

Hoagies weren't poisoned

Illness may be forever a mystery

by Emily Ilana Losben

By now there is not a single person on the Albright campus who has not heard about the sickness that affected many students nearly 2 weeks ago. The sickness which involved vomiting, a low-grade fever, nausea, and even diarrhea left not only students feeling ill, but a few staff needed to be hospitalized as well. One such staff person who needed to be hospitalized was Dave Tanger, who is in charge of food services.

Fifteen people were taken to the hospital and five were hospitalized, meaning that they stayed over night. Only two of these five had to stay longer than one night. One person who had to be hospitalized was Naoto Okura. He missed a whole week of classes and was still feeling a slight headache a week and a half after his initial sickness. "It happened so quick and so many people were affected", Okura said. This large number also included about another 25 went to see Erma "Ma" Gable and the Dr. Santoro in the Health Center. Of those who went to see Dr. Santoro, they were treated with clear liquids, but not any medicine that would slow down whatever was causing the sickness. However, many of the people who went to the hospital were so severely ill, that they had to be treated using intravenous apparatus. Jenn Dieterle, another student who had to be hospitalized, simply said "that IV's are not fun." The illness also caused her to lose about five pounds.

The illness, which hit very quickly, was originally thought to have been caused by either the tuna fish sandwiches or the mayonnaise used in the take-out lunch sandwiches on Saturday March 2. These sandwiches were not made by the Albright College Food Service staff, but were in fact bought from a restaurant called Tack's in Reading. It has now been concluded, that it was NOT food poisoning, that caused approximately 40 students to be sick.

Paul Gazzerro Jr., Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, confirmed that the Pennsylvania Department of Health found that there was no poisoning in the food. Samples of the food were given over to the Department of Health to analyze. On Wednesday the 12th, he received written confirmation, that it was in fact not food poisoning. "At this time we still don't know what it is, but we know it is not food poisoning", Gazzerro said. Now that it has been confirmed, a letter will be written to everyone who was affected and they should receive it fairly soon.

This finding leaves many people puzzled, no doubt. Another rumor, though, that can be dispelled is that of the Food Service staff being responsible. It was thought that possibly the sandwiches were left out causing the mayonnaise to go bad. Tanger, however, knows that this is not possible. For one reason, the mayonnaise does not go bad if it

sits out indoors in moderate temperature. Once the sandwiches were received by Albright they were placed out within an hour and they remained cold the entire time, thus making it impossible for the sickness to be caused by the mayonnaise going bad. This finding, relieves Albright's food services from being liable for negligence or any other wrong doing.

It will not be confirmed as to what the illness was for quite sometime. However, when a similar instance occurred here 10 years ago, they never found out what it was. Dr. Santoro said that the case ten years ago was "less intense, but more widespread." This incident caused many more people to be sick, but much fewer wound up in the hospital.

It is possible that the illness was caused due to some form of virus. Both Gazzerro and Clark Hammond, who is also in charge of Albright food services, noted an incident similar to the one that occurred here. This other incident, which occurred in Kutztown was said to have been caused by a virus. Though, that is not confirmed, it is possible that the sickness here was caused by a virus. Hammond, who was also sick, said that this illness, though bad, was not as terrible as the food poisoning he suffered from a few years ago.

Many of the students who suffered from the illness would be unable to imagine anything worse. In fact, Amy Blescia, who was too sick to stay at school, said "I would not wish this on my worst enemy." Another student who fell ill and had to be given treatment at the hospital, Christina Dalessio, said that it was the worst week of her life.

However, the week is finally over and now that most of the students are feeling better, the problem can continue to be researched. "Albright, its staff and administrators did nothing wrong", said Dean of Students, Caroline Brooks. In fact, once she found out about the sickness she immediately called Dr. Santoro, who then in turn called the Pennsylvania Department of Health, which is standard to do in a case like this.

The only other problem which resulted was that of finger pointing. Tanger, Hammond, and Dean Brooks were somewhat upset due to such things as a "top ten reasons why you shouldn't eat in the CAFE list" posted outside of the CAFE and some of the things heard not only around campus, but on WXAC, the campus radio station.

All in all, the situation was handled very nicely by the majority of people on campus. Erma "Ma" Gable would especially like to thank the staff, faculty, administrators, students, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health for all that they did to keep the situation under control.

Mr. Freshman arrives

by Emily Ilana Losben

Wednesday, March 13th marked the beginning of what will probably become a tradition here at Albright. It was the first annual Mr. Freshman. This beauty pageant was a HUGE success. It was a night of excitement, fun, and talent - well sort of.

The show began when two of the MC's for the evening Kara Graham, the secretary of the class of 1999 and Megan Brady, the class of 1999's treasurer introduced the nine contestants. They all came out wearing evening attire - a shirt and tie - while their vital stats, such as height and weight were announced.

