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Cabaret Night- Educational, but fun

The Campus Center was packed Wednesday night as students competed for seats in the transformed "Casablanca style Night Club." The purpose of the event was to provide an evening of entertainment for students, adn at the same time address the issue of alcohol education.

Campus organizations developed educational skits and competed for prizes totalling \$350. Other entertainment was provided by soloists, WXAC, and the Turkey Band.

One of the main events was the alcohol experiment. Eight panel drinkers volunteerd to drink wine or beer to show the effects alcohol has on the body. The purpose of the experiment was not to get the students drunk, but to show the different ways alcohol effects different people, determined by height and weight as well as other factors.

The turnout showed a good deal of interest in the event, and proved that Albright students don't need alcohol to be entertained.

Review

'Bob and Doug' come to the Cabaret

by Eileen O'Donnell and Pulmu Kylanpaa

It's showtime, folks-Come to the Cabaret! The Turkey Band's playing "I got the Music in Me." Too bad they can't get it out through their instruments. The colors for the event are the fashionable black and white-for the Turkey band as well as for the waiters. The ceiling is decorated with a black and white parachute-let's see how high the evening will fly! Casablanca is the theme, the casi-no is already filled with people by 8 p.m.-to begin the second annual Cabaret

Dr. Ring looks like Al Capone. Where did he find the white suit? -Al-err Dr. Tim introduces the evening: not "boozed", but BOOST ALCOHOL RESPON-SIBILITY (BAR). It's time for the first tequilas and the first performer, Bernie Giordano with "Cabaret." Bernie keeps singing "come taste the wine . . . "; What wine? All I got was orange juice and grenadine mix. "Wine" is a four letter word here. The only alcoholic drinkers are forced to depart to have their alcohol in the senior house. They are: "Jungle" Jim Derham, Bob Smith, Natalie Olson, Trish McDonald (future lady), Bob Taggart, Monica Gouw, Dr. Donna Shute, and Reverend John Gordon. Can you believe this school asked these people to get drunk?

The first skit is called "Decadence," also known as TKE,-a penny for your thoughts, a dime for your rhyme, guys! Kicks the even-ing off to a real good startCan we get the words from the Dean's Office too? The TKE's really know what Albright life is all about. Applause for Mike Mietz and his musician buddies! I need another drink after listening to the Turkey band Where's our waitress?

Good music seems to stimulate the life of plants-there are six palm trees alive and well in the Casablanca Casino.

The Gamma Sig sisters take a trip to the liquor cabinet. Excited, we anticipate the moral of the story . . . and here it comes: tomato juice doesn't make a good mixerat least not with Kahlua! The Gamma Sig Sigs say you get SICK, SICK, SICK!!!

The food isn't too bad. I never say cheese on Doritos before. Domino's even deliino serves international PIZZA from Italy, NACHOS from Mexico, but who knows where the popcorn came from-it's gone a-

The beer doesn't have much of a head on it. But it tastes better than the stuff they serve at Zeta. Next time guys, try Texas Light.

Home movies-YEAH-King Kong and Beefeater Gin-burning down the house!

We are taken on a flight to the local twilight zone-to the bars of Reading. This film really knows how to drive home a point. The film was made by Jonathan Dunayer and Glenn Diehm.

In the alcohol info kit I read that high protein foods slow down the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream. Is that why we're eating pizza. cheese, coated doritos, and

The A-Phi-O's really know how to wear a dress. Dorothy found out, though, that beer pressure can be hard to han-

Rodney Dangerfield needs a new writer. His taste in women seems to be as poor as his taste in jokes!

The PAT sisters put on "Drinkers on stage!" Could this be called an anti-advertisement? It sure is on at the prime time. Keep the music playing—"New York, New York" with Grace Black and

breaks, WXAC provides the records, of course.

My strawberry daiquiri was pretty sweet, but the prohibition highball tasted much better. The tequila was also good and fresh, and the champagne light and bubbly!

Cura Club's "Three Little Pigs" have a lot to learn about tapping a keg. The sound effects were a little much. I Liked this skit-except for the wolf abuse-don't cry wolf!

We suggest a prize for J.D. and The Tornado Man, who danced to "There's Some-thing Going On . . ." Would you like some pom-poms?

"The Man from Delta" by Delta Tau Chi was an imaginative skit. The points go to Quasimodo with the machine gun, however, this would have been more fun if I could have heard better-a lot of the witty lines were lost. in the air of this typical cas-

Dr. Tim opens the floor to dance, and the open dance floor is soon filled! The stage is taken over by the boogieing crowd, and the music seeps in. FUN without alcoholthe theme of the Cabaret Night in acticy -a theory turned into reclity by the Albright students.

I didn't order the Virgin Mary since I don't like tomato They're a dying breed, but now you know there's at least one left in this small

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Albright students and staff were greeted by a new face at the business office cashier's window last week. Shirley Weitzel has taken over the duties performed by Mrs. Ruth Fisher. A warm welcome is extended to the new member of the Albright community. Until Mrs. Weitzel has the opportunity to become aquainted with Albright and the members of its community everyone is asked to please present their college I.D. to make transactions at the cashier's window. At the same time we would like to extend to Mrs. Fisher the best of good wishes in the future. You will be missed!

MDA Dance Marathon Weekend Main Event **Next Week**

Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m., opening cere-monies for the Fifth monies for the Fifth Annual Albright College MDA Dance Marathon Weekend will begin.

This weekend is one of the biggest social events on campus, second only to Spring Fever Weekend. A great percentage of Albright's students participate directly in the marathon, either through dancing, there are 110 couples this year sponsored mainly by campus organ-izations; working in booths which will be located in the South Lounge and sur-rounding area; participating on one of the marathon sub-committees, or just attending the marathon to have a good time.

