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Security Cameras Installed to Curb Vandalism

Elizabeth Gaska
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"I can never guarantee that a person's vehicle or possessions will be safe, but I do believe that we should do the best we can," stated Mr. Robert F. Gerken, Director of Safety & Security. Doing the best Safety & Security can for this campus most recently means adding security cameras to the Mohn and North Hall parking lots. The suggestion to place security cameras in Albright's parking lots came from students who attended a forum about campus safety that was sponsored by the Resident Student Association and the Student Government Association in the spring of 2002. This forum was held in reaction to the multiple vehicle break-ins during the fall of 2001. In the next couple of weeks, student suggestion will become a reality as the cameras in the Mohn and North Hall parking lots become fully functional.

For the past two years the Mohn and North Hall parking lots have been the main

areas where cars have been vandalized. It is the belief of Mr. Gerken that the vandalism is being caused by people from the city of Reading. He stated, "I truly believe that this is not

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the work of college students." The direct result of these break-ins was the addition of the security cameras. Security cameras will only be placed in public, open areas. Mr. Gerken was quoted as saying, "I'm not concerned with trying to control students. My goal is to make this campus as safe as it possibly can be." This addition to Albright's Safety and Security Dept. is Security's way of trying to make Albright a safer place to live.

The security cameras are not, however, the only way the Security Dept. is cracking down on Safety. Over the summer, every security guard

was required to attend a training seminar where they were all certified to use mace, handcuffs and an expandable baton. To prove that they had extensive knowledge of each weapon, the officers the weapons used against them. Yes, this means they were all sprayed with mace. If that's not dedication to safety, then I don't

know what is. "Improvements to the Security Dept. take time and come at a cost, but they're happening," declared Mr. Gerken. Another improvement to the Security Dept. will come next month when Officer Mulholland of Albright Safety & Security will become an official officer of the Reading Police Department. What this means is a higher level of safety. He will be able to do things that other Albright Security Officers cannot do. He would actually be able to arrest the vandals that are breaking into student cars.

This appears not to be the end for security improvements. They are aiming



The College has installed a total of three cameras overlooking the Mohn and North parking lots

for more cameras in common areas and for more officers to be trained with the Reading Police Dept. "I think Albright is a relatively safe campus," commented Mr. Gerken, "but

that is no reason for us to become complacent."

Elizabeth Gaska is a junior reporter for The Albrightian

Albright College Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

News Staff
The Albrightian

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, Chief Wayne Standing Wolf Posten, Council Member Cheryl Ray-Wolf and Elizabeth LivingTree Belk will present Lenape Nation: The Untold Story on Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 7 p.m. The lecture and discussion, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Campus Center South Lounge. In addition to the lecture, approximately 10 performers dressed in regalia will perform Native American dances.

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Cheryl Ray-Wolf serves as first deputy council member of the Lenape Nation. She is also program director of cultural studies and a Lenape cultural educator. Ray-Wolf currently teaches in the Centennial School District (Pa.) and is a graduate studies teacher for Bob Randall and Associates

Elizabeth LivingTree Belk, a graduate of Albright College's Accelerated Degree Completion Program, is the Lenape Nation's tribal secretary/treasurer and clan mother of The Turkey Clan. She is a licensed practical nurse and is currently enrolled in Excelsior College to obtain a master's degree in health care administration and a bachelor's degree in nursing.

This event is being sponsored by the Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs Office.



Photo courtesy of Albright College

Faculty Corner

Archie Perrin
Faculty Advisor

We are pleased to introduce a new professor on campus, Gerry Ronning. Professor Ronning received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He brings sunshine and good cheer from that spectacular place and yet seems ready for the emotional intensity of the East Coast. He will be working with Professor

Pankratz and others in the field of American History. He is presently working on a book on "radical" labor relations in the Western U.S. and is an expert in the history of the working class in the U.S., in the history of the American Indians, and in general cultural history. Welcome aboard, Gerry!

