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Albright's own homeless: Alpha Phi Omega spends cold, wet night in 'cardboard village'

by Amanda Folk and Lisa Zimmerman

Here's to another day of the same old, same old. After your class you come back to your room and crash on the bed, watch television and munch on some food. This is the typical routine of the college student. Now imagine returning to a flimsy cardboard box for a home and no food to quiet your rumbling stomach.

For 24 hours, several members of co-ed service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, Mu Eta chapter of Albright College, did exactly this as they went through the day to day routines of the homeless. On Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 p.m., they set up shelter in cardboard boxes behind the visitors' bleachers in the football stadium.

What was in store for the fraternity members was much closer to true homelessness than many realized.

8:00 p.m.: "The night started out pretty humorously," said junior Michelle Hunter. "Tammy Hill and I gave tours of our cardboard village and everyone was in good spirits."

The group is hoping that the ominous clouds will not break; senior Chris James brings plastic trash bags just in case. About 10

students set up camp.

11:30 p.m.: This happy atmosphere does not last long, as night progresses, and rain with it.

The students put plastic over their boxes, in an attempt to keep their "homes" dry.

Five more people join the village and Vice President of Service Ryonne Tresler and James help them get situated.

Hunter said that the cold weather, rain and noise of the cars made it very difficult to sleep.

Junior Tammy Hill felt a little stronger about their circumstances.

"It was very miserable," she said. "I couldn't fall asleep. I just kept hearing the rain falling on the box and I was really cold."

2:30 a.m.: The rain is pouring, waking some students up. Seventeen students are now part of the village.

After the rain soaks through

Hunter's box, blanket, shoes and clothes, she has to move into Hill's box.

First, Tresler and James carry her to the bathroom (over the muddy track) so she can try and dry off a little.

Other cardboard homes collapse as well.

"The atmosphere was grim," said Hunter.

4:00 a.m.: Everything is soaked.

Hill tries to keep what little dryness she has in her box intact. "Every half an hour I had to jump up and keep the rain from pouring in. I just wanted to go to sleep so that I could forget about the hell I was going through," she said.

A few people leave.

7:30 a.m.: Almost everyone has left to shower and attempt to get warm.

Students come and go throughout the day; however, junior Becky Yocom (Alpha Phi Omega's president), Hunter and sophomore

Desiree McGrath are there for the duration.

During the day, Yocom tries to teach fellow members how to crochet. She eventually wants Alpha Phi Omega to crochet a blanket for "Project Linus," in which blankets are donated and made for sick children.

8:00 p.m.: Exhaustion and relief. The remaining students are anxious to return to their warm rooms; however, they feel as though this experience has definitely changed their perspective.

"Everybody got a real good idea of what it's like to be without a home on a cold, wet night," said Tresler. She is really proud of everyone who participated and is hopeful that this fundraiser will become an annual, if not semi-annual, event.

Although Hill is not sure she wants to repeat this experience in the future, she nonetheless feels that the rain was appropriate. "Without the rain it would've been a slumber party," she said.

President Becky Yocom considers the event a success. Not only was at least \$500 raised for Habitat for Humanity, but she said

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A disservice to students: ill-timed class reservations and computers in disrepair hinder students' access

by Jen Brightman

It is mid-semester, crunch week looms in the near-horizon and the Computer Center is still not fully meeting the needs of Albright students.

A lack of available computers for student use is one of the bigger problems that the computer center presently faces, and one with which Albrightians must contend.

Two factors contribute to this shortage: classes that are offered in the computer center and computers that are either broken down or are beyond repair.

There are five computer labs, three of which are IBM labs, and the remaining two are Macintosh labs. There are about 20 Macs and 39 IBMs—out of these, half of the Macs are new, and 24 of the IBMs are new.

There are also several computers in disrepair and some even irreparable, yet they remain in the labs. At least eight IBMs are not functioning properly.

This situation will most likely not improve. During crunch weeks, Lindbeck said that the computer center experience higher traffic, and as a result, they are "more likely to break down."

The computer center declined to comment concerning the delays that occur in fixing the computers that students are in need of using.

All five of the computer labs are available for general student use, save for when they are reserved.

The labs are reserved by professors in advance, and no more than one Mac lab or two IBM labs are reserved for any one time.

However, this leaves only one IBM lab for students use, and the remaining MAC lab's computers are over five years old.

Any professor can reserve a lab for a class. In such a case, these professors are assigned a lab that best fits their particular needs.

A professor can use a lab at an unannounced, unscheduled time, but this is "not supposed to be done" and can cause the Computer Center to become a "bit crowded," commented Eric Lindbeck, who is the Center's Administrative Computing Support Specialist.

Computer consultants inform the students in the labs of an impending class a half hour and fifteen minutes prior to the start of a class. However, no notification is put on the door to the computer lab of its impending reservation.

Recently, students have even been turned away from the Computer Center for lack of accessible computers.

Senior Madiana Smith was one such student. "I live in the Woods, so we have to come all the way down here and now I can't even get on a computer," said Smith. "It's ridiculous--half of the computers are broken and the remaining ones are already taken. And I have a major paper due!" Smith said.

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Madiana Smith, '98

Security aims for further improvement

by Adrienne Mitchell

Due to recent crime on campus this semester, security on Albright College's campus has been increased.

At football games, fans will find three guards for events (there were only two before) and the number of student security at games has also been augmented to two or three.

There was also a mandate issued by Director of Campus Security Stratton Marmarou that stated that all security officers must remain outside the office patrolling the campus for the duration of their duty.

In addition, lighting will be increased on campus, 18 more phones are being placed throughout the campus and new measures are being taken to monitor people and cars at the Albright woods.

Marmarou aims for more security improvement, but said that with security's present resources, they are doing adequately. "I'd like to have more [security] but it's like police work ... I'd like to have more men, etc. But I feel we accomplish everything we need to with what we have."

Credit card companies raise student interest

□ *Campuses across the nation are becoming increasingly concerned over the aggressive tactics that credit card companies use to attract students, many of whom are already in debt.*

How often have you been assailed by credit card company representatives in Albright's campus center? Well, credit card companies that lure students into applying for credit cards with free T-shirts, mugs and pens might soon become a rare sight on college campuses if some students and administrators have their way.

Opponents of the credit card companies claim that the aggressive marketing practices used by credit card companies unethically target college students with no money and no credit history. The result is thousands of students with severe debt problems.

A bad credit record can adversely affect a student's ability to finance a house, secure a car loan or even get a job.

A recent survey, conducted by the National Credit Card Counseling Service, reveals that credit card ownership among college students has risen dramatically over the past five years. The survey reports that 64 percent of all students have credit cards.

"We have noticed a huge increase in student credit card debt," says Alan Franklin, President of the American Credit Alliance, a credit card counseling

service. "Giving a credit card to a student is like putting a steak in front of a mountain lion and expecting it not to touch it," Franklin said.

According to Franklin, students are attractive targets for credit card companies because the companies assume students will be able to repay their debt in the future when they get a job, or their parents will pay off the debt if the student gets into trouble.

"Frankly, credit card companies issue cards to students irresponsibly," said B.J. Danielson, who has written several books on credit card debt and currently directs a credit counseling service, Credit Master. "Students can receive a credit card without the necessary income to support what they are spending. Students do not have to go through the normal

qualifying process credit card companies use for other applicants," he said.

Angered by credit card companies' aggressive marketing tactics, several colleges have taken steps to ban credit cards from their campuses.

Dr. Richard Weatherspoon, Vice-President of student development at John Jay College prohibits not only display tables set up by credit card companies to recruit students, but also credit card inserts in textbooks sold at the

campus bookstore.

"Many students at John Jay have had to drop out of school because of the debt they accumulated on their credit cards," said Weatherspoon. "It's really a national problem. It's not that I am against students having a credit card, but credit card companies have simply become too aggressive in targeting students."

Weatherspoon hopes to see new legislation introduced in New York to ban credit card advertising at all New York campuses.

Student governments at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Metropolitan State College in Colorado are considering campaigns to ban credit card advertising from their campuses.

"You can't go anywhere on campus anymore without being

asked to sign up for a credit card," says Stacey Hafner, Student Government Chair at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. "Many students cannot even finance

their student loan, much less a credit card. Credit card companies have no conscience about burying students in debt," she said.

Credit card companies have started to offer booklets on fiscal responsibility to students card holders, but opponents say this is small consolation for the thousands of students already deeply indebted to credit card companies.

-- the National Student News Service

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Stacey Hafner,
Student Government Chair
at University of Wisconsin

Violence on campus: Dean Brooks wants organizations' input

□ *With student incivility on the rise, Dr. Carolyn Brooks is concerned with ways in which to address the problem of violence on Albright's campus.*

by Nathaniel Carey

Administration is meeting with students to come up with solutions to curtail the violence among students. Dean of Students, Dr. Carolyn Brooks, asked the members of SGA to volunteer to meet with her about the incivility among campus students.

Among many causes of violence, Brooks said, "Alcohol exacerbates the incivility and produces violence."

The volunteers were asked how students services could approach students in a meaningful way to solve the problem.

According to Brooks, the volunteers said to go to the organizations individually with questions such as:

- ▶ What perceptions of safety on campus do you have?
- ▶ Why is there so much vandalizing of property?
- ▶ How do students control

their anger?