In addition to the dancing, the main attractions scheduled are the Phillie Phanatic, and local D.J. John Ryan from \$102, a favorite at last year's mar-

Saturday and Sunday will showcase live bands and auctions.

The booths include a casino section, carnival midway games, and lots of food, from french fries food, from french mes and hot dogs to sundaes and bagels. As a special treat look for President booth on Saturday afternoon, it was a special favorite at last year's marathon.

On the more serious side, the goal of the marathon is to beat the \$9,500 goal to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. ciation.

Join the dancers next week to benefit this special cause, and at the same time you will have a good time

EDITORIAL

Pass the buck!

Student apathy has often been a topic of concern. Many lengthy and rather boring editorials have covered many pages in many newspapers, in many different places. While the topic has been raised this year, it really doesn't deserve too much attention because "apathy" isn't a big problem at Albright. If it were, there would not be 55 plus student organizations and SGA would not need to raise the activity fee to be able to fund all the events and services students wished to have sponsored.

A cause for concern that is often mistaken for apathy is responsibility, or rather the lack of it. You will find that a great number of people do care about everything that comes up. This concern is discovered after an event as disgruntled parties huddle into their sewing circles to gripe. They just lack the initiative to do the work (and I use this term broadly) involved.

For example, many students want to have more dances, off-campus parties, concerts—whatever—but they don't want to be involved with the preparations and clean-up necessary to hold these events. Planning, telephoning, buying supplies, setting up and especially cleaning up are not tasks that usually provide instant gratification or lots of fun, but they are

necessary for any event, including snow-ball fights.

Still, many people believe all they need to do is say "I want to have a dance!" and one will magically appear from nowhere

Elections are usually another example of an event where you learn everyone's opinion after the voting is over. Once the results are announced there is always complaining, sometimes small scale, sometimes large scale. Fortunately the election turnouts have increased in the past two years. Unfortunately so has the number of of people who just run down the blanks marking x's or randomly marking the ballot. Sometimes this is worse than not voting at all. How much trouble is it to read the ballot? Since this is a college, we should be able to assume that everyone knows how to read. But this is probably too much to ask from people, especially students. Even with this warning there will be much more thought and speculation put into the results of the SGA elections in two weeks, than in the voting and elections themselves.

Professor/student relations are often hurt by either party's unwillingness to take responsibility for their actions. Students always have and always will cut

I'd love to have a really funny editorial cartoon here, but to tell you the truth, I can't be bothered...



there is a really funny editorial cartoon here (you might even want to laugh) and just go on und read something else.

classes and sometimes for the reason that they don't feel like going. That's fine, but when they complain that they didn't get the marks they wanted, they usually forget that their class attendance average is once a week.

Some students have the mistaken idea that it is the professor who has the privilege of the student's presence in the classroom. This type of student also usually believes it is the professor's responsibility to make up to them what they missed in class. It is not the instructor's obligation to present the material at the student's convenience. It is the student's responsibility to attend class, or get the material from another source.

Yes, professors should have responsibilities too. It is *not always* the students' fault that they don't succeed in all their classes, or have no interest in the course. The following situations have been noted within at least the last two years:

The professor changes the material for the final, after telling the class what they should study for. The professor doesn't "teach" class, the professor reads from the text book. The professor is 20 or more minutes late for class and expects the class to wait or be penalized. The professor doesn't like the course he's teaching or care about his students and can offer no advice to a failing student who is trying and who asks for help. The professor consistently fails to keep his appointments and doesn't notify the student. (Although students are just as guilty of this last example).

A list of examples of irresponsible behavior could cover many pages, but would only completely bore the readers, if they haven't fallen asleep already. What does all this prove? Unfortunately not a whole lot, but if it creates an awareness of this problem or makes just one person think before behaving irresponsibly it's done some good.

A sense of responsibility is something very necessary for survival and success and for the "real world" or the Albright campus to be a pleasant place to "ve. Too many "adults" haven't matured enough to look at the total picture or possible outcomes of "bur actions (intended or neglected) and don't act in a responsible manner. As long as it's someone else's problem it doesn't matter. Unfortunately, realization doesn't sink in until the same has been done unto them.

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LETTERS

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Dear SGA,

This letter is written in reference to the recent amendments to the SGA constitution, specifically the amendment requiring all SGA candidates to have an "interview" with the SGA election committee.

An interview can be defined as a meeting of people, face to face, for the purpose of evaluating an applicant.

I object very strongly to this amendment because an already small g o p of people will be evalvating applicants for the position which they are holding at this time. Further I fear that a piece of legislation could be presented later requiring every candidate to be approved by this SGA election committee. This would be a grave mistake, allowing a small group of people to determine who can belong to this group.

The reason given for this action is so that we may have more "qualified SGA members."

Don't do me any favors. Anyone should be permitted to run for SGA, and the Albright students, not the SGA, should decide who will be an SGA member!!

Brian J. McDevitt

Dear Editor,

While we understand that running a weekly newspaper is very difficult, the January issue of the Albrightian has inspired us to write this letter. As brothers of Alpha-Phi-Omega, we could not help but to wonder why no article covering the "Battle of the Airbands" appeared in the newspaper. In our opinion, it was one of the most popular events of the school year. The lack of publicity in the Albrightian was disappointing. One person remarked to us that they expected a picture of Boy George to appear on the front page. There were also many other entertaining acts that deserved publicity. In addition, not only did we sponsor a popular campus event (which the campus does seem to lack at times), but we also made a substantial donation to the American Cancer Society with the proceeds. This is not the only A-Phi-O event that the Albrightian has ignored. Our Gong Show in October

was also very popular and raised money for both the Cancer Society and MDA. Still, this event was not covered by the Albrightian. At the same time, we feel that it is odd that we and other A-Phi-O brothers received substantial "publicity" in the Albitian. We've been good sports about that. How about you?