The Smell of the Mushroom Farm

(formerly "From the Editor's Desk")

Dan Ruedy
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the third issue of the 95th volume of *The Albrightian*, Albright's own Student Newspaper. While trying to think of something witty and intelligent to write here, the power happened to go out. I would like to thank the hard-

working gentlemen of the facilities department who came on very short notice bearing a gas powered generator. If nothing else, this proves that neither flood water nor power outage can stop the presses.

On another note, Homecoming weekend is on its way. With the new energy of the amazingly large freshman class, this year's homecoming festivities should prove to envelope the entire campus in an explosion of energy and maybe a little chaos. *The Albrightian* will certainly be there to cover all events as they unfold and some after. Be safe, be smart,

and remember to show the Lion pride.

I would also like to announce the resurrection of a discontinued section, Letters to the Editor. If you have any questions, comments, or complaints regarding any of the happenings or policies of campus, please email them to albrightian@alb.edu with "attn: editor" in the subject heading, and the Editorial Staff will do their best to find you an answer. All letters are subject to the same policies as stated below.

From the Desk of... Gerry Ronning

My path to Albright College has taken several twists and turns, but my arrival here marks an unexpected and happy return to my academic roots. About twenty years ago I began my undergraduate degree at a liberal arts college in the Midwest very much like Albright in size and philosophy. Though I seemed to be good in History, I

was an uneven student, so after graduation I convinced myself that books and classes were behind me and I tried my hand at a series of jobs ranging from forklift operator to cabinetmaker. Somehow, and in

spite of my best efforts to resist their influences, the scholars and professors I had met instilled in me a respect for the

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study of history and an interest in teaching a research. Even though it took me several years to notice that they had pointed out the way to my future career, in the end I could not escape my raising. I eventually decided to

return to school, earn a masters degree, and teach high school history. It did not take me long to conclude that I had found my

calling, and that year and a half commitment quickly turned into an eight year exploration of United States history, and the nation itself, as I moved from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to graduate programs in New York City and Boulder, Colorado. After just a month and a half at

Albright I am sure all the hard work has been worth it—I feel extraordinarily lucky to be able to teach U.S. History at just the kind of place and among the kinds of students and teachers that inspired me to begin with.



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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 17, 2002

6:00 p.m.

Varsity Club Hall of Fame Reception
Campus Center South Lounge

7:00 pm.

Varsity Club Hall of Fame Induction
Dinner
Campus Center South Lounge

7:00 p.m.

Float Decorating Party
Turtle Dome, LifeSports Center

Saturday, October 18, 2002

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast
Campus Center Main Lounge

8:30 a.m.

5K Fun Run
Kelchner Field

9:00 a.m.

Student and Family Breakfast with the
Faculty
Compliments of the Albright College
Alumni Association
Campus Center Dining Hall

9:00 a.m.

Volleyball vs. FDU/Goucher
Bollman Center

9:00 a.m.

50 Plus Club Meeting
Campus Center South Lounge, West End

10:00 a.m.

Women's Cross Country - Albright/
Alvernia Invitational
Kelchner Field

10:30 a.m.

Registration Opens
Bollman Center Parking Lot

10:30 a.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Juniata
Soccer Field

11:00 a.m.

Field Hockey vs Philadelphia Biblical
University
Kelchner Field
Men's Cross Country - Albright/Alvernia
Invitational
Kelchner Field

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Homecoming-Family Day Tailgate Picnic
Lunch
Bollman Center Parking Lot

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Reunions: Classes of 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998,
Domino Players
Bollman Center Parking Lot

11:30 a.m.

Annual Homecoming-Family Day Parade
13th Street

12:30 p.m.

Second Annual Albright Dog Show
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some fun and show his/her Albright
Spirit!
Bollman Center Parking Lot

1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Juniata
Soccer Field

1:30 p.m.

Football vs. Juniata
Shirk Stadium

Half-Time

Crowning of Homecoming King and
Queen, Introduction of Hall of Fame
Inductees
Shirk Stadium

Post-Game

Awards Reception - Awarding of Window
Painting and Float Prizes, Presentation of
Athletic Awards, Refreshments
Center for the Arts Amphitheater

6:00 p.m.