After being introduced the contestants all had to answer their own unique question. Jason Hinkley, contestant number one was asked to do the chicken dance. The next contestant, Brian Collins, had to tell the judges what article of women's clothing he would be if he could be any. In his own suave style, he said that he would like to be a hat, because "it is important to him that a woman is intelligent and able to carry on a conversation." Damon Radcliffe, the next contestant, sang "Rock-A-Bye Baby" in his best baby voice when asked to do so. The fourth contestant Josh Franz had to come up with his best pickup line and use it on the judges. His line went something to the effect of "you are the sunshine on my cloudy day." Abass Kamara was then asked to give his ideal date. After making a joke about having to first get one, he said that he would have his room filled with roses for her and feed her vanilla pudding. The sixth contestant, Jack Miller, was asked to sing "I want to be an Actor" in a Donald Duck voice. He performed this task perfectly, adding a perfect Donald Duck impression to his singing. Jackie Wise, who was next, got the chance to show off as a rooster, not only crowed but he strutted his stuff as well. The eighth participant, Nathan Barnes, got his chance to be a fitness guru and pretend to be Richard Simmons. The final contestant, Joel Swaboda did a wonderful rendition of "I'm a Little Teapot" complete with all the moves!

The next part of the competition was the boxers and shorts section. Each contestant emerged wearing shorts and boxers (as the audience saw later, some chose a option other than boxers). They all had their chance to dance and some chose to do somewhat of a strip show as well. Luckily, no audience members got mooned! While the contestants danced and came out the,

MC's read the qualities that they look for in women. Some of these qualities included being able to belch the national anthem, still breathing, and natural. One contestant, Franz, chose to accentuate his stomach muscles by drawing them onto his chest. While showing the audience members their dancing abilities, two participants - the two who are on the swim team - took their boxers off, to reveal that they were wearing speedos. This only adding excitement for the crowd of well over 100 people comprised of students in all four classes.

While the judges, who were different women class officers and women SGA

officers, were tabulating the scores, all the contestants were asked why they thought they should win. The responses ranged from sincere (somewhat) like Wise's "we are all winners" to somewhat more self-focused answers like Abass's "I got the job done," and Damon's "it would make my day."

The second runner-up was Damon Radcliffe who won a revolving "Taz" lollipop.

Jackie Wise, the first runner-up, won a \$10 gift certificate to Jake's Place. And the winner is...

Brian Collins who received a crown, flowers, and \$25 dollars. On winning, Collins said "All the guys are great and I wish that everyone could have won." He also went on to say that he wanted to thank Kara for talking him into doing it.

Often with pageants, such as these, the idea of sexism arises. However, Arlene Wiemann, said "it is about time." Bob Maro, another freshman, believed that the show was not sexist at all and thought that the show was good for school spirit.

Not only were the MC's and contestants exciting, but Jemell's Washington helped to provide some great music while she acted as DJ for the show.

Mike Baldwin, another MC and Vice-President of the class of 1999, wanted to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the class of 1999, especially the contestants. Nat Carey, the President of the class of 1999 thought it was a great success and that it went much better than anticipated. Brady thought that it was fun and is looking forward to doing it again next year. Graham also reiterated her happiness for all the support that the class received.

The show, which raised almost one hundred dollars for the freshman class, was a great success and the only people who walked away without smiles on their faces were some of the contestants who did not win.



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Exhibit opens in Freedman

Beginning on March 26, the Freedman Gallery at Albright College will present four solo exhibitions of work created by two married couples. The collective gathering, entitled *Interactions*, explores the dynamics of professional artists who are committed to maintaining their individual creative identities while in the midst of intimate personal relationships. The featured artists are: Mark Gomes and Susan Schelle from Toronto, Ontario; and Joe Havel and Lisa Ludwig from Houston, Texas.

Historically, there have been many cases of married artists. Frequently their relationships have been tumultuous and destructive (such as Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo). At other times the combination of energies and challenges seems to yield a new level of excellence. Joe Havel and Lisa Ludwig, for example have adjacent studios and their sculptures in this exhibition reveal a positive interplay of influences and discourses. Mark Gomes' and Susan Schelle's individual artworks may not reflect such

obvious connections; however they have, as a team, designed and fabricated several large artworks in public buildings. Mark Gomes has suggested that they work together as a collective persona -- subjugating their individual egos in the interest of the objects they create.

Both couples live among other young artists in emerging art centers, ranging geographically from the far North to the deep South. There are certain coincidental linkages with respect to their collective representation in the gallery. One encounters, for instance, gender specific vocabulary, ranging from the apparently feminine themes in Lisa Ludwig's cake constructions to the feminist dialogues in Susan Schelle's embroidered sedan chairs. While these works may raise issues of women's roles in society, they do not function in an overt manner. Rather, their mixed messages imply that it is essential to avoid stereotyping. Indeed, the strength of their work lies in its subtle and beautiful layers of meaning and method.

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Help for tax time



by Lisa Zimmerman

Having tax problems? There is help available here at Albright. They are called VITA, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and they meet Wednesdays and Thursdays from six to eight in Alumni Hall. VITA consists of several Accounting majors, who have received special IRS and PA Department of Revenue training willing to help those clueless in the world of Income Tax Returns. Either appointments or walk-ins are welcome, but come prepared. Bring all receipts and your W2 forms. If you have last year's returns,

it is best to bring those as well. A simple return will take only half an hour to complete, whereas a more complex could take over an hour. VITA will help with both local and state returns.