Other campus events such Cabaret Night and the MDA dance marathon receive deserving recognition. There is no reason why our events should not be treated in a similar fashion. If the Albrightian would cover campus events more efficiently, organizations might be encouraged to sponsor more campus events. As members of SGA, we worked to establish a social life committee. That committee held a contest to provide funding for the best new events. We hope that the Albrightian will recognize the hard work of the

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COMMENTARY

Why Ronald Reagan must be defeated

So now it's finally official. Ronald Reagan wants four more years in the White House. He wants four more years to push American military power around the globe; four more years to redistribute income and wealth; four more years to ponder to the whims of America's pray-TV gods. I don't normally get involved in the sordid world of politics and I certainly question some of Mr. Mondale's economic ideas regarding protectionism and tax policy, but I must now do everything within my abilities to rout Ronald Reagan from Washington. This week's words of wisdom will attempt to enlighten those who might be leaning toward giving Reagan four more years of power (no amount of reason will enlighten Reagan worshippers). As the conservative legend William Simon once said, "If only the people knew"-I will now let you know just exactly what Ronald Reagan is and what he stands for in the areas of economic, foreign, and social policy.

As governor of California, Reagan supported abortion legislation. But now he has seen the light (or something) and is pro-life, at least the pro-American fetus life. The people of El Salvador, The Phillippines, South Korea, Guatemala, Chile, etc. must wonder how pro-life Reagan really is. Since Reagan knows that 3/4 of the American populace oppose anti-abortion legislation, he'll have to stock the Supreme Court with the likes of Edwin Meese and William French

Smith should he win reelection and should elders like Brennon and Marshall leave the Court. He certainly won't find support in America's most democratic and representative institution-the House of Representatives. Reagan is also a much different person when he appears shows like the 700 Club and the PTL Club. This writer has witnessed his saying that the Supreme Court has "eliminated" the church component of the separation of church and state. I don't know about anyone else, but I witness plenty of people practicing religion freely and without government obstruction. They just do so at home or in church and not in school. There is simply no good reason, notwithstanding any debate about church-state separation, why religion should be brought into public schools. But watch pray-TV and you'll see Reagan invent some, to the delight of partisan (and frequently Southern poor) audiences. Finally, Reagan has done everything possible to discredit the media and censor information concerning government activities. His criminal justice proposals would crack down on First Amendment rights and effectively snuff the opinions of several million public employees. Only Congress and the presently sensible Supreme Court can stop him. But with more Democratic power assured after this fall's elections, Reagan must hope the "old liberals" on the Court pass on. It is nothing short of pure hypocrisy for a man to condemn

the Soviet Union for censorship and quietly propose laws to make criticizing the good oi' U.S.A. tougher. If only the people knew!

I'll grit my teeth a little and say Reagan has done a better-than-expected job with the economy. Of course, zapping labor with wage cuts and unemployment and generous breaks for business have facilitated his mission. Keeping the minimum wage frozen for four years has also helped. Letting the money supply contract and expand like an out-of-control dieter has also helped. Reagan, a free market extoller, has also initiated protectionist laws that essentially prevent Japanese tax-payers from allowing American consumers to pay less for steel products. I sympathize with the problems of the steel industry but "dumping" is little more than directing resources toward more efficient production spheres and freezing the unproductive for more efficient endeavors. Reagan, or course, hasn't exactly directed unemployed steel and auto workers toward anywhere else but the bread and job lines (people are still lining up for work during this "tremendous" recovery). Reagan, with plans increase defense spending to a 35% share of the entire federal budget, will have to raise taxes eventually if he wants to avoid 200 billion dollar deficits. His rhetoric about "working with Congress" and "fifty years of big spenders" is wearing thin with those who know that, for better or worse, America must (as a

welfare state) tax and spend to ensure domestic tranquility and legitimacy. But Reagan is out of touch with American economic reality and the inability to have prosperity without poverty. He has opted to please (he hopes) enough of the electorate with the anything but small minority damned to be victimized by our quasi-democratic political system. If only the people knew!

Now, on to my favorite topic, foreign affairs. Reagan is quickly losing support for U.S. intervention in Lebanon. He'll try to justify things with phrases like "peace-keeping" but this is an area in which he is vulnerable. Intelligence and sagacity will hopefully get the better of pride and image, however, at least after Reagan is deposed. Last week, four more Americans died on the Honduras-Nicaragua border-inexcusably so at that. Reagan, a man who is on record for favoring the making of North Vietnam into a parking lot, is now talking peace with the Soviets, only after a whirlwind military buildup that essentially punishes the Soviet and American peoples and delights the defense industries. He likes the idea of having U.S. missiles six minutes from Soviet soil, but would probably start World War Three if the Soviets reciprocated in Cuba (they don't intend to). He equates right and left-wing terror in El Salvador, despite overwhelming evidence that the former is responsible

And some are born to endless night

A large number of middle to upper class youth in the U.S. (exemplified by us at Albright), are sheltered from reality during the first 20 years or so of their lives. I was, and I suppose my sudden clash with the way things really are has prompted me to write this article. I feel as though I am just beginning to really understand and face life as it happens to be.

Growing up, I thought my "caring" family to be the American stereotype. Just recently I've read articles concerning child and wife abuse. (851,000 reported cases of child abuse in 1981!)

I've heard mention of it before, but facts and figures never impressed me very much. Why this sudden realization? (maturation? education?) When we walk around our Albright campus, and take breaks at home for Thanksgiving, do we come in contact with this? Probably not. If we don't walk down inner city streets or get hold of some news source, we don't give it a second thought and ignore it.

World crises fall into the same category. As long as we don't get ourselves massacred in the Middle East, or Latin/ South America, the horrors of war don't

affect us. The intense suffering of starving people everywhere, as well as in our own country, does not move us either. We are too comfortable. It is very sau to me that some of us are so secure and others so miserable.