Domino Players Reunion Reception
Campus Center

Albright College Gingrich Library

SPORTS

Field Hockey Bests Delaware Valley

Sports Staff
The Albrightian

NORRISTOWN, PA - Freshman Angela Gardner scored her second goal of the game one minute and fifty three seconds into the second sudden-death overtime period to give Albright a 2-1 win Saturday afternoon.

The win improves Albright's record to 2-10 on the year.

Gardner scored her first goal of the game with less than four minutes remaining in the first half off an assist from Megan Beidler.

Delaware Valley stepped up their play in the second half. The Aggies got the tying goal seven minutes into the second stanza, and kept the pressure on Albright throughout the half. Kristen Ianieri was big in goal for the Lady Lions, saving seven shots in the half to keep the game knotted at one.

After a scoreless first overtime, Gardner knocked home the game winner to give Albright the victory. Ianieri finished the game with 23 saves, and Nicole D'Angelo fired six shots for the Lady Lions.

Volleyball Crushes Alvernia

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READING, PA - Albright defeated Alvernia 3-2 Saturday at Alvernia. The win is the second for the Lady Lions over their cross-town rivals in 2003, and improves Albright's record to 14-8 on the season.

The Lady Lions started strong, winning game one 30-16. Junior Dorritt Emerich had four kills in the game for Albright. Game two was much closer, with Albright prevailing 32-30. Sophomore setter Libby

Springer had 11 assists in the game, while Emerich and freshman Abbey Reames had four kills each.

Alvernia rallied to win the game three 30-28, then took game four 30-25, setting up a fifth and deciding game. Albright was able to regroup and win the final game 15-10 to take the match. Reames had four kills and two blocks in the final game.

For the match, Reames posted 17 kills to lead the team, while Emerich chipped in 12 kills and a team-high 31 digs.

Men's Soccer Topples Keystone, Ties with DelVal

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Sophomore Nick Loris notched his first career hat-trick to lead Albright to a 5-1 win over Keystone last Thursday on North Hall Field. Albright took an early lead when senior Brian Stoltzfus scored off a corner kick from senior Matt Zimmerman 11 minutes into the game. Loris' first goal of the game came seven minutes later to put Albright ahead 2-0. Keystone would draw within one goal of the Lions with a goal in the 23rd minute, but Loris restored Albright's two goals with his second goal of the day in the 31st minute.

Albright controlled play in the second half, and Loris completed his hat trick with 17 minutes remaining in the game, scoring off an assist from sophomore Darren Stoltzfus. D. Stoltzfus finished the scoring seven minutes later with his first goal of the season, making the final score 5-1.

The men returned to

action Saturday afternoon, battling Delaware Valley to a 2-2 tie. The tie puts Albright's record at 5-7-1 on the season.

Albright opened the scoring, taking a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute on a goal by sophomore Matt Yoder. The Aggies tied the game nine minutes later when Justin McWhorter beat Albright goal keeper, senior Ryan Manbeck.

Albright regained the lead with fifteen minutes left in the half when senior Mike Pugh scored on a penalty kick, making the score Albright 2, Delaware Valley 1.

In the second half, the

Stacy's Two-Minute Drill

Stacy Sekula
The Albrightian

Football @ Widener

The Lion's pulled off an astounding 30-29 victory over Widener on Saturday after a slow start. After receiving the opening punt, Port threw an interception and Widener was able to take the ball to the Albright 37. The Defense held strong but on a 4th and 11 play Albright received an offside penalty. Widener capitalized on the opportunity scoring the first touch down of the game only 2 plays later. The remainder of the first quarter was dominated by Albright's defense only allowing Widener 66 yards. It wasn't until the second quarter that the Lions would tie the game with a big play by Port. Port threw a 28 yard touchdown pass to Cushman. The score remained tied as the teams headed for the locker rooms at half time.