Because Professor Wright, who usually organizes VITA, is on sabbatical this semester, Damian Fisher, a senior accounting major, is credited for reinstating VITA this year for the benefit of Albright students and the community.

Krause Hall's honored RAs

By Residence Life Staff Member

Taking the spotlight after the residence life staff at Albright Woods has left some big shoes to be filled, but there is no staff better qualified to do so than the residence life staff of Krause Hall. Krause Hall has been the academic honors residence hall for the past two years, during which time Chuck Austin has held the job of Resident Director. Serving as Resident Assistants this year in Krause Hall are Shannon Urevich, Meredith Chuk, Steve Huber, and Mike Gray. In addition to the many responsibilities required as Resident Assistants, these four individuals find time to be involved in numerous other campus activities while still striving to achieve and maintain academic excellence.

Shannon Urevich is a senior Psychology/Women's Studies major. She was the president of Alpha Delta Pi for 1995-1996 and she is currently pledging for membership in Phi Delta Sigma. Shannon is a member of the Order of Omega, the Dean's Leadership Council, and B.A.S.E. Besides being a Resident Assistant, Shannon also works as the Admission's Coordinator for special events and open houses and as an Albright College Ambassador. She has also worked at the Women's Center and in the Development Office. Along with her many extracurricular activities and her occupational responsibilities, Shannon has also found time to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House, the Berks County AIDS Network, the Blue Spruce Foundation, the Berks County Women in Crisis and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Shannon has been honored among the Who's who Among American College and University students, as a member of the Deans' High Honor List as well as the Dean's List, and she was voted as the Most Enthusiastic Alpha

Delta Pi member.

Meredith Chuk is a junior Biology/Art History major. She currently holds positions as the president of the Newman Association, the secretary of the Albright EMS, and co-chair of the MDA Committee. Meredith has also made time in her busy schedule to work for the Career Services Office. She has been honored as a member of the Dean's List and as a member of Lambda Delta. Meredith is also an active member of Alpha Epsilon Delta and Beta Beta Beta and has spent many hours volunteering at a local ambulance company.

Steve Huber, a junior Psychology/English major, is the head Resident Assistant for Krause Hall. In addition to working as a RA, he is also employed as a manager of technical services in the Gering Library and as an assistant secretary in the Residence Life Office. Steve currently holds the position of treasurer for both Psi Chi, the honorary society for Psychology, and Sigma Tau Delta, the honorary society for English. Steve has been awarded as a member of the Dean's List and as a member of Lambda Delta.

Mike Gray is a sophomore Art/English major. He is a brother in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and he is also a member of WXAC. In addition to his responsibilities to his organizations and his position as a Resident Assistant, Mike has also found time to amass a debt of "fifty" cents to the library.

Although being an RA is a job in which one receives little glory, the Resident Assistants at Krause Hall, as well as the entire Residence Life staff of Albright College, continue to demonstrate their leadership, the responsibility, and the determination that has made them role models for the Albright community.

StudentCenter offers help with graduates' job search

StudentCenter, a new free on-line magazine and research tool for the post-graduation job search, recently went live on the Internet. Unlike any other on-line job service, StudentCenter is structured in a similar, easy-to-access format and offers the optimal balance between practical, how-to information and offbeat humor to help relieve job search stress.

StudentCenter has already been recommended by Stanford University's on-line career site as an "outstanding job resource." StudentCenter includes an interactive, easy-to-search database with extensive industry profiles on more than 35,000 companies, so students can instantly retrieve a customized list of options to pursue. Also, StudentCenter offers many interactive services for users to practice important skills and gain immediate feedback. The most heavily trafficked part of the site so far has been the virtual interviews which gives students an informative and entertaining quiz to help them develop strong answers to key question. The "Ask Donna" column gives students feedback on important job issues.

The site includes step-by-step guidelines for writing and perfect resume, cover letter, and thank-you notes, as well as lots of other helpful tips such as definitions of career buzzwords and details on legal issues/employment rights. StudentCenter provides

descriptions of more than 1,000 industries and will soon introduce an interactive "Career Doctor" to help student discover the right career for their individual skills and interests.

And of course, the creators of StudentCenter think that all work and no fun makes for a boring student, so there's lots of entertainment to make the job search fun. "Odd Jobs" lets students guess how superstars got their start, and "The Vegas Approach" lets students put their future into the hands of chance by randomly selecting a fun fortune and outlandish job suggestion.

StudentCenter's Founder and President, Eve Yohalem understand the frustrations associated with job hunting. "The search doesn't have to be a complex, time-intensive scavenger hunt. Rather than pouring through outdated directories and difficult to access CD-ROMs, student can now find 'one-stop information shopping' at StudentCenter. We've successfully demystified the job search," she explained.

