'm not going anywhere without you. -Babers

Chris - Cedar Crest or bust! - Cheryl

H,C,M, & B - Interim, here we come! -C

To the rest of the Editors: As much as you all pick on me in the office, I know that you love me! Let's get some sleep over break! -the Clip Art Queen

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A tip for the holidays

by Nancie Smith

Did you know that automobile accidents kill more people under 40 than either heart disease or cancer? That over 2,000 men, women and children die on our state's highway every year? Drunk driving is the number one killer of men and women in their teens and twenties. It is estimated that 400 young Pennsylvanians die in alcohol-related automobile accidents every year. Another 2,000 are crippled or maimed for life. In the U.S., one death happens every 23 minutes due to drunk driving. These are frightening statistics. Drunk driving is a serious offense that could result in a loss of driver's license, a jail sentence or death. M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) suggest three steps to prevent drinking and driving: 1) Don't drink and drive 2) Drive within the speed limits and 3) wear your seat belt. As friend, never let anyone who's been drinking drive a car. You might just save his or her life. It's okay to party, but be responsible. Another thing to do with your friends is pick a designated driver when going out, and then alternate each time you go out. The holidays are around the corner, go there will be may parties going on. Go out and have fun, but play it safe. Don't drink and drive.



An Albright Christmas Story

by Mark Matkovich

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

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

And God did call this mighty place Albright College.

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

And there was much rejoicing.

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

And God was mighty pissed.

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

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

"And whenst thou is hungry, thou shall eat at the Dining Hall, and thou will be

afflicted with lower intestinal complications."

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

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

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

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

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

The students were much disturbed.

They did fill out their schedules but gotteth not their classes.

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

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

They did drive to Albright but could parketh not.

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

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

They did live on campus and gotteth geeks for roommates.

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

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

And the students were much pissed off.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks be to God.



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- Twins (PG)
- Land Before Time (G)
- Tequila Sunrise (R)
- Pumpkinhead (R) (F&Sat only)

Fox East 779-6552

- Earnest Saves Christmas (PG)
- Mystic Pizza (R)
- A Cry in the Dark (PG-13)
- The Accused (R)
- High Spirits (PG-13)
- Bull Durham (R) (F&Sat only)

Fox Fairground 921-8111

- My Stepmother Is An Alien (PG-13)
- The Naked Gun (PG-13)
- Scrooged (PG-13)
- Cocoon: The Return (PG)
- Oliver & Company
- Babettes Feast (PG)

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- Spike of Bensonhurst (R)
- Child's Play (R)

HOROSCOPES



SAGITTARIUS [Nov. 23 - Dec. 21]
Beware of mistletoe - you may regret who meets you underneath.
CAPRICORN [Dec. 22 - Jan 20]
Make sure you leave Santa with a lot of cookies and milk or your social life may be as dark as coal this next coming year.
AQUARIUS [Jan. 21 - Feb. 19]
Satisfaction comes from a man in a red suit. But watch out - he is in disguise.
PISCES [Feb. 20 - March 20]
All your gifts will be non-returnable. Shop wisely.
ARIES [March 21 - April 20]
Be careful when you sit on Santa's lap. You may get a surprise.
TAURUS [April 21 - May 21]
Watch what you do in Christmas present for it may haunt you in Christmas future.

GEMINI [May 22 - June 21]
Watch out for thin ice. If you tread too hard you may fall through.
CANCER [June 22 - July 23]
Watch out for that eggnog. This will be a holiday you'll want to remember.
LEO [July 24 - Aug. 23]
Bells may be heard in the near future if you exchange your gifts right.
VIRGO [Aug. 24 - Sept. 23]
.Don't expect what you want but be prepared for what you get.
LIBRA [Sept. 24 - Oct. 23]
Gain knowledge not weight. Watch out for Mom's cooking over the holidays. Better yet, take a winter class, and avoid it altogether.
SCORPIO [Oct. 24 - Nov. 22]
Never give a gift you wouldn't want to borrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1988 Peer Counseling Award Recipients:

- Paul Barrett - P.C. of the Year Award
- Jeffrey Lotlikar - Senior Award
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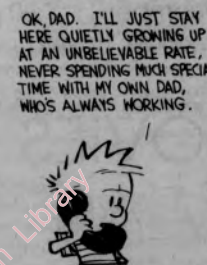
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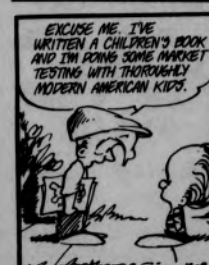
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CCB Movie Of The Week

"The Arrival of 'An American Tail' is a Time for Jubilation."

Gene Shalit, 'The Today Show'



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"AN AMERICAN TAIL" *** DAVID KIRSCHNER *** JUDY FREIDBERG & TONY GESS
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THE PICKS OF THE WEEK

by Diamond Jim and Tex

In the recent weeks, the various writers of this column have not had much success with their picks. Hence, two new selectors will give it a try. We think we have come up with some excellent pro picks, especially Plays 1 and 2.

This column will return in January, with a new emphasis on basketball. Of course, we will continue to make picks for the NFL playoffs. For now, enjoy these five and lets hope they do better than some of our predecessors.

(For each game the teams are listed with the spread. The asterisks are a rating system. For example, a four* pick is a better bet than a two** pick.)

PLAY 1: New Orleans(+6) v. San Francisco. ****1/2

New Orleans(9-5) is coming off a huge loss to the extremely hot Minnesota Vikings

by a score of 45-3. San Francisco(9-5) has won three straight. So after all that, we are picking the Saints. Why? Because this game is for all the marbles. Both teams will be really up for this game. They met in the first game of the year, and San Francisco escaped with a one point win. Six points is too much to give away. New Orleans probably won't win, but they are almost certain to cover. They have lost by 3 or less in each defeat, except for last week. San Francisco 28, New Orleans 26.

PLAY 2: Kansas City(+9 1/2) v. NY Giants. ****

The Giants(9-5) have a history of playing to the level of their opponents. They will come down to the level of the Chiefs(4-9-1). Kansas City is coming off a big victory over that other NY team, the Jets, 38-34. And this week, Paul Palmer will be back in action. The Giants won't lose in Rutherford, but then again, they will not crush the Chiefs, as they

expect. Look for a late KC touchdown to cover. NY Giants 24, Kansas City 17.

PLAY 3: LA Raiders(+6) v. Buffalo. ****

What has happened to the Bills? They went from being the best team in football to losing to the lowly Tampa Bay Buccaneers. After the Bills(11-3) made the playoffs, they seemed to fold completely. They know as well as anyone that they need momentum to go into the playoffs. What better place to do this than in front of the home crowd. The Raiders(7-7) may be tied for first, but in the AFC West, that's no big deal. Watch Buffalo romp. Buffalo 27, LA Raiders 10.

PLAY 4: Cincinnati(+2 1/2) v. Houston. **

So the Oilers(9-5) are unbeatable in the 'House of Pain,' - baloney. If Bubby can beat them, just imagine what Boomer will do. Seriously, Houston is tough at home, but this game is going to come down to a field goal, one way or another. Cincinnati(11-3) has

won three in a row and four of their last five. Watch Ickey Woods score a last minute touchdown and quite the House of Pain. Houston may still make the playoffs, but no thanks to the Bengals. Cincinnati 31, Houston 27.

PLAY 5: Atlanta(+7) v. LA Rams. **

The Rams(8-6) are fighting for their playoff life. Without a win over Atlanta, they will be spending the holidays with their families. Also, the Rams are coming off a huge Monday night win over the Bears. The story line is supposed to say that Monday night's winner loses the following week. Well, it won't happen this time. Atlanta(5-9) has been playing better, but it won't be good enough. LA Rams 20, Atlanta 6.