As we are middle to other class and rather educated, we receive and comprehend these situations better (why has it taken me so long though?), as compared to the less educand and consequently the less aware, we concern themselves (as we all do it, with the petty things in life.

Sometimes I wish I would not recognize the problems that exist. It would be

so easy to only look two feet in front of me, as I seem to have done for the last 17 years.

The point of this? To use this education (our college experience), one of our most valuable assets. Yes, to make our lives easier, specifically in monetary terms, yet more importantly, in forcing us to think and be open-minded and aware (not always pleasant), moving us to change, and improve, and help. A quote seems to sum up these ideas. It is to "Look from your sphere of endless day."

-Suzanne Latour













Weather Report

by John A. Mazza

The weather will be seasonably fair this weekend with highs in the mid-30's. There will also be scattered snow flurries through-out the weekend. But Monday will bring the Blizzard of 84, with 10-25 inches of snow.

Spaghetti Dinner

Parents of children at the Albright Child Development Center are holding a Spanhetti Supper and Baked Goods Dessert Sale on Sunday, February 12, 1984. Tickets will be on sale at the Child Development Center (Mohn Hall) or in the Home Economics Department, third floor Alumni Hall.

The cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12. There will be three seatings; 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 in third floor Alumni Hall. Please come enjoy the meal and help support the children of the Child Development Conter.

Spotlight

Involvement is Olson's forte

by M. Beth Norz

"Eat ice cream, lots of ice cream with my friends!" was Natalie Olson's candid reply when asked what was her favorite thing to do. Having tasted more of life in her junior year than most do in a lifetime, Natalie has an air of excitement and understanding radiating about her; yet, and perhaps most noticeable, this young woman is totally unaffected by her many accomplishments.

Natalie possesses a deep love for her family, so it is no surprise that her major is Home Economics-Child/Family Studies with a pre-school option.

Miss Olson expresses sincere concern about the lack of family development oriented education in high schools. Proof of this personal conviction is her involvement in programs in which she had been recommened to participate this Interim.

At the local YWCA, Natalie worked with learning disabled children. She also became involved at Gov. Mifflin Jr. High School in a program based on the needs of students entering a difficult stage of development—adolescence. Natalie plans to implement a plan to work with overweight teens from Gov. Mifflin Jr. High School in the near future.

Since her high school days, Natalie Olson has been actively involved with the Pennsylvania Association of Student Counsels (PASC) and is presently part of their permanant staff. During the summer, she teaches at the PASC summer workshops in Bloomsbury.

This energetic young wowoman's activities during the short Interim period would have kept the average individual suffiently occupied, but not Natalie. She also participated in, and held workshops in Rhode Island's state conference of student counsels.

When asked to describe herself, Natalie's reply was, "I'm a people person!" and on Albright College's campus, she certainly is. As a Resident Assistant (RA) on third floor Krause, part of her job is to work at the lounge desk several evenings a week. Natalie stated that through "working desk" she has been able to meet many people who otherwise would have remained unknown to her.

In addition to that demanding on-campus job, Natalie Olson also cheerfully provides aid to other students at the Campus Center desk.

Co-chairman of the Cura Club, it is evident that Natalie Olson truly reflects the club's purpose and name, which means "worry, concern, and care." She is also vice-president of the Home Economics Organization (HEO), which is presently undergoing a structural change. She has directly contributed to this change process by revising the HEO constitution over Interim break.

What does the future hold for this dynamic woman? Natalie plans to attend graduate school and eventually attain her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, "because the Counsel on Family

Relations is based there." In the future, Natalie Olson hopes to work with families and young people in a counseling capacity. "I hate to waste my time!" concluded Miss Olson; "Wasting time" is, most assuredly, one thing that Natalie Olson does not do.

Si vous n'avez pas assez d'argent pour aller à la France

par Suzanne Latour

Mes amis qui n'ont pas la classe de français, six heures par jour, rient et crient "Bonjour" quand j'entre dans la caféteria avec mes commarades à midi. Six heures en classe, c'est long, mais la connaissance vaut la peine.

Cette classe d' "interim" est faite pour des gens qui ont eu le français intermédiaire, aussi bien que pour ceux qui ont le français comme leur specialité. Les autres qui le suivent aiment la langue française, la culture française, ou ils ont besoin de crédits.

Les deux professeurs Mesdames Judith Geiser et Ann Myers commencent la classe à neuf heures du matin au troisième étage de Masters Hall. Il y a deux groups d'à peu pres douze étudiants (l'une avec des étudiants de niveau intermédiaire, et l'autre avec les étudiants avancés. Quelques étudiants qui ont étudie en Europe, restent avec les etudiants avances.) Les deux groups font la meme chose mais le groupe avancé va un peu plus vite. C'est tout. Chaque jour nous regardons un petit film et de 9h-10h nous revoyons ce même film que nous avons regarde plusieurs fois a la bibliotheque. Main-tenant, dans le matin, nous racontons l'histoire de chaque photo nous-mêmes. C'est l'heure la plus difficile de la journée Ensuite, nous allons au laboratoire et nous

entendons l'usage du nouveau vocabulaire de deux livres des auteurs Sedwick et Wible. Puis, pendant une demie-heure, nous prenons une pause café. Nous descendons au "commons room," et nous buvons du café, du chocolat, du the (d'herbes aussi), et nous mangeons des biscuits, des gateaux de riz, ou des raisins secs. (Les professeurs adorent la nourriture qui est bonne pour la santé.) Pendant notre goûter, nous lisons les revues françaises, et entendons la musique franaussi. Il faut qu'on parle français tout le temps. Il est interdit de parler anglais. Heureusement, après quelque jours, il devient plus facile de parler. Toute !a classe a une bonne attitude et tout le monde fait l'effort de parler han-çais a chaque occasion. Après le pause nous retournons aux salles de classe pour discuter encore le vocal ulaire; maintenant, c'est une révision de nots d'hier.