Albright came out strong in the third with a 31 yard pass from Port to Dorias giving the Lions a chance to take the lead. After a pass interference penalty, and three consecutive plays the Lions found themselves fourth and inches from the end zone. Port finished the play with a sneak, giving Albright a 7-13 lead after an unsuccessful field goal. However, Widener came back with a vengeance moving the ball from their own five to Albright's 39. Once again the Lion defense was strong but another offside call cost Albright their lead making the score 13-14. Minutes later, FitzPatrick came to Albright's rescue with a career best 37 yard field goal. Albright later lengthened the lead when Darnell Hayes ran 37 yards to his first collegiate touchdown. With under 6 minutes left in the game Widener decided it was time to retaliate. In just two minutes Albright had two costly penalties which allowed Widener to move the ball 81 yards. An 18 yard pass into the end zone left the score 23-21. Only behind by 2 points, Widener returned to the end zone and won the two point conversion taking the lead 23-29 with only 47 seconds left in the game. Widener fans were on their feet but, as they would soon discover their victory dances were premature! The Lion's surprised everyone when Port found Dorias once again in the end zone.

After this weeks exciting victory, during Widners homecoming game, the next hurdle for the Lions to overcome will be their Homecoming game on Saturday the 18th when they pair up against Juniata.

Field Hockey @ Delaware Valley

Gardner helped give Albright field hockey their second win of the season. She scored her first goal with only 4 minutes left in the first half. However, within the first seven minutes of the second half the Aggie's tied up the game. The Lion defense was able to keep Delaware Valley at bay for the remainder of the half. Gardner was able to put another in the net during the second period of sudden death overtime. This gives the girls a 2-10 record overall.

Women's Tennis @ Cabrini

The Tennis team finished the season 3-13 after losing their final match to Cabrini. Jesse Huber recorded the only singles win for Albright making that her 10th this season. Although Huber is a sophomore this has been her first season with the team and has she been Albright's most consistent player. She and Leal won their doubles match along with Eshbach and Adams. Some of the players will continue to the MAC tournament for singles. This will be held homecoming weekend at Drew University.

Stacy Sekula is a junior and Sports Editor for The Albrightian



Albright Lions Jon Cucera ('04) and Joe Kelly ('07) let a Keystone player get by, but not without stripping him off the ball first

Aggies evened the score on a penalty kick of their own in the 58th minute. Albright appeared to regain the lead shortly thereafter, but the referee did not allow an

apparent Lion goal, and the teams remained knotted at two through the end of regulation play.

Each team managed two shots in overtime, but no

goals were scored, and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Manbeck finished the day with 11 saves for Albright.

STUDENT LIFE

The Most Dangerous Drug

Tyler Travitz
The Albrightian

Experts will tell you that alcohol leads to apathy in college students; lower grades, poor class attendance, decreased athletic performance, etc. Despite this opening sentence, this is not an article about alcohol consumption among college students. No, no. What I am going to point out is a much larger problem, for Albright and every other college, than binge drinking. You heard me; I propose that there is a "drug" far more accessible than alcohol, far more addictive than cocaine, and far more mind-numbing than marijuana. As a matter of fact, it's more like a hallucinogen than anything else. So what is it you ask? It is AOL instant messenger. Now before you throw this paper and plate of grilled cheese and fries across the cafeteria, hear me out. AIM has become an unhealthy obsession for our generation. This obsession most likely started for you when you were 14 or 15 with ICQ. ICQ quickly became old; with its slow relay between chat partners and its

annoying "uh-ohs" with every message (although I'm sure you were all crafty enough to put in your own Simpson's sounds). Then came AIM and it was like the Messiah you'd all been waiting for. No more slow response time, this is true instant messaging. Using today's AIM, you can send pictures, add cute little smiley's, change font colors

swear words, pictures of a martini glass and "I love you's" to someone she's never heard you talk about in your profile, which brings me to my next point. Everyone always complains about the drama that is Albright High School, but did you ever stop to think that maybe people might not be so involved in your business if you didn't post

your entire life story in your profile. Furthermore, people couldn't possibly be involved in your "business" if you didn't have away messages