▶ What factors contribute to the violence?

The administration feels that if the current policy is not working, the student body must be educated and its awareness to recognize violence as a problem heightened.

"I'd definitely say there is a rise in violence just in the year that I have been here. It could possibly be attributed to a lack of security. When something happens the school deals with the problem, but there needs to be an effort towards preventing it," said sophomore Mark

Blank, who met with Brooks.

An unusual number of cases involving violence among students have occurred within the past two weeks, ranging from theft and

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Mark Blank, '00

vandalizing to threatening phone calls and injuries caused by weapons.

According to Albright Security, Greek letters were almost stolen from a fraternity house on Oct. 30. That same day, two students walking outside of Mohn Hall were injured by a BB gun pellet. And on Nov. 3, someone shot a Ford Bronco with a BB gun.

Although the students who have been caught have been apprehended for their actions by Brooks, such incivility is cause for concern for Albright students.

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Nike targeted in international human-rights protests on campuses

At the end of October, human rights activists staged "International Nike Day of Protest" demonstrations on campuses in 27 U.S. cities and around the world to publicly accuse Nike Corporation of knowingly allowing its overseas subcontractors to use child labor and operate sweatshop-style factories. These were among several other allegations against Nike.

Nike flatly denies any deliberate abuses, and accuses critics of ignoring its leadership role in the fight against labor mistreatment at its foreign factories.

"This is an organized, well-funded, and coordinated attack on one company--Nike--not because our practices are bad, but because we make a visible target," say Nike representatives.

Nike points at its own Code of Conduct, created in 1992 to counter international complaints about conditions in Nike factories overseas, as evidence of its commitment to improving working conditions wherever it subcontracts. Nike says it has "zero tolerance for child labor."

Trim Bissel, coordinator for the Washington-based Campaign for Labor Rights, says the International Nike Day of Protest also highlights Nike's domestic exploitation of

sports teams and stars, especially at the college level. "College teams have become walking billboards for a company synonymous with the exploitation of young female workers" in subcontractors' factories, says Bissel.

"The typical young woman in a Nike factory," says Nike's website (nikeworkers.com), "is 19-20 years old, wears neat jeans and a pressed T-shirt to work, has jewelry and probably shares a TV or radio with her roommates."

The website does not address the issue of using sports teams as billboards for the Nike logo.

David Meggyesy, western director of the NFL Players' Association, wrote an article in the L.A. Times on Oct. 17, in which he denounced working conditions at Nike factories as including "corporal punishment, mandatory overtime without extra pay and working unprotected with carcinogenic chemicals and glues in poorly-ventilated factories."

He further notes that "obviously these workers are nonunion; their governments have outlawed unions and union organizing. Nike's 20-odd Asian shoe factories are sweatshops of the

worst order, where pay and working conditions rival those of U.S. sweatshops in the 19th century."

Meggyesy's article also accused superstars like Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Andre Agassi and Jerry Rice, the "pitch men" on Nike's advertising payroll, of being "moral jellyfish" afraid of speaking out against Nike's "brutal employment practices in Southeast Asia."

This may be partially due to the millions Nike spends with its advertising campaigns on TV, in newspapers and in magazines.

Nike says workers at its subcontractors' factories don't quit and seek work elsewhere because "they like their jobs. The Nike contractor factory is safer, pays better wages, offers a wider and deeper range of benefits, and has people from Nike and in contract management who take work conditions seriously."

Global Exchange, a corporate human rights watchdog group that helped organize the International Nike Day of Protest, maintains that workers can't quit and work elsewhere because subcontractor factories throughout Asia are all the same as the ones Nike hires.

--National Student News Service

Sisterhood is visible in the streets of Philadelphia

□ *The Million Women March was a big success in Center City as minority women from all over the world came together to raise their voices.*

by Markita Edmond

The words "Long live the spirit of the Million Woman March" could be heard throughout Center City, Philadelphia on Oct. 25, 1997, as over two million women came together for the sake of family, community, and unity.

African-American and other minority women from all across the United States and from as far as Africa and Canada gathered on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in the spirit of sisterhood.

Participants said that it was a feeling unlike any other to walk hand in hand with their fellow sisters in an effort to bring about

change in our society.

All differences were put aside and the marchers focused on ways to better their communities, strengthen their families and find solutions to the problems that plague the African-American community today.

The march began at 6 a.m. with a prayer vigil and from there women began to march towards the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Through the cold steady beat of the rain, drill teams, steppers and band members came together and performed in a show of support and unity for the Million Woman March.

Representatives from all of the Black Greek sororities were also in attendance.

What made the Million Woman March such a success was that it was a grass-roots effort. Three very determined African-American women headed the National Committee for the Million Woman March without any outside endorsements, public funding or media publicity.

Despite the low-keyed publicity, the march still attracted many influential and well-known personalities, such as actress Jada Pinkett, who was one of the three mistresses of ceremony, and U.S. Representative Maxine Waters, who

pushes the war on drugs in communities.

Also in attendance was Khadijah Farrakhan and Ava Muhammad.

Rapper Sister Souljah stirred the crowd by encouraging young women to put themselves and their children first and to respect themselves and each other.

The keynote speaker was Winnie Mandela, who led the crowd with shouts of *Amanzi* (an African warrior cry). She told women to rise up and be accounted for.

Mandela's presence especially electrified the crowd because the U.S. government had reservations about allowing her to enter the country. Consequently, many of the participants were not sure if she would be in attendance.

Unable to attend, Rosa Parks sent a letter in support which was read on her behalf.

Despite doubts that it could not be done, over two million women came together for a common purpose.

"Long live the Spirit of the Million Woman March" will forever be imprinted on the hearts of the women who attended the march, and the image of two million women marching the streets of Philadelphia will go down in herstory.



Welcome back, Dr. Eyrich!

□ *After abruptly having to leave Albright due to cancer, Professor Eyrich recieved early treatment of the disease and Albright was fortunate to have him return this past summer.*



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Professor Philip Eyrich is back at Albright after battling Leukemia.

college was tremendously supportive," he said.

In addition to teaching political science for the past 33 years, Eyrich has worked for 12 years in the President's office. As an executive assistant, Eyrich works with the Board of Trustees, handles correspondence, and basically does "the things the President doesn't have time to do herself."

Eyrich is a native of Reading who graduated from Albright College. "I played on campus as a kid," he said.

Coming back to work has been a long, slow process. Eyrich says he is more careful with the amount of work he takes on, but he never dwells on the disease.

"I dwell on this only: never to forget how fortunate I've been," said Eyrich.

by Leann Esposito

Albright was proud to welcome an old face back to its campus this summer. Executive Assistant to the President and Political Science Professor Dr. Philip Eyrich returned to Albright this summer after leaving due to illness.

Eyrich left his positions at the end of November 1996, after being diagnosed with leukemia during a routine checkup. That same day, he was admitted to the Hahnemann Center of the Allegheny University Health System in Philadelphia for intensive treatment. Eyrich stayed there until January.

Fortunately, the leukemia was detected early for successful treatment.

"I didn't spend any time saying 'why me,'" Eyrich said. "I did what was necessary."

Because the diagnosis came as a surprise, Eyrich left little notice of his absence. "Everyone at the

Alpha Phi Omega combats hunger and homelessness for Habitat for Humanity

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the students involved gained "a better understanding of the plight of the homeless and how they have to live."

"It was really cold and uncomfortable out there and it isn't even winter yet," said Yocom.

This 24-hour fundraising campaign was the second part of a week-long program dealing with hunger and homelessness.

Each chapter was expected to choose activities that relate to this

topic. Alpha Phi Omega decided to have two main programs.

The first program, which took place throughout the week, was a collection of canned (non-perishable) goods and a clothing drive. Alpha Phi Omega informed the faculty of this program through e-mail, and the students were informed by various signs throughout the campus.

All the items collected from these drives will go to a local shelter that is in need of them.

Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates houses for families that otherwise could not afford a home. Most of the people involved with Habitat for Humanity are volunteers; however, money is needed for supplies.

Presently, without the support of the community, Habitat for Humanity may not be able to continue their work. Consequently, Alpha Phi Omega decided to donate their funds and time to Habitat for Humanity.

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Art & Culture



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Bill Barrett's *Sesostri*, 1991, is now located in the sculpture courtyard.



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Muskoka, sculpted in 1972 by Robert Murray, can now be seen and appreciated in its location at the Center for the Arts.

Albright is surrounded by sculpture

Through the generosity of several artists and the Freedman Family, five major sculptures are being sited on Albright's campus. The program of acquiring artworks on long-term loan from the artists has been cultivated by Dr. Jerome Dersh, the chair of Albright's Fine Arts Commission, in collaboration with Chris Youngs, the director of the Freedman Gallery.

Last year works by Robert Murray and Bill Barrett were situated in close proximity to the Gallery. Most recently, Nina Yankowitz's *Vanishing Point*, was installed on the Gallery's facade. Later this season, large scale works by Joe McDonnell and Ed Haugevik will be installed in other campus sites.