We hope these picks do a better job than some previous ones. Have a good break and get ready for college hoops.

BIFF SPEAKS
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In case you haven't noticed, the Minnesota Vikings certainly are getting hot at the right time. In sports, especially team sports like baseball and football, momentum and confidence are the two most important factors going into the playoffs. I have often contended that even the Detroit Lions, for example, could win the Super Bowl if they were supremely confident and were on a roll going into the playoffs (assuming you gave them an automatic-in to the playoffs).

Although this example may be a bit extreme, one cannot overlook the roll the Vikes are on. The Vikes defense, which is second in the NFL, has not yielded a touchdown in four games. In their previous game against highly-touted New Orleans, the Saints couldn't break the Minnesota 40 until midway through the third quarter (when the score was already 38-0). The offense has not been too shabby

Is momentum everything?

either. Bring the second-rated offense in the NFL, translates into almost 27 points per game(ppg) (compared to their opponents measly 13 ppg).

Minnesota faithful are happy that coach Jerry Burns apparently made the right decision in the team's early-season QB controversy. Wade Wilson was given the nod after a couple early-season games when the offense was sputtering. Since then, Wilson has become the NFL's second-rated passer with a whopping 64.7% completion percentage.

Although Chicago (even with the loss of Richard Dent) are most people's favorites, McMahon (or replacement) better be ready for Minnesota's return of the Purple People Eaters.

Although the Sixers have gotten off to a fast start with an 11-6 record(.647), one has to wonder how long this stay at the penthouse

can last. The Sixers started the season with their longest homestand of the entire year and now have to go on the road (where they have a losing record).

This season also appears to be a repeat of last year in one major aspect. Charles Barkley has been the Sixers main (and sometimes only) offensive threat, while he is also their leading rebounder. While last year he was able to be the main man for most of the season, when it came to crunch-time, Barkley was less than his awesome self.

Barkley is a year older and will have one more year of hard games under his belt. One must think that unless Ron Anderson and Hersey Hawkins can consistently pick up some of the offensive slack, this year will be a sad repeat of last year's nightmare.

Talk about impact, the Los Angeles Kings, with their blockbuster deal for the greatest

hockey player of all time, Wayne Gretzky, have gone from the outhouse to the penthouse. With the "Great One" the Kings have averaged 5.5 goals per game while allowing only 4. But, the Kings are in the same division as Calgary, who are sporting an impressive 19-4-4 record. Calgary has proven to be nearly unbeatable at home (10-0-2) have an impressive +2 goals per game(ppg) spread over their opponent (4.5 to 2.5 gpg).

But luckily for both, everyone gets to go to the playoffs in hockey. Another team that not long ago was considered a dog is the Detroit Red Wings. Led by Steve Yzerman(40 points), the Red Wings are now a potent force in the NFL's Norris Division.



The Speakeasy: 10th and Marion Cafe

by Bob Stravinski

To those who gave me directions to 3rd and Spruce, thanks. I never got there. I did find a 3rd and Spruce but all this area had was a recreation center. (I might add that the rec center hold great possibilities with the outdoor checker/chess tables and stone Flintstone chairs.) Thanks also go out to Jen and Lou for their monetary support or shall I say lack thereof.

But enough about my problems. I attempted to find a place to drown my sorrows and found instead a diamond in the rough (yeah, the rough on 17 at Pebble Beach!). The 10th and Marion Cafe was the bar at which I eventually parked my carcass. A little warning to the unadventurous folk-don't let the pole in front impede your progress, pin your ears back and squeeze in the door. Also, don't let the "look" scare you away. (In case you are naive, the "look" is when the bar flies all drop everything they're doing to give you the stare of death..."Wait till Otis sees us, he loved us!")

So, I finally sidestep the pole, ignore the "look", and sit at the bar with Cleo. The bar, by the way, is an elongated u-shape that gives an air of intimacy. This place doesn't have any tables to sit at so it's the bar or the floor.