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and styles, leave away messages to let everyone know why you aren't at your computer, create a profile filled with your life story and even talk to each other using a microphone. Nifty huh, or is it? It's only nifty until one day at lunch everyone starts asking you what you were doing last night because your away message said "Out." And it's only nifty until your mom calls and wonders why there are

describing your entire day in detail, but back to drugs. It strikes me funny that the first thing some people do in the morning before they even brush their teeth, shower or have a cigarette is check their "away messages" and set a new one to something like "in the shower". First of all, everyone else was sleeping too, why would you think that there is a message there for you (unless you're getting up

at noon)? Secondly, you're displaying habits similar to those of a crack head. You need your AIM fix first thing in the morning just as a crack head needs his cocaine. What about the countless hours wasted by sitting around and reading every person on your buddy list's profile? What does this accomplish? Perpetuating the drama? Personal satisfaction that you have the ability to stalk your friends? Do you see the problem? Experts point to alcohol and say that it's causing lower grades, but what about the people who wasted an hour of their day checking profiles instead of getting the paper done that's due tomorrow? AIM is like a hallucinogen because it is a counter reality. You can escape the reality that you have a big midterm tomorrow that you haven't studied for by killing another hour checking profiles and IMing high school friends. Sure, it's great while you are doing it, but eventually you come back to the real world and you still don't know the material for your test. Finally, AIM allows people to feel like they are effectively

communicating with others, when in fact, AIM and similar programs are teaching us less and less about how to truly communicate. How many times have you wanted to talk to that really hot guy or girl but you didn't have the gumption to do it in person or on the phone, so you got their screen name instead? How many times have you and your friends decided to type smack to someone you didn't like over AIM? So what's the point? Stop living your lives through AIM. Spend some time outside or doing something constructive instead of in front of your computer screen stalking your friends. Nobody likes your hyphen-colon-semi-colon-period Monet artworks in your away messages except you, buddy icons are generally retarded (no you are not my beer pong buddy), for God's sake please remove those martini glasses from your profiles, and lastly, 1024 characters is more of your life story than anyone cares to read.

Tyler Travitz is a sophomore contributor to The Albrightian

Albright Students Experience an "Alternative" Fall Break

Autumn Wilson
The Albrightian

on Monday.

The playground will

experience very rewarding. Some have had to watch

What did you do over Fall Break? Go home and see your family? Stay up at school and party? Instead of hanging out, three brothers of Pi Kappa Phi, Andrew Holets ('06), Vincent Ginter ('06), and Dan Ruedy ('05) devoted the better part of their weekend to assemble a specially designed playground for the Easter Seals in Hanover Township. Located in Lehigh County, the Hanover division of Easter Seals of Eastern Pennsylvania applied for the playground through PUSH America, Pi Kappa Phi's own national philanthropy. Easter Seals paid for the playground with the assistance of a \$5,000 donation from PUSH America and, without the help of the Pi Kappas, would have also had to pay for the installation. The playground was ready for use



Albright sophomore Andrew Holets helps bear the weight of a specially manufactured playground tunnel in Bethlehem, PA

have therapeutic as well as recreational benefits for children and adults with autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome, and an array of other disabilities. The playground has a lot of advantages for those with autism, visual impairments and also has wheelchair accessibility.

The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi found the

family members work through various disabilities. Others have had very little contact with anyone who faces the everyday challenges that go along with autism or Down syndrome. All, however, have found inspiration in the children they met and helped at Easter Seals.

Autumn Wilson is a junior reporter for The Albrightian

Alpha Delta Pi Participates in AIDS Walk

Autumn Wilson
The Albrightian

On September 28, sisters of Alpha Delta Pi participated in the Chris Robinson Memorial AIDS walk, held in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Chris, who passed away during high school, was a close friend of Kristin Reilly, who suggested adding the walk to the sisters list of philanthropic events. The sisters were rewarded for raising the second largest amount of money and having the second largest team at the walk.

In November, the sisters will again head down to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, PA. RonDon is a place where families of sick children can stay when they have to go out of their home

area for treatment. Housing, food and entertainment are provided for the families. The house is staffed through volunteers. Each semester, the sisters make various trips to RonDon to help out. They perform various inside and outside chores, as well as baking cookies and depositing the tabs that they collect all year.