In an effort to create a broader framework for the public perception of each sculptor's individual work, this spring, the Gallery will originate an exhibition entitled *Surrounding Sculpture*. This project will present

several smaller sculptures by each artist as well as working drawings relating to the works on campus.

Another artist featured in the exhibition will be George Rickey. Four years ago the College received a sculpture by Rickey, a generous gift from Art Watson, a local benefactor. World-renowned for his kinetic works, such as Albright's *Floating Rectangle*, Mr. Rickey will celebrate his 90th birthday this year.

All eight of the other sculptures previously located on the Albright Campus have been sponsored by the generosity of sources ranging from the National Endowment for the Arts to friends, individual trustees and a graduating class of the College. In the case of these more recent long-term loans, the Doris and Alan Freedman Fund has underwritten the costs of transportation and installation. As with all of the programs of the

Freedman Gallery, the vast bulk of the funding for the exhibition *Surrounding Sculpture*, will come from sources outside the College, including the Freedman Family's Silverweed Foundation, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and a local community support group, the Friends of the Freedman Gallery.

As these most recent installations are only on loan for a few years, there will be new and different works installed on a rotating basis. To a great extent, the public sculpture program at Albright College may be considered as a symbol that the Campus is a stimulating and challenging environment. While the works complement the surrounding buildings and plantings, they are also highly provocative.

--information provided by the Center for the Arts

Cultural Calendar

FREEDMAN GALLERY

June Leaf: continues through Dec. 11.
Gallery Hours: Tues. 12 - 8; Wed. - Fri. 12 - 6; Sat. - Sun. 12 - 4

Family Arts Workshop: Nov. 15, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Children ages 7-11 with adult partner, \$5 per child
reservations required, call 610-921-7715
Freedman Gallery, Center for the Arts

EXPERIENCE EVENTS

The Native Peoples of Pennsylvania: Indian Culture and History with Dr. Marshall Becker, professor of anthropology at West Chester University.
Nov. 12, 8 p.m., CCSL

Jessica Care Moore and Co. sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Meridian Theater

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES

Casper Starke in person with program V of the five-part series entitled *German Experimental Films of the 1990s*
Nov. 18, 8:15 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall

Program II of the series *German Experimental Films of the 1990s*
Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall

Program III of the series *German Experimental Films of the 1990s*
Nov. 20, 8:15 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM SERIES

Madame Bovary - French with subtitles
Nov. 12, 6:45 p.m., Klein Lecture Hall

NUEVA YOL (NEW YORK) - Spanish with subtitles
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Features

Wild with Wellness

column submitted by Ken Tyler

I have been involved with sports and physical fitness my whole life. As a matter of fact, I can trace my development through involvement in various activities. When I was a young child, I remember simply running, jumping and tumbling. Call me an early track and gymnastics man! From age seven to fourteen, I was heavily involved in competitive swimming and tennis. My high school years were occupied with basketball and football. At The College of William and Mary, I was on the varsity basketball team. As a graduate student, I played on an intramural champion football team. During my twenties, I hung on to competitive basketball by playing in many leagues and tournaments. I was also introduced to the wonderful sport of golf. Now, as I ease into my thirties, I am active in weight training, running, walking, and an occasional game of basketball. I am also in the best shape of my life.

I was fortunate to have parents and coaches who exposed me to the virtues of sports and exercise. I learned early on that physical activity not only made me feel better, it also increased my energy level and sharpened my mind. The mental and physical exhilaration I experience upon completing some exercise more than outweighs any fatigue I might

feel. I will become a father in about one month; I will certainly pass these lessons on to my daughter or son.

I encourage everyone in the campus community to get involved and stay involved in some sort of physical activity. Your energy level will increase, and you will feel much better about yourself. Disciplined physical activity will result in increased productivity in the office and the classroom. The hardest part is getting started. However, once you do, you won't want to stop.

We offer many outlets for physical activity here at Albright. The college sponsors 22 varsity sports -- each one has open tryouts. The Wellness Program conducts many activities for the mind, body, and spirit. One way to get started is by picking up a yellow personal wellness card in the Bollman Center, the weight room, or the campus center. The Aquatics program offers swimming activities for all levels. The intramural program sponsors over fifteen individual and team activities. Five club sports operate here on campus. Our pool, gymnasiums, and fields are available to meet your fitness needs. Take advantage of them.

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"Well Dr. Stone, it looks like we've reached a dead end. I can't decipher these hieroglyphs, and without them we'll never find the hidden chamber."

REAL ISSUES:

by Kristin Angellella

Q. What do you think about the people who leave a mess after they eat in the cafeteria?

"They need to learn how to clean up after themselves!"

—Peggy Epler

"Anyone that leaves a mess on the tables should have to work in the cafeteria, and clean messy tables to see how obnoxious it is!"

—Danelle Stebleton '98

"I hate it!"

—Harriet Shapiro '98

"It has improved since last year."

—Jack Bogrette

"Lazy, spoiled, rotten brats!"

—Lynn McAleer '99

"I think they should be more courteous to the people who have to sit down after them."

—Julia Scheck

"Although it doesn't affect me personally, as someone who use to be a busser, I understand what the employees have to go through."

—Jason Updike '01

"Inconsiderate."

—John Sanko '98

"I think they are obnoxious and need to clean up their act!"

—Kim Marshall '99

"If someone can't find the time to take up their dishes, then they have some serious time management problems."

—Brian Smith '00

What is heterosexual privilege?

The enjoyment of living as a heterosexual in a heterosexual culture, enjoying the benefits of being a member of the heterosexual majority, "fitting in," in contrast to being a member of the stigmatized homosexual minority. Bisexuals are often criticized for being able to copy heterosexual privilege, i.e., pass as heterosexual and thereby not suffer from ostracism.

1. Living without ever having to think twice, confront, engage, or cope with anything on this page. Heterosexuals can address these phenomena but social/political forces do not require you to do so.

2. Marrying... which includes the following privileges:

Public recognition for and support for an intimate relationship (e.g. receiving cards, gifts, or phone calls celebrating your commitments to another person; supporting activities and social expectations of longevity and stability for your committed relationships.)

Paid leave from employment and condolences when grieving the death of your partner/lover (i.e. legal family members defined by marriage

and descendants from marriages.)

Inheriting from your partner/lover/companion automatically under probate laws.

Ability to file joint on federal/state income tax forms and benefit from such tax benefits.

Sharing health, auto and homeowners' insurance policies at reduced rates and automatically receiving benefits from your spouse's employer.

Immediate access to your loved ones in cases of accident or emergency.

3. Kissing/hugging/being affectionate in public without threat or punishment.

4. Talking about your relationship or what projects, vacations, family configuration you and your partner are planning/creating.

5. Not questioning your normalcy -- sexually and culturally.

6. Expressing pain when a relationship ends and having other people notice and attend to your pain.

7. Adopting children, foster-parenting children.

8. Being employed as a teacher in pre-school through high school without fear of being fired in any day

because you are assumed to corrupt children; being employed at a college without the assumption that you are looking for a mate.

9. Raising children without threats of state intervention, without children having to be worried which of their friends might reject them because of their parents' sexual identity and associations.

10. Dating the person of your desire in your teen years.

11. Living with your partner and doing so openly to all, including your own parents/siblings.

12. Receiving validation from your religious community.

13. Receiving social acceptance by neighbors, colleagues, new friends.

14. Not having to hide and lie about women/men only activities.

15. Working without always being identified by your sexual/cultural identity (e.g. you are a farmer, brick layer, artist, etc., without being labeled the heterosexual farmer, the heterosexual teacher, etc.)

16. Having photos of your partner on display at work. Leaving books or videos on shelves without concern for how visitors to your office or home may react.

--submitted by Albright Allies

Critics Corner

"LAST CALL" Bar Review

by Darren Was and Wayne Gehris



It's nice to see that Albright students are starting to go out and use Thursday as their choice for bar night. Many students can afford to go out and enjoy a few drinks and still make it to class the next day without much problem.

It appears that maybe these students, many of whom are seniors, are starting to realize that this is their last hurrah. A year from now, many of these people will not have this opportunity to go out to the bar on a Thursday night without much consequence. Once you enter the working world, going out on a Thursday night could leave you in a world of trouble.

Thus, our advice to the seniors is go out and enjoy yourselves now. Don't rearrange your priorities for the bar, but remember that in 186 days, you graduate and enter the real world. I hope that you won't look back at college and wish that you had gone out more often with your friends. Seize the day, and we don't mean just Thursday.

Now that we have said this, we would like to tell you about a nice bar that we feel would be a lot of fun for you, especially if you like to take a break on Wednesday nights. Bixlers Lodge, located in Mt. Penn, is a small, cozy bar with live entertainment almost every night.

Albright's own Dave Cullen strums his six-string on Wednesdays as the crowd joins in for a chorus or two. The comfortable, relaxing atmosphere makes you feel right at home. Drafts are \$1.50 and pitchers of lager are \$6.50, which is a bit more expensive than other bars near here, but trust us, it's worth the extra dollar or so. Bixlers fits no more than 75 people, so don't expect a big, loud crowd.

Bixlers also offers a menu that includes items such as seafood and steak. We did not have the chance to try any, but we've heard nothing but good things. Guys, this would be a really nice place to take someone for a date. It's laid back and dimly lit, which makes it fun yet romantic. We highly recommend Bixlers where, as Wayne says, "the drinks keep you cold, and the fire keeps you warm."