StudentCenter is appropriately targeted at the largest population accessing the Internet. The 14 million college and university student and faculty represent more than 30 percent of all Internet users. StudentCenter can be found 24 hours a day, free on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.StudentCenter.com>

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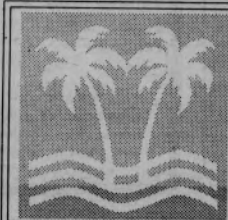
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Spring Break's finally arrived!!!

Albright celebrates Mardi Gras north of New Orleans



Tamara Wiemann, Megan Brady, and Barbara Gonzalez enjoy a conga line at the RSA's annual spring formal held on March 8 at the Rajah.

Graduate receive help in planning loan payments

Washington, D.C., March 1, 1996 With graduation just a few months away, student who have taken out education loans can begin to plan their post-college budgets using interactive "calculators" at Sallie Mae's Web site: <http://www.salliemae.com>. The calculators prompt borrowers for specific information about their student loans to provide budget worksheets, monthly payment estimates, and several other recalculations.

Here's how it works. Consider Bob, who will graduate with a B.A. degree in May. He is an average borrower, with \$10,000 in subsidized Stafford Loans. To begin to understand how his education loans will soon impact his budget, he can use Sallie Mae's monthly budget calculator. This on-line budget worksheet enables Bob to enter detailed information about his income and expenses, and then calculates the total funds available to him after making his education loan payments. If he is not sure what his monthly education loan payments will be, he can use Sallie Mae's monthly payment estimate calculator. By keying in his total loan balance and interest rate, Bob can learn what his payment would be with a standard repayment schedule.

"It's important to start to plan for future expenses as early as possible, especially when you are considering housing costs and whether or not to take on additional debt," says Lydia M. Marshall, Sallie Mae Executive Vice President.

Marshall adds that it's important for borrower to also consider the interest-impact on postponing loan payments on their unsubsidized Stafford loans. For example, Jane plans to go on to graduate school in the fall and she wants to know the cost of deferring her unsubsidized Stafford loan

payments for an additional two years. Using one of the on-line calculators, she enters the following: balance of her federal student loans: \$15,000; the interest rate: 8.25%; and the months before repayment begins: 24.

The calculator tells her that the total accrued interest (or cost of deferring her loans for two years) is \$2,475* a cost she could avoid by beginning repayment now.

If Jane decides to make partial interest payments during the deferment period, she enters the following additional information: payment amount \$10

how often you make payments: monthly
The calculator then shows her that her loan balance would only increase to \$17,235, because she will pay \$240 of interest in the loan during the deferment period.

Sallie Mae's Web site also offers graduating seniors current information about available repayment options, including graduated repayment, income-based repayment, and loan consolidation. Borrowers can also learn how to get cheaper student loans. For example, Sallie Mae's Great Rewards Program provides Stafford Loan borrowers who make their first 48 scheduled payments on time an automatic, two-percentage-point rate reduction on the loan for the remaining term. And borrowers who elect to make their payments to Sallie Mae electronically through their checking or savings accounts will receive a 1/4 percent interest rate reduction through the Direct Repay Plan.

*The deferment calculator assumes that her interest is capitalized (added to the loan principal) at the end of the deferment period, however long that may be.

How men can help prevent eating disorders

The following was presented at one of three sessions on eating disorders sponsored by various campus organizations.

Some Basic Things Men Can do and Be to Help Prevent Eating Disorders:

1. Reject completely the notion that "eating disorders are a woman's issue." In the 1890s, 1920s and 1980s eating disorders have flourished within an atmosphere of anxiety and anger about women's rights and opportunities. Thus, eating disorders are, in a very important sense, sociopolitical issues with a clear connection to men and power.
2. Low self-esteem, helplessness, anxiety, shame, and rage reside at the core of every eating disorder. Consequently, men can contribute to the prevention of eating disorders by personal "and" political action which: (a) reverses discrimination against women in the workplace, on the streets, and at home; (b) ensures that women are free from harassment, assault, and other forms of violence to their bodies and souls (c) encourages women (and men) to accept and develop themselves as people, not as attractive packages based on restrictive ideals, (d) develops relationships between (and images of) men and women that are based on respect, not exploitation.
3. Accept responsibility for learning about sexism within our patriarchal and capitalist society. Feminists are tired, and justifiably so, of repeatedly explaining to well-meaning but ultimately condescending males what feminism is all about.
4. Abandon sexism because it offers to men the promise of privilege, influence, and control, all at the expense of both our relationships with others and our self-development through caring, feeling, sensitivity, and equality.
5. Accept the notion that men must change themselves and other men (including sons) in order to help prevent eating disorders, and that such change, while initially difficult, will

ultimately benefit both sexes.

6. Begin to think seriously and constantly about yourself as a "gendered" being. Consider, for example, how "free" and "independent" you really are when you (a) hesitate before putting on an apron, or (b) reflexively consider rage in males that fuel the oppression of women through objectification, pornography, and other forms of violence.