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi enjoy the time they spend volunteering and are always glad to have the opportunity to help others. In the past, they have also raised money for Breast Cancer research and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

Autumn Wilson is a junior reporter for The Albrightian



STUDENT LIFE

Albright's First Spirit Night is Here!

Lacey Egerton
The Albrightian

After much planning, Albright's First Spirit Night is here! Friday, October 17th, from 7-8 pm in the Bollman Center will be the place to be for the best Homecoming event RSA has ever sponsored. Come support your class by wearing your

t-shirts, \$25 gift-cards to Hooters, Best Buy, Applebee's and Wal-Mart. You will be given one chance when you walk in the door and have the option of buying more chances for \$1. All the money earned from the raffle will be donated to the Berks County Crisis

Remember: your class has the potential to win up to \$200 for their class treasury AND a 100% real marble trophy to be displayed in the RSA trophy case in the Campus Center for years to come. There will also be door prizes: Albright hoodies and t-shirts, \$25 gift-cards to Hooters, Best Buy, Applebee's and Wal-Mart

class designated shirt color: seniors-red, juniors-black, sophomore-white and freshmen-grey. By participating in the night, your class has the potential to win up to \$200 for their class treasury AND a 100% real marble trophy to be displayed in the RSA trophy case in the Campus Center for years to come. There will also be door prizes: Albright hoodies and

Center. All this week bring your pennies to meals and find your class representative who has your penny collection bin and earn more Spirit Points for your class. The class with the most pennies collected by Friday night will receive up to \$100 for their class treasury. There will also be fantastic games that shouldn't be missed, all in the spirit of the 50s theme, "Play it again,

Matchbox 20 Rocks Sovereign Center

Pamela Herb
The Albrightian

Matchbox 20 proved that they are one of the most kick-ass live rock shows out there right now at the Sovereign Center in Reading on October 12. Lead singer Rob Thomas encouraged concert-goers to forget about their worries and just kick back, have a few beers, sing along, and have a great time for a couple of hours; the responsive crowd seemed inclined to take his advice, especially after the surprisingly good opening act, The Push Stars.

Playing hits from all three of their albums, plus favorites from their 2002 release "More Than You Think You Are," Thomas, along with Kyle Cook and Adam Gaynor on guitar, bassist Brian Yale, drummer Paul Doucette, and Reading native Matt Beck on keyboards filled the Sovereign

Center with great music. The entire group has great stage presence, and kept their fans on their feet and cheering for their entire set. Radio favorites "Push," "3am," "Bent," "Back 2 Good" and "Disease," along with their newest single "Unwell" were greeted with screams from the enthusiastic crowd. Tracks from their new album like "Soul," "Feel," and the hidden track "So Sad So Lonely" were also met with lots of applause.

The band certainly proved that they were more than just a studio-created group during their two hours on stage: every song sounded better than it does on their CDs, and Thomas proved himself a true musician, not just a hot lead singer, on "3am" and a cover of Neil Young's "Heart of Gold" by playing the piano and the harmonica, respectively. Cook

provided the amazing vocals for "Heart of Gold." A bare bones version of "If You're Gone" was also a highlight, with Cook and Thomas singing a capella with powerful emotion.

I highly recommend picking up Matchbox 20's newest release "More Than You Think You Are," and also checking out a concert at the Sovereign Center: there isn't a bad seat in the house, and you can't go wrong with seeing a show here in Reading, rather than driving to Philly or New Jersey to sit half a block from the stage. (Check out their website at www.sovereigncenter.com)

The show was amazing, and well worth not being able to hear myself think for the next two hours.

Pamela Herb is a junior reporter for *The Albrightian*

Albright!" We will have a roll call to see who can shout the loudest, a dizzy-bat - basketball shoot-out, a hula-hoop competition, a relay race and an in-your-socks tug-of-war between the classes. Albright faculty and staff will be in attendance to judge the competitions of the night, including the class banner competition. The banners will

be hung in the gym Friday night and then in the stadium for the football game on Saturday. The fall athletes will be in attendance, as will the cheerleaders, so that we as a school can recognize their hard work and dedication. Come out and support your friends! Talk to your class presidents to find out how you can help your class win SPIRIT NIGHT!