For those people who are interested in a little more excitement on a Wednesday, the Third and Spruce Café is the place to go. With 34 beers on tap and live bands, you can't go wrong. Third and Spruce is a two-leveled bar that is ideal for mature drinking. The crowd is young, lively and very yuppish, so don't expect to go there in a T-shirt and jeans or with only \$5 in your pocket.

Bixlers Lodge and Third and Spruce

Third and Spruce is a bit pricy, but for people in search of good beer and a good time, it's a small price to pay. Third and Spruce offers \$3 pints of different foreign and domestic lagers, ales, stouts and IPA's. The bands are great and bring a lot of fun to the bar. (May we suggest that CCB look into getting Jeff and Justin for a Spring Fever band.) Third and Spruce is located in West Reading off of Penn St., right over the byway.

There is also food available, which is very good, but we go there for the beer, our beer of choice being Black Dog Honey Raspberry Ale.

So like we've said, don't compromise your other priorities, but if the opportunity arises, take it. Enjoy your final six months of college and the time with your friends. Do some things that you wouldn't normally do because when it's hello real world, it's bye-bye childhood.

We highly recommend these two establishments to each and every 21-year-old that we know. Remember to drink responsibly and know when to say when. Don't forget to tell your designated drivers to take it easy over those speed bumps; if you're not expecting them, you may hit them and throw up. Go Redskins.

Music Review

by Emily Yoder



Megadeath

Here you have it ladies and gents, the newest Megadeath is on the scene. For a while loyal fans, such as myself, were worried that Megadeath would never resurface. They're definitely back. Megadeath's *Cryptic Writings* became available last month. Amazingly, *Cryptic Writings* sold thousands of copies on the first day of its release. It didn't seem likely that Megadeath would have that much success again.

Megadeath began years ago and is actually a sort of spin-off from Metallica. The lead singer of Megadeath is Dave Mustane, who was once the bassist for Metallica. Due to a huge argument, as is often the case, Mustane left Metallica and formed his own successful band, Megadeath.

The new album is definitely one of their best. I expect more "spectacular albums from the band, especially after *Cryptic Writings*. During the song called "Sin," Mustane asks his listeners why they choose to sin and if it satisfies them or makes them happy to hurt others. He screams the truth that no one is free from sin, but also, that sin is selective.

Those who take the time to listen to the lyrics, and the meanings behind them, can always find something to which they can relate. It is inevitable that all human

beings will hurt in some way. Megadeath's "I'll get even" is a song we can all understand. The song tells the tale of a wrongful doing, then speaks of the possibility of revenge. Mustane becomes calm at the end of the song and adds a personal note. The song for him was a reminder of how his life was ruined by the plague of hatred he carried.

The members of the group Megadeath wait out their most deadly bass lines to match their intoxicating lyrics. Their music seems to touch the soul and make the listener aware of all possible feelings. It's impossible to listen to Megadeath and not feel anything at all.

There was a nasty little rumor circulating that stated, "Megadeath is finished - they got into bad times and just gave up...they are no more..." This rumor is obviously a total farce. When the rumor had begun, Megadeath was recording their latest album. And now Megadeath is in the process of planning a tour. Finished... I think not!

In the meantime, while fans await the tour, Megadeath is releasing their own comic book entitled "Cryptic Writings of Megadeath." It has the drawings and visions of Megadeath from the beginning until now. It is now available under Chaos Comics.

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Restaurant Review

by Matt Hillman



Vincent's News Cafe

Address: 515 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring; (610) 670-4433
E-Mail: vincentnewscafe@juno.com

Hours: Mon. to Wed. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thurs. to Sat. 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dinner is served after 4 p.m.

**You may want to call and ask if there is seating available; the restaurant seats less than thirty individuals.

Price Range: lunch \$3.50 to \$7.50; dinner \$8.95 to \$13.95

Atmosphere: contemporary spirited cafe setting with a separate smoking area for the cigar lover to kick back and choose his or her favorite cigar from the walk-in humidor.

Special Note: Vincent's offers one of the widest selections in coffees and Italian cream sodas. These thirst-quenching Italian cold drinks are made from a variety of flavorings, cream, soda water and ice, topped off with whipped cream. Vincent's is stocked with eighteen different flavors. Any Italian soda or iced coffee is available blended. Highlight: Feel free to bring your favorite bottled alcoholic beverage to accompany your meal. Vincent's allows and highly recommends that you enhance your meal with your favorite drink. So make time to stop off at the state store to pick up your favorite bottle of wine.

If you have been looking for a place to hang out and watch the news while enjoying a delicious and extremely affordable meal, then do I have the place for you. Vincent's News Cafe, located on Penn Avenue in Sinking Spring, is chock full of a contemporary, exciting atmosphere that is suitable for the college student seeking a restaurant with much more than just food. Perhaps you have been searching for a place to enjoy a cappuccino, latte or espresso. Maybe you have been scanning the Reading area for a place to puff away on your favorite stogie. Whatever the case or story might be, Vincent's provides the diner with an atmosphere and menu full of options.

When I first entered the cafe, I was immediately impressed by the contemporary, yet classy, setting that the owners have achieved. You cannot escape hearing a news broadcast wherever you are in this comfortably tiny restaurant. Upon being seated, I quickly scanned over the menu and was unsure of where to start. I could not even decide what I wanted to drink due to the multitude of options. Nonetheless, I ordered the freshly brewed orange iced tea.

While the waitress was preparing our drinks, I went over the plan of attack with my company in order to maximize our sampling of the menu. I ordered the turkey chili (\$8.95) and the chicken marsala soup

(\$3.50). My company ordered the chicken parmesan (\$11.95) and the cioppino (\$12.95). I was pleasantly surprised when the waitress informed me that all of the dinner entrees come with a complimentary glass of wine. This is a deal that you cannot beat.

Since we had all ordered dinner entrees, our meals came with a salad. The salad was served family style with a tray of dressings. The large bowl of wild field greens, dandelion leaves and a mixture of romaine and iceberg lettuce set us off in the right direction. Accompanying the salad was a tray of sun dried tomato and herb rolls with a dipping sauce. The dipping sauce consisted of butter, rosemary and garlic. This intriguing combination was extremely appetizing.

Upon finishing our salads, we all shared the chicken marsala soup. Poured inside a large sourdough bread bowl, this creamy soup was loaded with generous chunks of chicken and mushrooms. It received raving reviews from everyone.

Just as we finished tearing apart the mushy sourdough bread bowl, our wine and dinners arrived. My meal, the turkey chili, was made with 100% ground turkey, beans, peppers and carrots. It was also served in a sourdough bread bowl. I was unsure if this would be filling, but my worries were immediately put to an end as the waitress set a gigantic plate in front of me.

Needless to say, I was quite pleased with the size, price and, most importantly, the taste of my selection. The chicken parmesan was similarly praised for its generous portions and filling taste. The cioppino received raving reviews based on the tenderness of the mussels. Made with scallops, shrimp and mussels, cioppino is served over linguini. It can be best described as Italian seafood stew served in a bread bowl.

Other selections that I would highly recommend are the vegetable lasagna (\$10.95) and the chicken raspberry (\$11.95).

After our plates were cleared, the waitress read off the dessert choices. We had a choice of a raspberry cheesecake tart, pumpkin ginger torte, smores—cook 'em yourself or biscotti. We all sampled the rich and creamy pumpkin ginger torte. I came close to ordering another. Dessert at Vincent's goes beyond your traditional cakes and pies; your choices of an extensive list of coffees and Italian cream sodas complicates the selection process.

After you've indulged in one of Vincent's fine desserts, I would highly recommend that you take a stroll back into the separate smoking area to glance over the cigar selection available in the humidor. You might as well take the bottle of wine back with you and finish it off while slowly drawing on your selected cigar. For those who have yet to catch on to the cigar trend or failed to renew their subscription to

Cigar Aficionado, a humidor is an enclosed room in which the air is kept properly humidified. Vincent's had their room set at precisely 71 degrees and at 59 percent humidity in order to keep the freshness of the tobacco sealed in the cigar.

Vincent's humidor was stocked with a selective grouping of cigars from Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Brazil and Honduras. I would recommend that you try one of the Macanudo cigars, specifically the Prince Philip Maduro which is rated as a three and one half star cigar. Other recommendations would be the Habana Gold or the Lino Grand Classic (both three star cigars). If you are really serious about smoking a superb cigar, I would recommend that you try the Royal Jamaica Corona Grande or the Cohiba Corona which are both rated as four and one-half star cigars. (These would have to be purchased at Tobaccoland in the Berkshire Mall.) They are both physically superior cigars that provide a smooth tobacco flavor with some interesting spice and light wood elements.

Without exaggerating, there is something at Vincent's for everyone. This delightful cafe is guaranteed to satisfy you and leave you wanting for more. This is a place where college students belong and are warmly welcomed. Vincent's low prices, fine selections and spirited atmosphere undoubtedly provide a setting for an extremely enjoyable evening.