Le dejeuner de midi à che heure compte comme une heure de la class. Nous nous asseyons à côté des fenetres à gauche à la caféteria aux tables reservées. (Quelques fois nous nous trompons et nous parlons français aux employées de la caféteria; Deux hamburgers s'il vous plaît!) Nous devons rester jusqu'à midi vingt-cinq.

A une heure, nous avons la conversation libre. Quelques fois nous voyons un film de français (d'habitude il raconte l'histoire d'un jeune homme français et sa vie—il ecrit à son ami americain.) Les autres fois, nous préparons les discussions des matières spécifiques. Par exemple, un jour , nous avons apporte un objet, et nous avons expliqué comment cet objet represente nos personalites. Ce cours insiste sur la conversation. Après ces quarante minutes de conversations libre, nous voyons un nouveau petit film, avons une autre pause cafe, qui aure quinze minutes, et retournons au aboratoire pour une derniere fois, pour ecouter encore ce petit film.

Pour les devoirs, nous apprenons le nouveau vocabulaire, nous devenons plus familiers avec les petits films (les professeurs les envoient à la bibliotheque), et quelques jours, nous preparons quelque chose pour le temps de conversation libre.

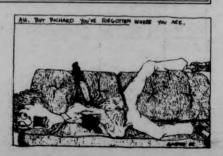
En ce moment nous faisons le menu d'un repas français chez les professeurs Geiser et Myers, et nous preparons un video qui comprendra des reclames, des "soap operas," et des informations.

Chaque personne de la classe a un experience differente, et donne quelque chose de speciale au groupe. Et parce que nous sommes l'un avec l'autre tant de temps, nous devenons, un peu, comme une grande famille.

L'experience est magnifique. Il est un peu comme un sejour en France,— pendant ces six heures par jour. 1/84







Book Store not really a rip

by Sarah Dady

There are two weeks out of each school year that, approaching the normally quiet Albright College Book Store, can leave one in a state of confusion, panic and economic depression. The first week of each semester, students are forced to part with hard earned money in order to purchase the required textbooks and supplies for their courses.

It is not unusual for students to walk into the campus center with a bag of freshly acquired books only to say, "Well now I'm flat broke." Inevitable questions arise. Why do books cost so much? Why did they run out of books for my course? Why weren't the books I needed stock to begin with? Or when can I expect my supplies to get here? For the answers to-these questions, the Albrightian staff sought the aid of Joe Preletz, the store manager.

According to Preletz, there are several reasons why the store may run out of or not have certain books. First of all, books must be ordered at least six to eight weeks before the semester begins, and there are always numerous drop/adds and transfers between the time the books are ordered and the time the semester begins.

If too many people are added to a certain course, there will be a shortage of books, and vice-versa. People have suggested over-ordering the number of books, which they sometimes do, but Preletz says, "To do this for every class would be ridiculous financially."

Secondly, there have been problems with professors not ordering their books on time. The store sends out ordering forms with a due date, but apparently many professors do not respect that date. Some professors even waited as late as two weeks ago to order. This leads to an additional problem with the mublishing company.

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If the order is delayed

too long, the books may be out of stock at the company. If this predicament occurs, the only solution is to wait for new books to be printed or try to get enough used copies.

All of these problems are difficult to remedy, but Preletz claims that they are doing their best. For instance, when the psychology books were sold out, new ones were freighted in, and they arrived the next day. The freight alone cost the store \$44. He also stated that when books are re-ordered through the regular process, they usually arrive within a week to ten days.

Perhaps even more than having to wait for books, students are concerned with the sky rocketing prices of books. In the last two years, textbook prices have been increasing almost 14%, which is nearly twice the inflation rate.

The price students pay is termed the publisher's list price, or what the publisher suggests that the store charge. They also add a quarter for shipping to the books that are not already prepriced, because the store must pay incoming and outgoing frieght charges.

This list price allows the store a profit margin of just under 20% because of shipping charges. According to Preletz, this money is used for salaries, wages, student help, postage, telephone bills, equipment, and other expenditures necessary to keep a business running.

business running.

Any money that is left over is put into a general college fund. He stressed that, "We get no tuition money and we are self-supportive." Consequently, the store stives to remain in the black so that tuition dollars will not be needed to support the operation.

Preletz is quick to point out that high cost of books is a universal problem. He feels he is safe to say that, "99% of the colleges charge a straight list price, with a small variance due to freight charges." According to his research, Albright is quite competitive and stacks up well against other colleges.

Because Preletz can sympathize with students having to pay such high prices for textbooks, he tries to help students in as many other possible ways. "When it comes to textbooks, our hands are tied" he states, but he does make a point of having sales and discounts on items other than textbooks.

Additional services the store offers include the buying and selling of used books, candy at Christmas, reasonable film processing, support to charities on campus, half price clothing, and 10% discount on non-textbooks.

Another area that Preletz discussed was the stores return policy. There have been complaints about the fact that a sales slip is needed when returning an item. He explains that this is necessary to control shoplifting in the store, and stealing from the student body. "We get into some unwanted, nasty arguments," he states.

He also mentions that, although he feels bad about it, he cannot tell when someone is telling the truth and thus must have some verification. "Exceptions have been made with clothing and supplies, but we have too much money wrapped up in textbooks." Books account for approximately 70% of their sales

"Students think that we rip them off, but we really don't," says Preletz. He is concerned with the students image of the store and says that he would be more than willing to talk to students in his office and hear their suggestions. He can understand the student's weariness, but would still like to hear a little enouragement.

The book store is consoered a student service, but is too seldom viewed as one. Preletz summed it to by saying, "The bottom line is that we are fair."

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Letters

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organizations that sponsor these events.