And if you have any questions, just ask anyone you see in a BRIGHT green RSA shirt on Friday. It's going to be a GREAT night and not something you want to miss! The more students and faculty that decide to attend, the better the night will be. GO LIONS!

Lacey Egerton is a member of RSA and a contributor to *The Albrightian*

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A Fresher Perspective...

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Horoscope:

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

After a fabulous Fall Break, you are not too happy about being back. Hop back in the saddle, or suffer the academic consequences.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21

You will be faced with a major financial decision this week. Play your cards right, and it might not have a negative outcome.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

Beware of strangers, even they seem to come bearing gifts. Question any advice your friends give you, even if it seems innocent.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

Keep going after that special someone. Sparks will fly, but only if you do your part to make it happen

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Your recent episode of staring at the stars has left you a little dizzy. Come back down to earth.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You looking for something, but you don't know exactly what. Find out before you waste anymore of your valuable time.



Scorpio: Oct. 23- Nov. 21

Don't sweat the small stuff. Look to a Cancer or Gemini to keep you focused on what really matters.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're looking for validation. Shout compliments to everyone you know and watch what happens.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You are acting like an ostrich with its head in the ground. Take a look around and appreciate what you have.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Pass up the greasy food this week. Your heart will thank you for it!

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

Don't give up on your goals, no matter how out reach they seem. Try something different. We're trying to grab them with chewing gum on the end a stick

Aries: March 21 - April 19

Keep your friends close and your enemies closer. Or was it your enemies close, and your friends closer?

Campus Spotlight: What Do You Think About Governer "Ahnold" Schwarzenegger?



Greshka Collazo
'07, Biology
"I'm glad he got it. He represents"



Ryan Stagg
'04, Biology
"It's awesome, better than Larry Flynt or an adult film star"



Meg Piasecki
'06, Comm./Spanish
"I think it's madness"



Eric Daney
'06, Physics
"He's putting himself in a bad situation"



Brian Trostle
'05, History
"He seems to have not only groped the attention of the California pollsters, but other things, too"

Compiled by Dan Ruedy

COMMENTARY

Caf Counterpoint - Another Perspective

Jim Bastian
The Albrightian

In response to the October 2nd article about waiting in line in the Dining Hall, I'm, how should I put it nicely, appalled.

Being a former caf worker, and taking great pride in working with those people who make your food day in and day out, you as students owe these people a great deal. They come in to work well before you even think about turning over in your bed and hitting the snooze button. 7 days a week the caf is open, come hell or high water, even blizzards, serving well over 800 people for lunch and about 600 for dinner. There is no possible way to avoid a line, in regards to the 12:00 rush on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, or the 12:20 rush on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Here's a

thought: don't go in right at the rush times because you know it's going to be packed. Now if you have a class at 1:00, there's no avoiding the big pack, you need to eat. But if you can spare the over

ladies with your "oh I forgot my card can I type in my social security number" nonsense. And you're holding up the line which is getting even longer, because YOU decide to whine and moan about your card.

"we pay \$32,000 to come here for cold grilled cheese", you're wrong. The most you pay would be \$3,079 a year for a cold grilled cheese (breakfast, lunch, and dinner plan costs). Yes, I did the math. It's called RESEARCH.

Yes, you're adults, so act like one. Just wait til you leave here and you really have to fend for yourselves. You think you have it rough now? Just wait. And by the way, those lunch ladies are cool. You wonder why they get annoyed and ticked off at students? Because they have to put up with (and clean up after) students who whine and

moan on a daily basis. I'd be ticked off too if I had to deal with your little attitude problems. Think before you whine. However, if you don't whine and moan and complain about the lines, and know that Albright food really isn't all that bad, kindly disregard this letter, and sit and laugh at the next person who makes a fuss in line because they can't have 6 pieces of steak at once.

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abundance of 20 minutes from your mucho importante schedule, the line usually dies down. What a concept.