Movie Review

by Lou Walters and Steve Carr

Starship Troopers

In *Starship Troopers*, a special effects-based movie with a weak plot, a futuristic Earth must defend itself from a hostile species of alien bugs from a distant galaxy. Earth's saviors are a group of high school friends who could not punch their way out of a wet paper bag.

These friends joined the army together but ended up going their separate ways. Two went into the infantry, one became a pilot and the other went into intelligence.

Neil Patrick Harris, a.k.a. Doogie Howser, plays the character who goes into trooper intelligence and disappears until the end of the movie. He is still a weenie, but this time the weenie can talk to animals through telepathy. The second

character, Johnny Rico, joined the troopers to get away from his parents and to stay close to his girlfriend Carmen, who also joined. The last character, Diz, joined because she was in love with Johnny Rico. Johnny and Carmen end up being separated, but he is stationed with Diz. Johnny loses faith in his decision to join the troopers until tragedy strikes, giving him a reason to fight.

The movie concentrates on the difficulties the humans face as they try to combat these Arachnids, which they know little about, on their planet Klandaphia. The biggest obstacle of the humans is finding the brain sucking cockroach who serves as the leader for the bugs and

knows our secrets.

The special effects made this movie. Without them it would be a futuristic "Joe's Apartment." The giant bugs were realistic (well, as realistic as giant alien bugs can be), and the violent death scenes were the highlight of the movie.

However, the acting was horrific and emotionless. Michael Ironside was the only standout. The main purpose of everyone else was to look good. The bugs gave a better performance.

The effects are worth the \$6.75 if you are a science fiction fan. However, we recommend that you see it with a large group of friends. It will make it more entertaining. It would not make for a good date movie.

Although we did not like it, that does not mean you will not. After all, "the only freedom you have is making up your own mind."

Horoscopes

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Your suspicions are correct. Someone in business is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Later in the week, a gift or financial assistance could come from a relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A desire for self-improvement leads you to investigate a course of study. You are painfully aware of a family member's weak points. However, do your best to be supportive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A greater confidence in your abilities will cause you to expand your business aspirations this week. However, in romance, it's best to take it one day at a time. Rushing things isn't advised.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A business associate whom you've relied upon lets you down this week. However, happily, your social circle widens. This weekend some decide to join a club or organization.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

This is no time to entrust others with your secrets, particularly those of a business nature. The financial backing you receive this week will enable you to get a project going. **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** It's time to improve your self-confidence. You really have nothing to be so insecure about, so try to conquer this. Later in the

week, be alert for a travel or educational opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You're on the right track toward achievement of a major goal. A new job offer or financial opportunity comes your way. One person you're dealing with isn't on the up and up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

This isn't the time to be making loans as you're not in the financial position to easily accommodate this. You could be disappointed by a friend's actions. However, a reconciliation or improved rapport is achieved with the loved one.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

An important breakthrough comes in your relationship either with a child or a romantic interest. An inhibition is swept away. This weekend, a new plateau is achieved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

One problem that has concerned you for some time is happily resolved this week. Be on the alert for a new business or financial opportunity. A loved one requires extra consideration this weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Use caution in financial dealings with others. Someone could try to take advantage of your generous nature. In general, avoid any risk-taking or gambling. This weekend, couples reach a new level of understanding.

Chaplain Steve Ohnsman would like to invite you to attend church services at 6 p.m. every Sunday in Memorial Chapel. Start your week off feeling refreshed!



SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: Jack arranged for Erica to visit with Bianca. Tim vowed to Trevor that he'll back off on Janet. Janet meanwhile reassured Amanda her love. Edmund recalled Maria. As Brooke got closer to identifying the photographer, Laura claimed it was Rick, the porn stud. Mateo told Tad he wants to go on the air with information about the TGA crash. Stuart reassured Skye of Adam's love for her. Liza was devastated by Mateo's interview. **Wait To See:** Edmund hits a snag in his plan.

ANOTHER WORLD: Shaken by his encounter with Felicia, Alex rushed to try to free Rachel before the church was demolished. Shane learned his condition may be fatal. Later, he dared Vicky to admit that she still loves him. Tomas learned of Shane's rare tropical disease. Josie and Paulina learned Rain's father, Popper, supplied the pills that killed her mother. Carl realized where Rachel may be and rushed in to the church as it was blown up. **Wait To See:** Alex makes a bold move.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Ben dragged the stalker to the police station. Holden pulled Molly to safety and accused her of staging the suicide attempt. Lily and Holden tried to learn if Molly is really pregnant. Pamela accused Lew of wanting a separation. Holden told Molly he plans to marry Lily. David told James he knows Lucinda is not his real mother. **Wait To See:** James decides to break up Emily and David.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: The Forrester show proved to be a big success. Eric rejected Lauren's plea not to marry Stephanie, and arranged to have Stephanie meet him for the ceremony. Meanwhile, as Ridge shopped for her engagement ring, Brooke overheard Thorne say Ridge

is the father of Taylor's baby. Unaware that Stephanie was trying to get to him despite obstacles, Eric assumed she didn't want to get married, and left. Later, the private plane with Eric and Lauren aboard crashed. **Wait To See:** James is in for a surprise.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Celeste told Ivan and Vicky the townhouse had something to do with the father of Susan's baby. Stefano said he would offer his antibodies for Roman's cure in exchange for Marlena. Later, a stunned Stefano learned Travis and T.C. arranged for Jack to have a fatal accident in prison. Vivian found the jewels and cash in the townhouse and told Ivan she's not leaving all this. After Ivan pretended to be a parson and married Ivan and Jonsey, Jonsey decided he wanted a real honeymoon with his Flora Dora. **Wait To See:** John shows Stefano he means business!

GENERAL HOSPITAL: While Ned asked Alexis about the Cassadines' role in the recent takeover, Luke was able to photograph the incriminating papers. A.J. confronted Carly about her sonogram results. Tess proved to Felicia that she was married to a man who looked like Mac. Alan's need for a pill interrupted his attempt to make love to Monica. **Wait To See:** Emily discovers proof of Alan's addiction.

GUIDING LIGHT: Alan feared Annie's obsession with Tammy could ruin their plans. Reva became suspicious when Cassie couldn't explain her inability to get Tammy back. Roy warned Abby to back off, or else. Buzz continued to turn to Nola for comfort. Fletcher saw Roger put a ring on Holly's finger. Ben, Roy's lawyer, told Ross the real reason he's in Springfield. **Wait To See:** Beth prepares to return to Springfield.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Joey told

Dorothy about this breakup with Kelly. Todd and Tea tiffed over Blair. Things heated up between Max and Blair as they plotted how to get her closer to Jan. After overhearing Melinda tell Kelly about a scary childhood game she and Dorian played, Dorian had an ominous childhood memory. **Wait To See:** Melinda shows strange behavior.

PORT CHARLES: Bennett offered a reward for Julie's return. Lucy found a way to get around her problem with conceiving. Kevin suspected Greg Cooper tampered with his IV. The casino owner told Scott and Mac there was evidence Scott paid off a big gambling debt. Nicole overheard Eve and Karen talking about Eve's affair with Bennett. Boardman faces Cooper. **Wait To See:** Eve tries to help Scott.

SUNSET BEACH: Colesaw Caitlin's car explode as it rolled down to the ocean. Ricardo faltered on his polygraph, making him look guilty. Although presumed dead, Caitlin was alive and cared for by a mysterious man. Realizing Olivia could suffer a miscarriage, Cole lied to her that Caitlin was all right. Ben proposed to Meg. Gregory was stunned to learn Olivia really is pregnant. **Wait To See:** Caitlin learns something about her "protector."

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: After telling Victor she wants to have children, Diane was devastated when he said he had had a vasectomy. Nick urged Victoria to fight for her Cole. Neil found Dr. Ryan's birth control pills. Ryan was charged with forcing Nina to admit he didn't shoot. Danny told Kay about the faked paternity test that caused Chris to divorce him. Paul was puzzled over Chris's decision to go to Atlanta. **Wait To See:** Diane makes a decision about her marriage.

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Opinions/Reflections

Student discouraged over apathy and lack of participation on campus

Dear Editor,

I did not do a "Real Issues" for this paper. Instead, the real issue I want to address this week is why Stunt Night was cancelled.

Students keep asking why there are no non-alcoholic events on campus. Well, the answer was illustrated this past week when Stunt Night had to be postponed until next semester because of lack of student participation.

Only a few select groups were prepared to participate on the original date of Nov. 8. Those groups were Campus Center Board, Resident Student Association, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Domino Players...and that was it! Four groups decided to drop out two days before the actual event. Since these groups had committed themselves, they should have put the two or so hours into the event and participated.

Regardless of the fact that these four organizations dropped out, there are approximately 80 other organizations on campus so there should have been more

participation.

Stunt Night is not the only event that can judge student participation, but it is one example of the many efforts of certain students who try to raise organization and student participation.

In case you are still asking what Stunt Night was (or will be), it was an event that was to be sponsored by the Lion Diplomats. Groups that signed up were to take any movie and do what they wanted with it...kind of like a Saturday Night Live format. I did go to many of the organizations to explain what it was. People seemed interested but did not make an effort to sign up and get an act together.