7. Take your role as a father, brother, and/or uncle seriously. Men play a very significant role in the emotional and psychosocial development of girls and boys. Abnegation of the role of father, in particular, in the name of "work" or "success" or "lack of time" is a contribution to (a) the emotional distress ("hunger") underlying eating disorders in females; and (b) the feelings of powerlessness, insecurity, and rage in males that fuel the oppression of women through objectification, pornography, and other forms of violence.

8. Learn more about, and develop a principled tolerance for, diversity. One aspect of sexism is "weightism," an the powerful forces seen in both are also at work in many other "ismatic" forms of prejudice.

9. Don't just acknowledge conflict for women in changing gender roles, experience it for yourself. Start by endeavoring to be a person instead of a "success object."

10. Take an inventory of any messages about the glorification of slenderness and the vilification of body fat which you may be intentionally or inadvertently communicate to the men/boys and girls/women in your life.
11. As you speak up and out for women and their rights, and as you relate to a spouse, a daughter, a sister, spend lots of time being silent and listening (really listening) to what women have to say. As immortalized in the work of Carl Rogers, authentic respect in the form of nonjudgmental listening can be truly empowering (whereas a successful diet cannot....)

Scholarship Update

Berks County Medical Society Auxiliary Scholarships available for Berks County residents who are attending or planning to attend a training program, college or hospital in Berks County and are preparing for a career in the health field. Must have financial need and be academically capable.
Deadline: April 20, 1996

Scholarship: Colin U. Miller and Mary Hay Miller Charitable Trust for the Advancement of Education - must be enrolled at an accredited college or university and must maintain a grade point average of 3.0; amount of funding varies and is to be used for educational purposes.
Deadline: June 30

The Light House Career Incentive Awards: merit-based scholarships for legally blind students of \$5000 each; five categories, including undergraduate study.
Deadline: April 1, 1996

Essay Contest with awards of savings bonds (\$500 - \$200 - \$100) on the topic "Would a Right to Work Law in Pennsylvania Enhance Business and Individual Opportunity?" - open to undergraduate students attending public or private colleges in Pennsylvania. Sponsored by The Pennsylvania Right To Work Defense and Education Foundation, Inc.
Deadline: April 26, 1996

AICPA 1996-1997 John L. Carey Scholarships - \$5000 scholarships for liberal arts undergraduate pursuing graduate studies in accounting. Must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and future career interests. Up to five awarded every year; renewable for additional year of study.
Deadline: April 1, 1996

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program for 1996 is now accepting applications for highly-competitive program.

Four \$750 scholarships for any Pennsylvania woman in the junior class; must possess a democratic family background or be an active participant in the activities of the Democratic party.

John Gyles Education Fund provides financial assistance of up to \$2500 for students; must be US or Canadian citizen with minimum GPA of 2.7.
Deadline: April 15

ABWA- Donna Puksar Memorial Scholarship for residents of Berks County who have completed at least one year of college or higher education.

For additional information and applications for each of these scholarships, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

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SGA Happenings

Minutes from February 26

The meeting of the Albright College Student Government Association was called to order at 8:02 p.m., Monday, February 26.

Attendance: Natalie Famous, Chris Patrick, Derek Zbyszinski, Lisa Calvert, Abha Datwani, Paula Fay, Carissa Kolb, Warren Metzger, John Passero, Keima Sheriff, Ozzie Sims.

Deirdre Diener and Jonathan Hodgson were absent.

John Passero was excused from the meeting held on February 21, 1996. Lisa Calvert was unexcused for the same meeting.

Treasurer's report: \$32,138.47

Vice President: Senate members were reminded that attendance at SGA Senate meetings is mandatory and failure to attend could call for a committee member to be replaced on his or her committee.

ISA: The organization will be sponsoring an all-campus International Food Sampler as well as a picnic in May sponsored in conjunction with the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. Vince Natale talked to the group regarding ISA members applying for Orientation positions.

AAS: The annual African American Dinner has been postponed and will be held in conjunction with the Seven Principles Dance Performing Company on Saturday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

AAC: E-Board elections are coming up for the organization

Senate Reports:

Beth Rago announced that the College Republicans elected new E-Board members.

Sharon Christenson announced that the Class of '97 will be sponsoring a fund raiser of finals week care packages.

The Visual Arts Club will be hosting an outdoor film festival.

WXAC will be sponsoring Sun Ra's Orchestra, a jazz band, and is looking for any organization to co-host the event.

Carol Smith announced that BASE applications will soon be in mailboxes.

Psi Chi inductions will be held on April 14.

Sigma Tau Delta will be sponsoring a trip to New York City to see "Mid Summer Night's Dream."

Alpha Epsilon Delta will be selling daffodils in support of the American Cancer Society.

The MDA Walk-a-thon is scheduled for April 27.

Lion Diplomats are working on the Senior Grad Dinner.

CCB is working on plans for Spring Fever Weekend. The main event will soon be announced.

RSA will be sponsoring their Annual Spirit Week from March 3-10.

International Film Series sponsors films every Tuesday night.

Women's Rugby has their first home game on Saturday, March 9.