The patrons are diverse to say the least, so it might be best to bring your own crowd. On Monday the Cafe exhibited an interesting crowd as well as a great "personality". I'm convinced the bartender that night was Eddie from Eddie and the Cruisers. (He wouldn't sing "On the Dark Side" or "Tender Years"

and thought I was the idiot.) He was a jolly chap but not very talkative so take your chances.

Besides feeling stupid by asking him to sing, he looked at me as if I was from Uranus when I wanted a pitcher of beer. Evidently, the LCB has some rule against having pitchers of beer at the bar so we had to put it on the cigarette machine. As the night progressed, the cigarette machine and pitcher moved into the darkness. As advice, buy it by the glass. The beer is cheap and the Cafe offers the normal beers found on tap (Bud, Mic, and Miller Lite).

The bartender, atmosphere, and crowd combined well with the bar's "spirits". The look of this place has a touch of Christmas, almost as if Mr. Claus himself was catching one on. Overall, it is a nice place; but heed my warnings. Go there on a full stomach and empty bladder. I was really in the mood for an 84 cent chili (Mr. Babar?) dog when I was told the grill had ceased operations. I was that close to going to All-American Burger but figured it wasn't open either. Another kicker was the men's room. I asked the guy next to me where it was and he just chuckled and said "watch your step". Twenty five step steps later I found my destination. My friends, this place is an obstacle course.

There it is, take it or leave it. If you go to the 10th and Marion Cafe, bring your own crowd as well as your own food. When you get there, order a "rock & rye and seven Carlings" then have it on me. Buenos Tacos and Fleas Navidad.



Olympic wrestler JOHN SMITH came to Albright to conduct a wrestling seminar for area youth. Smith, won a gold medal in Seoul in the 1988 Summer Olympics.



THE SPORTS PAGE



Center JOHN MOWCHAN scoring against Messiah.

Basketball Team gets first win, defeating Messiah

by John Andersen

Continuing their shooting slump, the Lions dropped games four and five of this early season. On November 30, the Lions travelled to Elizabethtown for the second time, looking for revenge, but came up short in a 15 point loss. Three days later the Lions suffered their fifth defeat of the season at Delaware Valley by 7 points.

Messiah came to town on December 7 and the Lions were hoping to blow this weaker team out. The first ten minutes were slow, with the score more like a football game, but the Lions then put on a spurt of 10 straight points to build a 20-7 lead with five minutes remaining in the half. John Mowchan contributing 5 of the 10 points, Gary Kasmer 3, and Dave Schultz 2. Albright held Messiah to only 15 first half points. The score at half time was 30-15.

Someone lit a fire under John Mowchan at halftime because he came out and scored 10 second half points. Not only was he a force on the scoreboard, but he was sweeping rebounds off the glass left and right. Mowchan

finished the game with 15 points.

The scoring for the Lions was well balanced with Tom Malecki, Mark Stone, and Kirk Murphy pumping in 11, 10, and 9 points respectively. With five minutes to go Messiah had cut a 16 point lead to only 6. The Lions bore down and held off the late rally, winning by 9, 69-60. Clutch free throw shooting in the last minute (6/8) proved to be too much for Messiah to overcome.

Impressive in the Messiah game were freshmen James Rolan and Gary Kasmer. Rolan, a 6-8 center from Cleveland, ran the floor well. Despite suffering a broken right hand in the preseason, Rolan handled the ball well in the lane scoring 8 points, 4 from the free throw line.

Gary, a 5-10 guard from Springfield, made some beautiful passes to the Albright big men while also pumping in 5 points. If the freshmen continue to grow and mature, more wins are not far off. That victory was Coach Ricketts first as head coach of Albright. Albright's next home game is Saturday December 10 against Susquehanna.

Women's basketball team optimistic about season

S.I.D. - Head Coach Sally Miller and assistant JoAnn Lightman look at their 1988-89 Albright College women's basketball team with a complete sense of optimism. Miller, who is entering her 11th year of coaching the program, is pleased with the number of quality players returning while having some unproven, but yet talented performers awaiting an opportunity to perform.