Maybe the whole idea of Stunt Night was not a great one, but it was something. If you are going to complain about the lack of non-alcoholic events, then participate in these events when they are instituted. What this school needs right now is some kind of spirit or jump start. We have a winning football team, renovations coming and other great things. Why is

everyone still in the dumps? Why doesn't anyone want to do anything? True, we are nearing finals and we have many other things going on, but why are only a few people coming out and doing stuff? They seem to have some time to devote to some cause.

Join something, anything, and participate as little or as much as you want. School isn't just about getting good grades or partying, but it is also about organizing your time to go to events and meetings and participating in things like Stunt Night, Airbands, Student Government, etc.

If you are a person that does not like to get involved, then come out and support your friends who are involved. If you are involved, but feel like I do, then tell your others how you feel. Stunt Night may have failed for now, but other events can still be successful. Good luck with everything--finals, papers, debates, but remember to participate when you can.

Sincerely,
Mark Blank, Class of 2000

Albright's Amnesty International Chapter is once again active on campus and in the community. On Thursday, Oct. 30, a few students attended a rally in Philadelphia in protest of China's human rights record. The group made their objections known as the President of China, Jiang Zemin, visited Independence Hall.

The Chinese government's occupation and suppression of Tibet and Taiwan were the main issues addressed at the rally. Since 1949 more than 1 million Tibetans have died and more than 6,000 monasteries and their contents have been destroyed.

Albright's Amnesty International Chapter is working on a number of projects this year, including the Refugee Campaign and the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If you are interested in the world outside of Albright and helping to preserve human rights around the world, you are more than welcome to join! Contact Jen Thalman 375-9130 or Maggie Ward 396-9670.



Mr. Holden and the other facilities workers would like to extend their thanks to all the students that volunteered to plant perennials on Albright's campus this fall. Special thanks goes to Ryonne Tresler, who coordinated and planned the plantings, and Dwight Davis, who put a lot of time and effort into the project.



What the mud taught me: an Albright WorkStory

Dr. Pankratz shares the thoughts and feelings he encountered as guest coach for Albright's football team

by Dr. John Pankratz

I wish I could say that I merely leapt at E. J. Sandusky's invitation to serve as a Guest Football Coach for the Lions' Nov. 1 game against Juniata. It was worse than that. I actually twisted his arm -- via e-mail -- to extend the invitation. My eagerness sprang from a classroom acquaintance with a fair share of team members, a desire to show my support for the guys on the field (and so be in a position to request their support in class), and a driving curiosity about how the game looked and sounded at ground level.

I imagine that Sandusky's hesitation, if that's what it was, flowed from the superfluity of tossing incentives at someone who would come to the games in any case or else from concern about the distracting influence that I, a visual reminder of academic duties, might have on the game-day mindsets of many on his roster.

In any case, the fact that I'd begged to be included made it doubly hard to think of backing out as Saturday's predicted "possibility of precipitation" neared the absolute certainty mark of 100 percent. I was in for the duration, come what may. In advance of the fact, one could hope that the showers would be fleeting. So on Saturday morning, even as rain came down in buckets outdoors, I checked several weather websites in the vain hope that the

virtual variety would be somehow less ominous than the real thing. No false promises there. And when my fellow coaches, Karen Campbell and Greg Eichhorn, reminded me that open umbrellas are not allowed on the sidelines, I quickly reconciled myself not only to *seeing* and *hearing* the action, but also to feeling what proved to be the guiding influence of the game: the impact of millions of raindrops whistling in from the Northeast and the inches of mud they generated. In the end, this multi-media (multi-media? muddy-media?) experience taught me more than I might otherwise have learned about the game and our team.

Even before play began, the weather forced some tricky calls. As the PA system made ready to blare the National Anthem, I began a brief but poignant moral/political debate with myself as to whether one were obliged to doff one's hat on a rainy day when the flag wasn't flying. Back in the Vietnam era I'd regularly sat out the *Star Spangled Banner* as a comment on American interventionism.

Twenty-five years later, politics didn't really require a hats-on protest, but on the other hand, my head was sporting a lot less natural protection than it had back then. I thought, too, of the crowd, of the eyes of the students and parents upon me in my quasi official capacity. As a "tenured radical," I like to

explore a critical Americanism with my students, thoughtfully and gradually, rather than blatantly. Not to tip my actual hat would be to tip my political hat too early in the game. Patriotic valor or stupidity triumphed over discretion; bare-headed, I sang the anthem to a nonexistent flag in front of a "crowd" of about 75 non-sandalized spectators.

Of course, the sure thing was just getting under way. Ever since Alan Shepard took a makeshift 7-iron to the Moon and hit a drive that Tiger Woods would have envied (had he been born yet), we've been aware of how local conditions can affect athletic performance.

Well, the field in Shirk Stadium wasn't the Moon, but it wasn't a very congenial corner of planet Earth either. On a dry surface, on a sunny day, the Lions' offense is a splendid assemblage of strength, speed, touch and tenacity. Quicker, more deceptive moves, deftly timed and directed passes, hands that exercised a magnetic attraction to the ball -- all these weapons had overwhelmed six hapless opponents thus far this season, and added up record numbers of yards and points.

As the rain poured down, however, it washed away those Albright edges. A quick cut was now more likely to put a player on his butt than in the clear. Attempts to pass a wet ball to wet hands eroded Bryan Snyder's completion

percentage and piled up crucial interceptions. The few holes that got punched in Juniata's defensive line were quickly filled with slime.

The word on the swampy sidelines was that the weather had taken the game out of Albright's hands. This was literally the case. I'm not sure that even Haas and Snyder know how many times Bryan has snapped the ball to Bryan.

It has long since become one of those instinctual expert gestures, common to any craft, in which mind has come to lodge in muscle, skill has passed from thought to feeling. Several inches of mud reversed that process. The tried and true reflex motion would not suffice. The ball might, and sometimes did, stay behind. The mud sucked -- quite tangibly. And so one of the givens of the game, the snap from center, became the occasion for anxious anticipation and conscious effort. And as each player, in every position, was forced by the mire to rethink all that he knew, and to reinvent skills that would function on this new earth, the sidelines lapsed into worried, frustrated pensiveness.

At one point, toward the end of the tight contest, a Lion receiver gave vent to the frustration within earshot of an official. "Unsportsmanlike conduct -- fifteen yards." On the sidelines his offensive coordinator made it clear how thoughtless and costly a

mistake that had been. His tailback looked his square in the face, and almost pleadingly said, "Not in a game like this. Not in a game like this." And his quarterback gently cupped his head and whispered in his ear. Then they fell silent, collectively holding their breath, as Bobby, Jason, Roger, John and the rest of the defense -- who had somehow negotiated a tentative, separate peace with the mud -- thwarted Juniata once again. When the end came, it felt like survival rather than triumph.

In general, the earth is a pretty good place for people to be. As any evolutionist -- my co-coach Dr. Campbell, for example -- will tell you, that's why we're here. But there are times when your immediate environment takes an unfriendly turn. You feel you've lost your touch. Your old, reliable instincts prove unavailing. Your special gifts go unnoticed.

It seems that your big dreams are about to dissolve, and there's nothing you can do about it. What do you do? What do you do when there is nothing you *can* do? You adjust. You think. You keep your head. You keep trying. And, if the ball bounces, and bounces your way, you grab it, and your hopes survive another week.

Wet, worn, but 1-0 as a coach and surviving still, I'm glad I went to the game and I'm grateful for what I learned.



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G--We're young, Beautiful Rugby players! And we're WAY out of control! Yeah baby...

--M

K-- I still love you. --D

107 memories of the week: Woh, look at that chunk! That's a hat box but there's no hat in there.

I wear glasses and I still think Trina is really hot. And by the way, I'm not afraid to sign my name.
Love, Darren

Dear Floppy,
Gotcha!
From Flopsa

Alyssa Cozzillio--Two words: size five.

Hey Mal,
You can take off your mask; Halloween is over.

G--Hey, thanks...
Love, Freak

Kristin--I burned my head...
Love, Your faithful roommate

Augie Girl: You smell like onions, but I still love you!
--Your Roomie

HELLO?!

Lori,
Do they have hooks?
Love your fellow Phi's

L--
Remember! There's only one way to get your mind off of a guy...find another!
--Scarlett

Maple Shade,
It's time you started running with the big dogs and stopped pissing like puppies, especially you Renner.
Love, Grandpa Moses

Seven cop cars and a paddy wagon for Senior Night? Come on Reading Police, Gimme a break.

How about those speed bumps? Could they make them any steeper??

Watch out for the Velvet Groove.

W.H.
Poison! Stay Away! It's always their loss.
Love, Your motivational speaker

Alyssa Cozzillio--Two more words: more fries.

Smith hall would like to take this opportunity to say you're welcome.

I wonder how Kauffman is doing these days?

Mikey,
It's all good, thank you.
Love, ???

Do you think Hanson will be this year's Spring Fever band?

Amy L.: Come have a bitching session--I'm all ears!
Love, Linds

Nancy Neon,
There's just something about that Bad Boy. Help me get him out of my head! Please.
--Mickey Sue

Bobko--
Our meal time talks leave me hot-n-bothered.
Love, Erin

To the Secret Service:
You better keep all eyes on the President because nWo is just too sweet.
DW, DB, MN, JW, DK, J(F)R

Hi, Mom. How is Brad? Brad?? Oh, well, ummm, he's a nice boy.