The Women of the World club (WOW) reminds everyone that March is Woman's month.

SAGE will be sponsoring AIDS activist River Huston on Thursday, March 14. The organization will also be sponsoring the second annual Take Bake the Night.

The College Democrats are now established on campus.

HSO will be sponsoring a blood drive.

AEA is preparing for Earth Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

In regards to Career Services, the Student Services Committee stressed the importance of internships, better connections with alumni and the need for the department to have a larger budget so that it may update some materials.

Mohn Hall will possibly be the Honors

dormitory for the 96-'97 school year.

Sally Miller will be obligating all recruits next year to sign contracts not to consume alcohol while on their recruiting visits.

New furniture will be in place in the dorms by the end of April. Pictures will be on display in the Campus Center so that students can provide input in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Passero commented that the security system up at the Albright Woods on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights has been successful and more parking has been available to Woods residents on these nights.

The possibility of rewarding organizations for their attendance at Senate meetings was also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Patrick

SGA Secretary

Minutes from March 6

The meeting of the Albright College Student Government Association was called to order at 9:05 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 1996.

The following members were present: Natalie Famous, Deirdre Diener, Chris Patrick, Derek Zbyszinski, Lisa Calvert, Abha Datwani, Paula Fay, Jonathan Hodgson, Carissa Kolb, Warren Metzger, John Passero, Keima Sheriff, and Ozzie Sims.

Hodgson's absence on February 21 was unexcused. His absence on February 26 was voted excused.

Treasurer's report: \$32,138.47

Vice President's report: Diener sent letters to committee chairs in an effort to enhance attendance and student participation in their respective committees. Letters were also sent to committee members urging them to attend SGA Senate meetings. Diener urged anyone who sits on the Residence Life Committee to seek Patty Martinez to make the committee an active one.

ISA report: The organization will sponsor an International Food Sampler Night on Saturday, March 9, from 6 until 8 p.m. in the South Lounge. All are welcome.

AAS report: The Dinner and Dance sponsored on Saturday, March 1 was successful.

AAC report: The organization will sponsor an Experience Event on Monday, April 15. Ellen Zia, a feminist activist and founder of the Asian America Rights Movement will be the events speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

Passero made a motion and Calvert seconded the motion to reward organization and/or individuals for their distinguished efforts as a member of the SGA Senate. The award will be entitled the Patty and Edgar Mertz Award and will be given at the end of each academic year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patty Martinez has devised a time table for 96-97 Housing. The time table is as follows:

March 10: letters sent out to students regarding the \$100 housing deposit

March 25: applications available for those who wish to reside in the Woods or in North Hall

April 4: Woods and North Hall applications due at the Residence Life Office

April 10/11: \$100 housing deposits due from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the South Lounge

April 12: notification of those chosen to live at the Woods

April 15: notification of those groups that were chosen to live in North Hall

April 16: apartment lottery

April 19: suite lottery

April 23: Honors Hall and singles lottery

April 24: general lottery for the Class of '97 and '98

April 25: general lottery for the Class of '99

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Patrick
SGA Secretary

Allocations survey results

SGA would like to thank those organizations that responded to the allocations survey. In general, most organizations felt they were treated fairly in the allocations process and were well informed if something was to be cut in their budget. SGA is considering creating an instructions sheet for future allocations.

To respond to one specific comment: "the extraction of funds from both SGA and self generated accounts is ridiculous!", we

realize the procedure is time consuming and we make every effort to move things along smoothly. However, all the paperwork for the actual extracting of funds is necessary for Dr. Hick's office, the controller's office and our records.

PLEASE, let us know if you have an idea for a simpler procedure-certainly that would be helpful. Thanks again for your response.

-submitted by N. Famous on behalf of SGA



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Join the Student Services Team!!!!

The Career Services Office
of Albright College
is hiring Student Paraprofessionals
for the 1996-97 school year.

Applications can be picked up in Career Services
in Selwyn Hall, and are due back by
Wednesday, March 27, 1996.



Mark your
calendars

SGA meetings

March/April	

Wednesday 3/20 9:00 CCCR SGA
Monday 3/25 8:00 CCSL Organizations
Wednesday 4/3 9:00 CCCR SGA
Monday 4/8 8:00 CCSL Committee



Check it Out!

Discipline Report February 1996 Data

Failure to Comply 7
(Re-entering building during an alarm)
Alcohol Policy Violations 3
Illegal Drugs (Marijuana) 2
Inappropriate Behavior 3
Misuse of telephone service 3
Housing Argeement Violations 1
(Failure to leave building during an alarm)

Total Violations 19

Sanctions: Building service hours, warnings, educational programs, fines, and probation.

If there are any questions about these statistics contact Dr. Carolyn Brooks in Selwyn Hall (x7611)

Editorials/Opinions

Editorial Revisited

To some, Albright may just be a job, but this is our college.

I ended my editorial in the last *Albrightian* with this statement, and because of the controversy and misinterpretations that have come out of that editorial, I have decided to write another. I will reiterate some points I have made previously, as well as introduce some new ones. More importantly, I will explain what I meant by that statement.