The main function of a campus newspaper is to report campus news and events. We hope that all major events and happenings on campus will be reported in the future. The job you do is certainly very difficult and

time consuming, but it also carries with it certain responsibilities. Either some of these responsibilities are being ignored, or the Albrightian is out of touch with the campus. Either way, we have a serious problem. Thank you for your consideration

Lou Cappelli Greg Galtere

EDITOR'S NOTE: While it is usually not our policy to reply to letters, we feel that an exception is necessary in this case to avoid future misunderstandings.

Usually we know about events on campus, but unfortunately not always. To assure coverage of an event, organizations might want to inform us about the event well in advance (at least two weeks if a writer is to be assigned).

Even when we know about an event, we may not feel that it's newsworthy. Many times an issue will come out long after the event, and the event cannot be considered news. If an organization feels differently about their event, they should come and speak to us about it.

Finally, we sometimes do not have enough reporters to assign to cover all events. It might happen that we can't find anyone willing to write about a certain event, and if this occurs, we can't do too much about it. The organization involved might want to submit their own well-written article at out the event. If it's printable, at the discretion of the cartorial board, we will use it.

We hope Sis has helped to alleviate any misunderstandings. We are always open to suggestions for stories, but unfortunately circumstances do not always allow coverage of all eyents.

To the Editor:

After reading G. Scott Souchock's editorial of Jan-20, 1984, I could only ask one question: Why did I read it? I found only one positive thing in Scott's editorial-that he didn't have the space he stated that he needed to tell us more of his personal opinions of Albright College. While I uphold the right of freedom of the press and of personal expression and I also understand the role of the editorial, I found myself wishing someone would have stifled Scott's creative freedom when he wrote his piece.

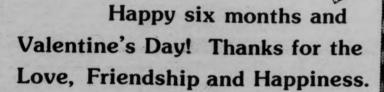
In his editorial, Scott expressed many "concerns" about Albright. Some were valid: the timing of our spring billing and the food service. However, his concern over the library signs, the "black room" and the Albright letterhead was a little ridiculous. Scott, I've been here three years and the fact that there are

two signs on the library has never bothered me. "black I agree that the room" isn't the best place for a final, but it is a great room in which to see a movie or slides; in other words, for the purpose it vas intended. As far as the letterhead goes, I don't think a change to a traditional logo necessarily indicates that the college is becoming "stagnate" or "stuffy". People would make it that way, not paper.

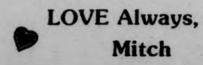
Perhaps, Scott, your editorial space would have been better utilized if it had been directed toward one of the more important issues you mentioned, the food quality or the billing system. Everyone has gripes about Albright, Scott, but I believe that if we could stay focused on major ones, instead of minor ones, we might really achieve something.

Sincerely, Ellen A. Gallagher

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Don't push drinks, and make sure the glass is empty before offering a refill. By all means, when a guest has had "one too many," express your displeasure politely; offer him/her a non-alcoholic beverage.

Material for this feature was taken from "Tips on Sipping" a BACCHUS

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Commentary.

for at least 100 times more deaths than the latter. The Kissinger Whitewash "Report") suggests an "old liberal ploy" of throwing eight billion dollars at the region to patch things up. And you know what, Reagan applauds the idea! How about throwing eight billion dollars at American poverty, Ron. Reagan can look into North Korea and shake his head, knowing full well that South Korea, despite being pumped up with U.S. money, is also poor and repressive. And last but not least, we must look for more militaristic action from Reagan if he is reelected. He could very well view the naivete and short-sightedness of the public as a mandate to attack Nicaragua, bring back the draft, engage in largely discredited "Star Wars" technology and more covert (and illegal) military maneuvers and games-playing. Reagan is surrounded by a small contingent of power brokers who profit from his patriotic

and jingoistic utterances and worse, policies. I dare the defense industry to donate, in the name of patriotism, its profits to those who suffer because of big military spending. Surely the defense industry cares more about this nation's welfare (both economic and military) than about profits, right?!

On all fronts, Ronald Reagan has weakened America. He has made the interests of a few moralists appear to be a public outcry for denying women's rights and forcing prayer on those who either hold no faith or practice it privately. He has conscientiously made America's huge wealth inequities (2.7% hold 54.6% at last count) even more top-heavy, now approaching the same concentration of caste-system India. He has obligated American troops to parts of the world that are either outside of direct American interests or where military efficacy is non-existent. Reagan actively campaigns for someone like Jesse Helms, an avowed racist and sexist

who labels all college professors as "Leninist-Marxist atheists." Our president lambastes the world-wide peace movement as Soviet-infiltrated but offers no evidence for the absurd claim. He accuses Democrats of tax gorging, completely overlooking (or ignoring) JFK's successtax-reduction policies and relative prosperity twenty years ago. Reagan accuses the media of distortions and liberalism but ignores the essentially main-stream, anti-left, and (if you read the Reading Times) outright right-wing nature of many newspapers. But most notable of all, Ronald Reagan has used his power of appointment more dangerously than any president in recent memory. The Civil Rights Commission, the NLRB, the Cabinet (Watt, Donovan, Haig) and staff (Meese, Baker) are all comprised of radically far-right personnel that are hardbalanced by the same on the left (although public perception is manipulated to think balance and fairness predominate). I fear more than anything else what

Reagan will do in four more years of unbridled rule: Helms on the Supreme Court; war on several fronts; more deterioration of American-Soviet relations; more poverty; more crackdown on First Amendment rights and criminal rights as well; more intimidation by right-wing ideologies; more propaganda about Marxism and its evils (Reagan probably isn't capable of reading Marx). I can only hope the American public is capable of making an intelligent choice this fall and that the real Ronald Reagan is brought to the fore by the "liberal" media. If enough blacks register and enough union members vote for their own interests (and not foolish jingoistic ones) and if women become more politically active, Reagan can be defeated. It won't be easy but I still have enough faith in the masses to do the right thing. If Reagan wins I'll have to agree with Mark Twain that the damned human race is doomed to get what it asks

Clark takes a stand against incumbent Yatron

by Chris Stroffolino

Paul Clark, night supervisor at the Gingrich Library, recently announced his intention to oppose incumbent Gus Yatron for the Democratic nomination in the 6th Congressional District.