Prowlers--
Let's get crafty! Don't hang it up too soon.
10,4 over and out!

There's nothing better than playing Beirut at 2:30 in the morning, unless of course, you play at 5:30.

Charlene and Alyssa, let me get this right. On Fri. you had to wear signs around your neck and pass out flyers, on Wed. you have to wear pj's, pigtailed and slippers and sing "I'm a little teapot" in front of the entire cafe and on top of that you're making Johnny Kim and Darren dinner. Then on Sat. of Spring Fever, you have to wear half-cut t-shirts, daisy dukes and wristbands. Wow, I guess you guys should be careful who you make bets with.
Love, WalMart

I got nothing to say.
--Coviello

Hey Juan can I have a cookie?

Kill the wabbit! Kill the wabbit! Kill the wabbit!
--ASPCA

Smith basement smells. Seriously.

Rhonda--
Is your middle name "full of"?
Luv, your sisters

Why don't I get phone calls?

Nordzy--
Stop playing NHL 97 and do some work.

Houy & Baldwin
Here's my BJ's card-- let me in!
--Brooke

You shan't even *whine* about the ducks, if you can make me sing TMBG.

Make a 2.0 13th postulate!
--13th postulate member

To my sweetness,
Black Street CD track 12.
--me

Shelly,
Before you beat me to a bloody pulp, I just want you to know that you're my sister and I love you.
--Stan

Seniors, senior portrait sign-ups are this week & pictures will be taken the week of Nov. 17th. Sign up at the CC desk.
--Your faithful editor

Buck--Stop playing with it, it will grow.

John,

I will not walk through your suite naked! I don't care about the bet and I refuse to take your money.
--your nude friend

Cliff,
You know everything about everything. You're my hero.
--Ferris

Dino,
Happy belated birthday (although it is currently your birthday right now).
--Various Albrightian editors

Em J,
Thanks for Cal...keep watching your box.
--Kurt

D--
Florida is not optional. My life would be far too simple without your company.
--K

We must flatten those speed bumps. My boyfriend...boyfriend??...won't come visit anymore.

Jon DelRusso A.K.A. "Blue Balls,"
Sorry about K Sat. night. I tried.
--Nut

Sos,
Now TKB is forever.
--Otter, Pinto, Fluke and Mothball

Stratz,
We are so proud of you for cleaning your room.
--Smith basement

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Firedogs to establish community relationship

by Kurt Krebs

The volunteer firefighter has long been the symbol of selfless service to the community by members of that community. It is this same sense of community that led the individuals who were responsible for bringing minor league basketball to Reading to choose the Firedogs as the team name. The owners of the Firedogs hope to become a part of the community, giving back to the community as much as they hope the community will give to them.

The Firedogs want to establish themselves as a franchise. In order to do that, they need to have a fan base who will return game after game. In addition to putting a competitive and entertaining team on the court, the Dogs have taken various other steps to appeal to the Reading community.

In keeping with their namesake, the Dogs have established a Fireman's season pass. Firefighters can receive season tickets at a drastic discount. The Firedogs feel that although it is only a small token of appreciation for the job that firemen do, it is their way of saying "thank you" for a job that often goes under-appreciated.

The Firedogs also hope to further their relationship with local basketball. They have set up a Coaches' Club to encourage local coaches to attend games and bring their teams as well.

The main focus of the Dogs is the youth of Reading. The Firedogs have created a Kid's Club in an effort to attract a younger audience to the games in addition to the older fans. The Dogs are prepared to give out 10,000 club memberships, which include official Club Cards and tickets to three home games.

What the Firedogs hope to establish is a source of entertainment that is ideal for the family as well as just the basketball fan. They will offer halftime promotions that will involve the fans, especially the kids. In an effort to accommodate families who may have a child who is not quite old enough for professional basketball, there will be certified child-care service on sight. This is made possible through an affiliation with Kidsports.

They will also have a name the mascot contest. The Dogs have a dalmation mascot, but as of yet, it has no name. Home games will also feature the Fireline Dancers.

The final fans which the Firedogs are reaching out to are the students of Albright College. The Dogs hope to establish a home court advantage when they play at the Bollman Center, and they feel that students are essential in that pursuit. They are offering 250 student season passes for only \$20 exclusively for Albright students. The Dogs hope to establish a strong relationship with the College that will be mutually beneficial.

The Reading Firedogs have made every effort to create the perfect organization for this community. They are currently putting together what they feel will be the perfect team for this community. They are searching for players who are talented on the court, and have "off court personalities that lend themselves to working with local youth, and the family oriented entertainment value we will offer."

The Firedogs spell out their goals in their missions statement, "Role models, community leadership, family, [and] entertainment... joined together through Professional Basketball. The Reading Firedogs."

Women's hoops team aims to return to playoffs

by Kurt Krebs

Last season, the women's basketball team got a taste of the postseason, reaching the playoffs for the first time since 1982-83. They also got a taste of the what it's like to play at the next level, however, when they were knocked out of the playoffs by nationally ranked Scranton. This year's squad hopes to reach that next level.

When the subject of Albright basketball comes up, the name that comes to mind immediately is Jarra Rusnock. Rusnock, a senior co-captain, is a three-time MAC first team all-star. The 5-9 forward, who has led the Lions in scoring for the past three seasons, could enter 1998 as the leading scorer in Albright history. She needs only 185 points to surpass Nicole Buist (1,360).

What Albright learned last season when Rusnock went down with a stress fracture in her foot, however, is that there are many other talented players on this team who find ways to get the job done. Nobody more accurately reflects that description than the other senior co-captain, Cathy Quigley.

Quigley, though not a prolific scorer, does all of the things that do not show up in the box score. She is the team's defensive stopper, and she seems to come up with every loose ball. Her hustle and vocal leadership will be a key for this year's squad.

Running the show for Albright this will again be point guard Rachel Connolly. Connolly, only a sophomore, was last year's freshman female athlete of the year and runner up for MAC rookie of the year. In her first year, she set school records for assists in a game, assists in a season and three point field goals in a season. In addition, Connolly carved up opposing defenses, creating scoring opportunities for her teammates.

The task of coordinating all of this talent falls to first-year coach Anne Bonner, who is thrilled at the opportunity. She is instituting a more wide open offensive attack in

an effort to get more people involved offensively.

"I don't want the scoring burden to fall solely on Jarra or Rachel or Jen or any one person," she said. "I want everyone to get involved in the offense. I'm trying to convince them that it is okay to shoot. They are so unselfish, it's wonderful. I never thought I'd have to encourage a team to be more selfish and take their shots."

Coach Bonner is looking to her juniors to step up into leadership roles this season. Forwards Michelle Byer, Kristyann Marshall and Charlene Stinsman have all made valuable contributions off the bench in the past but are being counted on to be major contributors not only on the boards but at the offensive end as well.

Another junior who will be a key this season will be center Jen Houser. A powerful rebounder and an unstoppable force on the low blocks, Houser needs to find the consistency that made her such a fixture her freshman year.

Coach Bonner is also counting on her freshmen to contribute this season. She is pleased with the progress that they are making in learning the system, as well as adding to the team chemistry. Foremost among this group is Danielle Short, who was the Player of the Year in the Colonial Valley Conference last season.

Albright will be thrown into the fire immediately, facing the number one team in the region, Rowan, in the opening round of their tournament. It doesn't get any easier when they return, as they travel to 13th ranked Alvernia.

Coach Bonner feels that the big-time competition that Albright will be facing early in the year will prepare them for MAC play.

Albright has been picked to finish fifth in the Commonwealth League this season but Coach Bonner feels differently.

"I think we will really surprise some people," she said. "This is a very goal oriented team. They know what they want, and they are ready to prepare, and then go get it."

Swimming prepares to defend titles

by Gina Roselli

The Albright men's and women's swim teams start out this season facing quite a challenge: to match and surpass the success of last year's team.

Equaling last season's performance will be no easy task. It was a season in which individual records were shattered and the teams were at the top of the MAC Commonwealth League. Coach Jenis Frederick made surpassing last season's performance the goal for this year's squads. She hopes that through team dedication, vigorous practices and a week-long training session in Florida during interim, the teams' goals can be met.

This year's men's team has 16 members, including eight returning lettermen. The captain of the men's squad is senior Jimmy Goodreau. The women's team returns 13 swimmers, who will be joined by four

newcomers. The women are anchored by team captain Amy Naylor.

In the race to stay at the top of the MAC Commonwealth standings, it is hard to judge the other teams in the league this early in the season. Coach Frederick explained, "Freshmen recruits can make a world of difference. A team that was in last place last year may be in first this year because of strong freshmen."

Frederick had only the highest praise for Albright's 12 new swimmers. "They look good, very good," she said. "They are a strong freshman class."

The newcomers to the team are Phil Fazo, Jason Lloyd, Ed Pearlstein, Bryan Platt, Michael Rosenthal, Alphonse Sherkess, Brian Slepetz, Chris Soskin, Kate DeVenney, Megan Fauth, Jennifer Pettillo and Leslie Rayser. The team also has a new manager this season.