First of all, President Hurwitz and I had a nice discussion as a result of my editorial. It was both reassuring for me to meet her face to face, and to realize that she does care, or at the very least has some sort of interest in the problems on campus, and wishes for them to be corrected. But my meeting with her also made me realize that this campus, particularly the administration, is not entirely open with itself. This was one of the major points of my editorial last issue. I feel that all of the different departments within the administration should be completely open with each other; that they should share problems, suggestions, and concerns that not only affect that particular department, but also the college as a whole. This, unfortunately, does not appear to be the case. I seriously hope that the administration does not involve itself with saving face, or making problems appear nonexistent or inconsequential. Uncensored information about any problem or concern that affects this campus or is of concern to this campus is absolutely vital, especially when it occurs within an environment whose existence depends on the unhindered flow of communication, thought, and information.

The student body must also be more open with itself. The SGA should reinforce the fact that all of its meetings are open to the entire student body. The SGA should also make it a priority to disclose all information it receives from the administration to the student body. It should also publicize all decisions made or pending in each of its committees, outside of the Judiciary committee, to the student body, whether it be through *The Albrightian*, or by putting such information on reserve in the library. If this is already being done, I apologize for not being aware of it; but the SGA minutes that appear in every *Albrightian* are usually not very informative. It has been reassuring, however, to see some SGA articles that address student concerns with answers from the administration in a few of the past issues of *The Albrightian*, and I hope they continue.

The primary point I want to make here, and what I meant by that statement, is that there should be more passion and loyalty on this campus. It is very disconcerting to the student body to see how the administration has become a revolving door in the past few years of deans, directors, and the like. This school must begin to hire people who not only look good on paper, but also, and even more importantly, who also look exceptional in person. The point of working here should not to build a resume in hopes of landing a better job at a more prestigious school, but rather to make this a better college for the students who learn here, and the people who teach and work here. It must be realized that even though Albright is a business of sorts, the products it makes are not some sort of tangible consumer goods; instead, they are the knowledge and experiences that will be with the students, and even the people who work here, for the rest of their lives. As a result, it will, despite any negativity or criticizing editorials that surfaced while we

were here, instill pride in all of us who will call this college our alma mater. Such products are very special ones, and this college must learn to honor them.

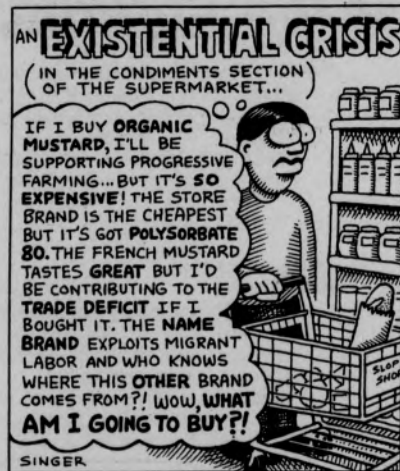
And there are people on this campus who do. The support staff and faculty on this campus are incredible. The people who work in the cafeteria, Registrar's office, health center, library, Jake's Place, the athletic's office, and for the faculty as secretaries, are incredibly warm, open, hardworking, and loyal people. By taking their ethic, the administration's latent reputation on campus will only improve, especially among the students.

As Rod Stewart sings in one of his many lame songs, all we really need is passion. And each of us could use some more of it. Thank you.

Editorials Editor
J. Mitchell

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Security, E-mail, and the Health Center: What's wrong with this picture?

Dear Editor,

I am writing this to address what I perceive to be a problem on this campus. The point of this article is twofold. The first problem that I see is the students' perception of security. I work in the security office and throughout the time I have worked for security I have seen many changes take place on this campus. The one change that I haven't seen take place is that students, faculty and administration still do not give security their due.

The current problem that I see right now is that security is asked to do all jobs imaginable, even though half of those jobs that they do are not their responsibility. Security guards are frequently being asked to do things that go outside of their job description.

For instance, students recently have been abusing the escort service provided by security. Security runs the escort service to better protect the campus, and to make it a safer place. They have no problem running escorts from dusk to dawn, the time they are supposed to run the escorts.

However, students frequently call security at all times of the afternoon and ask for escorts. Then when they are told that the escorts are not run during that time, they become hostile and get mad at the security guard. It is not the security guard's job to be your chauffeur for the afternoon. If you are too lazy to walk then call your friends and ask if they would drive you, otherwise walk.

Another situation that has arisen deals more with the college employees than it does the students. There was a situation this weekend where there was an emergency and the guards had to respond. The guards, and members of the campus center spent approximately an hour in a closet preventing water from a broken pipe from doing permanent damage. The problem escalated when the situation could not be solved immediately.

Upon contacting a member of the facilities staff, they then became loud and abusive about the problem. First of all, it was not the security guard's job to be in the closet and second of all, there was no need for this man to become upset with any

member of security because we are not trained to deal with a flood, and we are not responsible for fixing pipes.