The following is excerpted from a recent discussion with the candidate.

CS: In the past Gus Yatron has only been "attacked," as it were, from the right: he's been called a Marxist. So, in this campaign, we finally have a bonafide attack from the left.

PC: Sure. I think that's why it will probably take him more by surprise because he voted for the aid to Nicaragua that never got there because they pulled it back, but he did originally vote for it . . . The right wingers said he was supporting a Marxist government. That was the Republican line, which was really crazy. So we supported him on that one. I wrote a letter to the editor in support of him . . . we've been sort of cordial over the years. I hope we can get back to normal after the election. However. I think he needs to know that there's a constituency out there that's not being represented. I think he does fine by Car-Tech.

CS: What, then, is your assessment of Mr. Yatron?

PC: I think he's a moderate political thinker, a conservative within his own political party-especially on issues relating to the military budget. I think he's a good man, a decent man. He represents his constituents well on the basic level of getting favors done, dealwith passports, etc. One of the reasons he's very popular; that's an old classic style, and there's nothing wrong with that.

CS; Specifically, what are our substantive criticisms of Mr. Yatron and how would you differ?

PC: On Central America, for example, he and I only disagree in degree on our opposition. I think that Gus thinks there's a lot more Communist infiltration and involvement in the insurrections there. I am not for one minute going to deny that there might be some influence floating in and out. I'd be sort of surprised if there wasn't . . . but, to fall into that is to miss the point; that the roots of the conflict are social, political, and economic oppression and repression and the roots of the revolution go far deeper than Fidel Castro. I think that's what it's all about in Central America-the hopes and aspirations of oppressed people trying to express themselves, and if in that struggle, they need assistance and weapons. they're going to take it from whomever they can get it. I find that (Yatron) does have an overblown sense of the importance of Communist infiltration in the area, which I think will ultimately color his judgement on some of these matters. So that, although he voted against covert aid in Nicaragua, for which we were grateful, he also supported the invasion of Grenada on the flimsiest excuse that it was a humanimission-when they knew for months they were going to take that airfield. That Gus actually believes that it was a humanitarian mission shows me that he's out of touch with the minds of this administration, and that's dangerous.

CS: Especially for someone who's a so-called House leader. Isn't he the chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee?

PC: Sub-committee on Human Rights-which is why it's so terribly important for him to take a strenuous position against Reagan's per-functory rejection of Certification of El Salvador, and

yet, I haven't heard the kind just what counterforce docof outcry that's necessary.

Specifically, what is the objective of your candidacy?

PC: I would hope that my candidacy could do three things: (1) galvanize the opposition to Yatron's past voting record on military foreign policy and the E.R.A. by broadening the base of opposition in a tangible way, (2) make it clear that there is constituency in the 6th Congressional District that is being represented, and (3) not only educate the constituents on his past voting record and the issues involved in American foregin and military policy, but also to educate the Congressman that that constituency is not being represented, and that to fairly represent us in the House, he's going to have to move to the left, not just on Central America, where he's grown some, but also on an issue like the E.R.A.

CS: He hasn't stood against the E.R.A., has

PC: No, that's strange, he used to support the E.R.A. He voted against it this time "parliamentary" reasons -but he voted against it. People understandably want to know why. They're not getting an answer on that and the war budget.

CS: War budget?

PC: Yes, it (war budget) represents our ability and willingness to prepare for war, nuclear and conventional, (and the distinction between those two is blurring all the time). So that's a main problem. He's voted against the MX missile once. That was December 1982. He led us to believe that there might be hope on the question of first-strike weapons. But in 1983, he had swung back to voting for MX funding be-MX is a first-strice weapon. symbol of the political failure That's part of what needs to of this country, this adminbe discussed in this campaign; istration, and of past admin-

trine is all about, what firststrike weapons are all about.

CS: Obviously, you repudiate the concept of deterrence?

PC: Escalation of the arms race hasn't deterred anybody.

CS: While reserving your harshest criticism of Yatron on foreign policy, what issues would you confront him with domestically?

PC: Well, again, Chris, the war budget. You can't talk about the future of this country, the future of this world, without talking about the war budget . . . it represents the murder of people in the future, and the murder of people in the present. We can cut percentage points out of the military budget without affecting the status quo one bit.

CS: A frequent question of candidates who say things like this, most notably George McGovern, is are they for a strong national defense?

I don't think it's something I have to talk about. There will be one. I think, it's a question of . . . what is real and what is unreal security? If the goal of all this is to keep controlling people, whether it's in Cen-America or Africa, think that has nothing to do with defense. It has to do with imperialist aggression, whether it's Soviet oppression in Poland or American aggression in Central America. The two things that are most important in the world are disarmament and development. Without disarmament, development is impossible . .

One last thing I'd like to about this campaign. This campaign grows out of zat just my seeking an ofrice I am not going to get any-way-the campaign grows out of dissatisfaction with the times in which we cause he doesn't believe the live. Gus Yatron is only a

istrations. It shows the failure of the nuclear state in the twentieth century to come to grips with ... nuclear war. What this is about is progressive people-of which I am the spokesman-taking a public opinion in yet one more political realm-to say 'no" to the arms race. If I can do two more things: (1) to give hope to people to engage within the political process and use it for their own interests as they see fit . . . (2) to see people active as individuals, my heading into this somewhat quixotic congressional race is just a hopeful gesture that the Yatrons, the Reagans and the arms race are not the last words in life and the world. We can do things that seem foolish at times, but sometimes it takes foolishness to combat wisdom of the insane, and I hope the campaign will show that they can be political in all sorts of ways. I chose to start my campaign at a vigil at George Field. We cannot outspend, outshuffle the Yatrons and the powerful. But do you know what the powerless have? The powerless have their own bodies, theirselves. Do you know where the powerless belong? The powerless belong on the streets. That's why this powerless candidate joined with his powerless friends at George Field. And for an hour we were powerful. We were . . . ourselves doing what we best can do and communicating that others.