Replacing Gena Groner is Keith Swetz.

Coach Frederick is pushing the team hard already this season. They are swimming 5,000 yards per practice, which is a challenging distance for this early point in the season. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they have double sessions -- one session in the morning and another in the afternoon. Coach Frederick feels that the team as a whole looks good thus far.

Albright will get its first glimpse of the competition around the league this season at the MAC relays at Elizabethtown College. It will be a good measuring stick against which the teams' can measure their progress. Albright's first dual meet is Nov. 22 at Western Maryland. Their first home meet of the '97-98 season will be an early showdown Nov. 25 when they host Elizabethtown.

Men's soccer ends season with shutout

by Emily Wagner

Although the men's soccer team fell short of achieving their goal of breaking the school record for wins in a season, they did have some very special moments throughout the season. They registered some exciting and memorable victories and saw the all-time Albright scoring record fall.

The men ended the season with a record of 6-11-2. A handful of those games, however, went into overtime. Some of those overtime

games resulted in losses while others landed the team victories, but either way, the team was in every game until the final minutes.

In the last three games of the season, the team had a record of 1-2, highlighted by an impressive 4-0 victory over Alvernia. The final game of the season versus Wilkes

appropriately enough went into an overtime period. At the half the game remained scoreless. In the second half, after an early goal by Wilkes, the Lions scored the tying goal with ten minutes left in regulation. In the overtime period, they fought hard, but Wilkes found the back of the net after ten minutes. Nevertheless, senior Tony Omedes

said that the game against Wilkes was "the best game of our last five".

According to Omedes, however, the Homecoming game against Juniata was "one of the best games or the best game over the entire season".

Not surprisingly, the Homecoming game versus Juniata also went into overtime, during which Omedes scored the winning goal. He continued, "As a team, we played awesome". His teammate, Marc Rettew went on to say that "pride and the desire to win" contributed most to the victory over Juniata.

The Juniata game was only one of the victories the men had this season, but that game best exemplified teamwork, skill, and

desire the team had throughout the season.

In addition to the accomplishments of the team, individuals found room to shine. One in particular, Tony Omedes, set the school record for career goals with thirty-one. The fascinating part about this accomplishment is that most careers consist of four years while Omedes accomplished this feat in little over two. He also tied the school record for goals in a season with fourteen.

With strong underclassmen and a new coach who has brought "new energy" in the words of Omedes, the team should be strong in years to come. The goals that were set this year for the team should be attainable in the near future if the team builds on the talent and leadership which emerged this season.



Winter Sports Home Openers

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Sports

Basketball prepares to light up the scoreboard

by Dana Peterson

The home opener for the men's basketball team is not until Dec. 2, yet already the men are working hard on the court, preparing for what they hope will be a winning season. With last season's disappointing 11-13 overall record (7-7 MAC Commonwealth) behind them, the Lions want to start strong and prove that Albright can be a contender in the league.

"I am proud of how hard they have been working and how focused they have been," said third-year coach Ken Tyler. "We have been concentrating on blending as a unit and sharpening our offensive and defensive skills on the court."

Tyler holds high expectations for his players. With no seniors on the team, he has worked with all of the players since the start of their careers, and he recognizes the talent he now has in front of him.

According to Tyler, this season's squad has more talent and depth than he has seen since arriving at Albright. Much of this talent centers around 6-5 junior forward Summer Hemphill, 6-2 sophomore and team captain Shawn Swavely and 6-2 sophomore forward James Drewry.

Swavely, who is a 1997 *Street and Smith's* Division III Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American at guard, not only led his own team in scoring last season, averaging 19 points per game, but was the second leading scorer in the conference earning him his Rookie of the Year title. Swavely also led the team in steals (1.5), three-point field goals (44.3%) and free throw percentages

(77.4%).

According to Tyler, Swavely and Drewry make one of the best wing combinations in the conference.

Tyler is expecting Hemphill, the senior member of the returning starters, to take his game to the next level.

"Summer is a great player," said Tyler. "I want him to assume more of a leadership role this season and work on the little things."

In addition to these standouts and the other six returners, six newcomers add to the team's talent and depth.

"This is an outstanding freshmen class," Tyler said. "Matt Clair [a 6-8 forward from Aston, Pa.] is very skilled for his size and has a nice touch with the ball, and Mark Moritz [a 6-7 center from Philadelphia, Pa.] will offer a strong inside presence."

Although Tyler would like to see the men reach the playoffs, the extent of their success will depend on how quickly they gel as a unit. They face their toughest opponents early in the season, including Division I Lehigh on Nov. 25, and NCAA Final Four qualifier Alvernia on Dec. 11. They face conference champion Widener for the home opener on Dec. 2.

"We are going to be tested early," said Tyler, "but if we stick together and do well before the Christmas break, we should be playing some of our best basketball in January and February when it is really going to matter."

The men will open their season on Nov. 22 at the New York University tournament.



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MAC Commonwealth all-star Bob Maro turns the corner on a punt return during the victory over Widener

Divisions III version of Judgement Day: #8 Albright to meet #4 Catholic

by Matt Becker

For the second consecutive year, the Albright College football team steamrolled through its competition to claim the MAC Commonwealth Championship. This year, however, they did it in even more convincing fashion as they went through the league with an undefeated record. The team faced few challenges along the way, and those few that did present themselves as obstacles, such as an overachieving FDU-Madison team and some terrible weather, were quickly overcome. In the Lions' league finale, they made easy work of an overrated Susquehanna team that came into Albright looking for an upset.

Brian Snyder dashed the Crusaders' bid for an upset with another record-breaking performance. He completed an

astounding 33 of 38 of his passes for 464 yards and 4 touchdowns. As usual, Eric Nemecek was Snyder's favorite target, catching 15 passes for a school record 223 yards and 3 touchdowns. Ben Repp, Jackie Wise, Howard Payton and Bill Fulforth also played large roles in helping Snyder break his own record for yardage in a game.

After a shaky start, the defense finally found its footing on the mud-slicked surface. Behind leading tacklers Tom Deja and Jason Eberts, the 'D' held Susquehanna to just 77 yards in the second half. As the final seconds ticked off the clock on Saturday the Lions held a comfortable 35-14 lead. Now it was safe for the team to begin to look forward to next week's season finale with highly rated Catholic University.

Now that the league title is resting in the hands of Albright College for a second consecutive year, it is time for the Lions to look

toward their next goals. The Lions are determined to complete an undefeated season and gain an NCAA playoff birth. The Lions travel to Maryland this Saturday to face an extremely talented Catholic University team who also comes into the game undefeated.

Last year's meeting between these two teams could have been one of the greatest games ever played in Albright history. It was a high-scoring affair in which both sides traded blow for blow, and big play for big play. Ultimately it was the Lions who prevailed at home and went on to the playoffs.

Saturday will be another huge test with high stakes, as the loser will most likely be sitting at home come playoff time. The game starts at 1:30 p.m., and the school is providing a bus for any students who wish to cheer their team on in what promises to be a highly entertaining and hard fought game.

Grapplers conditioning for season

by Emily Wagner

The wrestling team is preparing to hit the mats for the winter wrestling season. The young team is looking for its first winning season in twenty-five years.

The team's goal is to complete the season with at least a record of 9-8. "If we keep a full team, we can break the record for wins," said coach Steve Ohnsman.

The team this year consists of eight returning letterwinners, including Jason Alexander, Dave

Armstrong, and Kevin Toll, who coach Ohnsman expects to be strong leaders this season. Alexander was fourth in the conference and region last year, and Armstrong also placed fourth in the conference a year ago. Coach Ohnsman also predicts three freshmen will have starting positions.

This year's squad has a lot of experience, yet at the same time, the team is very young. Only one senior, Bilo Bouab, returns to the roster, while juniors and sophomores make up the bulk of the team.

According to coach Ohnsman,

as long as the team has fans who are "supportive of the program" the team should do well. "The team always does better with support," he continued. He hopes people attend the team's home matches to cheer on the wrestlers.

Although the team's first home match doesn't take place until January, the team still needs support in its upcoming road matches.

The Lions travel to King's for a tournament on Nov. 15 and then take on Delaware Valley and Elizabethtown on Nov. 22.

Sportschat

NFL

The Jets and the Giants are BOTH in first place? Someone please wake me from this nightmare.

At least Eagle fans have one thing to cheer about: hockey season started.

NCAA

Hey CNN/NI voters...what games were you watching this weekend?

Michigan deserves to be #1.

Did anyone see the Notre Dame game this week? Neither did I.

NHL

The best player in Philly really does spell his name with an L...

L-e-C-l-a-i-r.

Get excited New York...only 46 more years until the Rangers win another Stanley Cup (that's 2044 for those of you from Alvernia).

NBA

Will somebody PLEASE slap Kevin Garnett? He deserves \$120 million to play basketball like I deserve a quarter to do this section.

The team formerly known as the Bullets should have changed their name to the Generals...they win about as often.

New coach, new players, new arena...same old pathetic 76ers.

NASCAR

Friends don't let friends watch NASCAR.

You know who we love.

WCW/WWE

Did anyone see Assault on Devil's Island? Cher acts better.

Jim Cornett 4 President!

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