"This is a good group of players," stated Miller. "They have a lot of team unity and everybody is hustling and working real hard. Last year we had several close games that were losses. Hopefully with a year of maturity under their belts, we'll be able to turn the close losses into victories."

Albright finished the 1987-88 campaign at 9-14 overall (5-7 MAC S.E. Southern Division) for their best record in five years. How quickly the young talent can combine with the veteran experience should determine how successful the team will be in the win-loss column.

The Lady Lions must also deal with a highly competitive NCAA Division III schedule as the likes of Elizabethtown, Moravian and Franklin & Marshall dot the '88-89 hoop calendar. All three of these teams had 20+ win seasons last year while winning their respective Middle Atlantic Conference leagues.

Two key players who should fuel the success of the Cardinal & White program this year are senior co-captains Alison Koch and Nedra Long. Both are three-year letter-winners and have been consistent with their play throughout their careers.

"Alison and Nedra have been two of the finest individuals I've coached at Albright," said Miller. "Both have good athletic skills and strong basketball instincts. Their play on the court is indicative of the type of people they are, hard-working and enthusiastic."

Koch, a 5-10 center, is known for her point production down low. She has led the team in scoring the last two years (15.1 ppg as a junior and 12.6 ppg as a sophomore)

while garnering All-MAC Southeast Honors as a junior. A solid rebounder, Alison cleaned the glass for 9.9 boards per game, while hauling down 11.1 and 12.6 during her first two years. "Alison can give us several dimensions," notes her coach. "She gives us the scoring we need in the paint area, but because of her athletic ability she is effective from other areas on the court as well."

Long, a 5-10 forward, is a force when it comes to play in the paint area. As a junior she averaged 11.0 ppg and 9.8 rpg last winter. An aggressive player with her style, Nedra relies primarily on positioning and strength to get the job done. "Nedra's physical style makes her a force to be reckoned with on the inside," said Miller. "She is always around the ball when its loose on the floor or there is a rebound to be fought for. She, along with Alison, gives us a nice one-two punch in the paint."

Another top player returning for the Lady Lions is 5-9 sophomore forward Nicole Buist. A starter towards the end of her freshman year, Nicole contributed 10.7 ppg while notching 6.5 rpg her initial campaign. "Nicole hustles all the time," said Miller. "She is a good two-way player."

The other players who should contribute to the frontline play are freshman forward Ronda Miller, and junior forwards Merav Hed and Lori Palmer.

Miller, at 5-9, started on the volleyball team and is in top physical playing condition. Possessing an array of athletic ability, Ronda could play at either power forward or small forward. "Ronda has shown in the early going that she has good, solid basketball fundamentals," said Miller. "She'll definitely get better as the season progresses."

Hed, at 5-10, could supply the team with some inside strength on the boards, while Palmer (5-7) plays with a lot of hustle and desire to get the job done. "Both of these girls play with a tremendous amount of heart," noted Miller. "They love to play the game and are very competitive in their approach to



The Lady Lion's NICOLE BUIST drives baseline.

playing it."

A question mark for the Lady Lions is at the guard positions. The team's second leading scorer, Cathy Landis (12.5 ppg and 47 assists), graduated, thus leaving the backcourt play in the hands of some talented, but young players. Sophomore Michelle Ludwig is the top returner in the backcourt. Likely to join her is freshman shooting guard Rita Baran and junior Amy Walsack. Also competing for playing time in the backcourt are freshmen Kelly Hahn, Sarah

Kettrick, Melissa Lapp and Dana Mollitor.

Ludwig, appeared in all 23 games last year averaging 2.6 ppg while handing out 30 assists for the season. She will be counted on heavily for her scoring punch from the outside. Baran, who has shown good shooting range, is also a quality passer who sees the floor well. Walsack also possesses strong court sense as well as having a nice left-handed touch from the outside.