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Wrestlers face their share of troubles

by Michael Gallo

Albright wrestling team's 1983-84 season seemed troubled before it ever started. Their 1-9 record doesn't clearly show the troubles that they have faced. In preseason, the wrestling squad, coached by Robert Boucher, appeared prepared and ready for the season opener, when Dave veteran wrestlers Mitchell and Craig Calder opted not to wrestle this year. "From that point on,"

explained Coach Boucher, "the team was not the same." Though this did allow some wrestlers to move down in weight class and compete at a more comfortable weight, overall this was a setback the wrestling squad overcame.

Not only did the team lose two superior wrestlers, but inexperienced wrestlers were forced into key positions. Presently five positions are left unfilled; an increase from the single void in pre-season.

Coach Boucher explains

the predicament, "There's a lot of added pressure when the team is giving up 25 points a match and no wrestler can afford a loss." Despite this constant pressure, excellent individual efforts have been turned in by Dan O'Shea and Greg Faust.

O'Shea, who moved down ten pounds to wrestle at 167. has recorded seven wins to just three losses, and with two wins in the next week could draw a seed in the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships. Couch Boucher is very pleased with O'shea's performance and improve-

classes are very competitive for the reason that it is the natural weight of most col-legiate wrestlers," Coach Boucher said, "but Dan has handeled the pressures and the opponents' ability ex-

tremely well."

Greg Faust, who placed third at the Lebanon Valley pre-season tournament, has managed a respectable 6-6 record, and with a few upsets could also draw a seed at the MAC Championships.

Overall, Coach Boucher has stressed personal improvement to all the wrestlers, and they have responded. ment. "The middle weight the wrestlers are happy with their improvement, and are feeling more comfortable on the mat.

"Dan Weaks, Stuart Race, and Kevin Naugle, along with O'Shea and Faust, have shown steady improvement and should make a solid core for next year's season.'

The wrestling squad closes up its season at home on Saturday, February 11, when it hosts Kings College.

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Intramurals show full spectrum of ability

by Andrew Nadler

The "A" league in intramural basketball is something like an economic status report. for a developing country; there are three basic classes. high, middle, and low. Scraping out of the bottom are Zeta and Ronnie's Cheese Steaks, who post 3-10 and 2-9 records respectively. Nothing much can be said for these squads, except the fact that Zeta did beat Ronnie's in the battle for the cellar. Rounding out the mediocrity of the league are the Rough Riders, Punters, and the Rhatsmen who possess respectable near .500 records. The Rough Riders are able to post victories against the Rhatsmen and Zeta but have trouble with the cream of the division. The Punters with Jim Tolan's 17 points and the Legends with Bob Boyle's 27 points were able to smear league leading's, "It's the Hendersons" (ITH) record to 10-3 by snatching ? victory apiece. ITH Meanwhile, managed to pulc even with the Whobbly Warheads by out-maneuvering them completely in \$ 51-39 blowout. The attack was sparked

by Edward Edward's long bank shots which produced 22 points and the halt-and-receive catching of Garret Franzoni and J.D., who constantly kept the Warheads' guards off-guard. By easily topping ITH. Zeta, and the Punters, the Legends have lived up to their name thus far, posting an impressive 11-2 record and leading their division by a full game.

The picture in the "B" league is a bit more complicated because seven teams still mathematically are in the running for the playoffs, although realistically, four remain. The E-team emerges as the class of this division, helped by Fred Benney's top scoring week after week and an 11-1 record. Also with an 11-2 mark are the Brew Crew, a squad populated footcall linemen that muscle their way under the basket to make room for their shooters. On Wednesday, they were able to slowdown the onrushing 9-4 Cougars 50-43, which dealt their playoff chances a serious jolt. The contest featured Stan Bergam's needle-threading lay-ups and Dennis Mulhearn's long distance banks and

"swishes" which produced 18 points. Berman's indulged a bit too intensely when he actively participated in a heavyweight pile-on when a dead ball dribbled under the right of the basketball. In a mass of tripping bodies featuring Tom Murphy, Tim O'Shea, and Chris Arnout, Benney decided to get in or to jump into the action from center court. His zealousness was harshly retaliated by Arnout, who added fuel to a minor scuffle which ended when 'Commissioner' Boucher ejected Bergman

from the game.

The Spartan are very much in the playoff picture which George Hermann's scoring ways. John Tidd's rebounds and blocked shots propel the team to a 10-2 record. The Bank Shots also have lost but twice, and pinpoint precision shooting of Mike Affa has kept them in the thick of the race. The Bank Shots 39-38 come-from-behind victory virtually eliminated Phil's Schlong Room's chances from post-season play and prolon-ged a famine of "high fives" among its teammates. The dual-fraternity Zeta-Betas have sunk the basement of the league after two opening wins. Despite the body slamming tactics of Dennis Grosch and the flamboyant verbosity of Jay Bayarsky, the Zeta-B's troubles have featured blowing a chance to win a contest they had protested earlier against the Bomb Squad. Originally, a member of the Bomb Squad had been on the roster of another team. Had they followed through with the protest, the forfeit would have gone through, but they didn't. The masquerading player Chris Dillon, who actually plays for the Bears, proved he beat Zeta-B legitimately last February 2 when they overcame a nine point defecit to coast to a 36-33

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