Yes, the card readers, are new. Your little card is how you operate on this campus, so have it with you. If you forget it? Go get it. It's your own fault anyway for not having it, don't take it out on the lunch

You don't pull that crap at the Gap, when you're in line waiting to buy something with your little piece of plastic? I didn't think so. No harm or foul meant to the Gap, by the way.

One of the most popular items are the Chicken Strips of Fire. They are one of my personal favorites. I'll let you in on a little caf secret.....they have them ready before you get there. If people wouldn't eat 15 Chicken Strips of Fire in one sitting, maybe they'd have some for everybody. It does take time to prepare food, ya know. Grilled Cheeses are another thing. Have I had a cold or even undercooked grilled cheese in my time? Of course. So what!!! It's food. Get over it already. And if you give the

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Editor's Response

While I highly regret insulting individual cafeteria workers, I stand by my piece. I have worked in food service for two years of my life, and I fully understand the frustrations that it brings, however, the administration of the college has failed to prepare the cafeteria for the increased number of students that we now have, which leads to incidents like those described in my article. Something does need to be changed, and it is not only the attitudes of Albright students. I also encourage my fellow students to continue to eat until they are full at each and every meal they choose to eat in our cafeteria.

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News Editor

Deferred Pledging - It's Greek to Me

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From the day we were conceived, we have been faced with choice. At first, the choice to soil ourselves. Later, the choice to bring our lunch or buy it from the cafeteria. And lastly, to or to not go Greek. Were we unprepared to make any of these decisions? Perhaps. If we made a bad decision, the consequence was our own to bear. We had the choice to make it to the bathroom in time, we had the choice to bring our lunch like any cool kid would, and we had the choice to make our own adult decision about going Greek.

Fraternities and Sororities have been part of the college experience here at Albright for nearly a century, but all of the sudden members of the college community are expressing interest and concern about the effects of first year pledging on academic success. As the possibility of a deferred pledging policy is considered by students and administration, let me posit this question: is joining a

Greek letter organization that much different than joining any other club, organization, or sports team? To be more precise and blunt, are the time and mental strains of joining a fraternity or sorority the second semester of your freshman year any worse than going out for a Division III sports team before classes even start the first semester? Some say this argument is falsely dichotomous, but I openly question their reasoning.

The College already has checks and balances set up to ensure the academic achievement of its freshmen. In agreement with Albright College's current policy, freshmen are not permitted to pledge a fraternity or sorority until they have completed at least 3 credits at the College, and then may only do so their second semester if they have achieved at least a 2.25 GPA,

a higher academic standard than that which athletes and students (2.0) participating in other student organizations are required to attain. If the College thinks that instituting a policy of deferred pledging

opportunities that we pay for and expect as part of the college experience.

I don't mean to suggest that change in our deliberation of policy is bad by definition. If that were the case, we'd probably still be calling each other "blokes", drinking tea, and munching on buttered scones. Many say that

Those of us already here would be forced to shoulder a great deal more of the financial burden, the ice cream bar would go untouched, and the College would collapse. Simply put, no one would want to enroll at a college on the verge of collapsing, just as no one would want to join a fraternity or sorority that is desperately trying to keep its head above water. It would be a mortal wound.

Let's not beat around the bush. If Albright wishes to purge itself of Greek letter organizations, deferred pledging is certainly a great way to do it. But if that is the real agenda here, let's at least have some upfront honesty so that Greeks can properly defend their existence and cite the significant contributions they make to the college rather than being thrown a red herring of feigned concern for academic achievement.

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would really have a significant impact on the GPAs of freshmen, why don't they accept a blanket policy of deferred freshman involvement in any organization, sport or activity? Think of how much more time freshmen would have to study! All the books in the library would be on loan! You scoff at that, because it would deny freshmen a full year's experience of everything Albright has to offer - a full year of all extracurricular

forcing freshmen to wait a year before joining a Greek organization would have no significant impact on the longevity and welfare of Greek organizations on campus, but nothing could be further from the truth. Think of what would happen to Albright if we went a year without an incoming freshman class. Besides there being an increase in parking spaces, there would also be a huge increase in tuition, even more so than we are already experiencing year to year.