This is just an example of how members of this campus do not understand the role of security. Either that or they are more than willing to take their anger out on us because security is the only organization that is on the campus 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The other problem that I have with this campus is a related topic, because it has to do with how security is the only organization that is made totally available to the students. Other than security and student run facilities, the campus effectively shuts down after 3 a.m. on the weekend. So the only organization left to solve the problems of the campus is security.

I think that it is time for the administration to evaluate what organizations need to be made more available to the students. So that way they can better serve the students and their needs and problems. For instance, the health center is only open starting at noon and going until 3:30 p.m. during weekdays. What? Do students not get sick and need medical attention during the other hours of the day or on the weekends? Also, this weekend e-mail went down on Saturday night and was not fixed until Tuesday afternoon. So all student mail is not only unattainable but the messages that are being sent out to them are being rejected as well.

These problems may not seem like much, but they could present a problem. When someone gets sick, they don't have anywhere to go except for the hospital. So they call security and ask them to call an ambulance for them. I think that it is ridiculous that a school the size of Albright only has one doctor for an hour in the afternoon. I think Ma Gable is a great lady, but I think that there needs to be more availability for medical attention on the campus, especially a service that is available on the weekends.

What I think needs to be done is that a full time nurse needs to be hired. You cannot prevent students from getting sick, and not having medical service available to the students is a big problem.

Regarding the e-mail problem, teachers

more and more frequently are communicating with their students through e-mail, but they are not able to fix the mail server. I believe that there should be more than just one person available to fix the problems of the computer center. With computers being a growing field, I think that it is important for the administration to address the problems in the computer center. Another person with the capabilities to fix the e-mail system would be a start.

I think that it is time for the administration to start to recognize and meet the needs of the students. Right now the school is beginning to show signs of coming out of the financial crisis. One way to do that is to get alumni donations. The problem with that, the way that I see it, is that they are neglecting the very people who are all going to be alumni within four years. To bring Albright out of the financial crisis, they should look at how future contributions are going to be. If the administration neglects the needs of the students now then there is not going to be future donations from alumni.

As far as security goes, I think that everyone should stop bad mouthing security and give them the proper credit that they deserve. They work hard and they do their jobs and more and that is all that you can ask. If you have a complaint about security then stop in the office and talk to Strat and he will be more than willing to hear you out.

As for the other issue that upsets me, I think that it is time for the administration to evaluate why the offices and administration effectively shut down at three. The campus doesn't shut down, just everything that they might need to make Albright a little better and a little more student friendly.

I think that making Albright just a little better is what everyone is trying to accomplish. However, when you have administration pulling one way and you have the students unhappy and wanting to go the other way, then instead of working together, we are working against each other and nothing will ever be accomplished. Thank you for hearing me out.

Sincerely,
Joseph M. Boles

Style

We Are the Children of the Eighties

We are the children of the Eighties. We are not the first "lost generation" nor today's lost generation. In fact, we think we know just where we stand - or are discovering it as we speak. We hate the ones who played with Lego Building Blocks when they were just building blocks and those who gave Malibu Barbie crewcuts with safety scissors that never really cut.

We collected Garbage Pail Kids and Cabbage Patch Kids and My Little Ponies and Hot Wheels and He-Man figures and thought She-Ra looked just a little bit like I would when I was a woman. Big Wheels and bicycles with streamers were the way to go, and sidewalk chalk was all you needed to build a city.

Imagination was the key. It made the Ewok Treehouse big enough for you to be Luke and the kitchen table and an old sheet dark enough to be a tent in the forest. Your world was the backyard and it was all you needed. With your pink portable tape player, Debbie Gibson sang back up to you and everyone wanted a skirt like the Material Girl and a glove like Michael Jackson's.

Today we are the ones who can sing along with Bruce Springsteen and The Bangles perfectly and have no idea why. We recite lines with the Ghostbusters and still look to The Goonies for a great adventure. We flip through T.V. stations and stop at the A Team and Knight Rider and Fame and laugh with the Cosby Show and Family Ties and Punky Brewster and "What you talkin' 'bout Willis?"

We hold strong affections for The Muppets and The Gummy Bears and by the way, why did they take the Smurfs off the air? After school specials were only about cigarettes and step-families, the Pokka Dot Door was nothing like Barney, and aren't the Power Rangers just Voltron reincarnated?

We are the ones who still read Nancy

Drew and The Hardy Boys, The Bobbsey Twins, Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume, Richard Scary and the Electric Company. Friendship bracelets were ties you couldn't break and friendship pins went on shoes - preferably hightop. Velcro Reebok - and pegged jeans were in, as were Units belts and layered socks and jean jackets and jams and charm necklaces and side pony tails and just tails.

Rave was a girl's best friend; braces with colored rubberbands made you cool. The back door was always open and Mom served only red Kool-Aid to the neighborhood kids - never drank New Coke.

Entertainment was cheap and lasted for hours. All you needed to be a princess were high heels and an apron; the Sit 'n' Spin always made you dizzy but never made you stop; Pogoballs were dangerous weapons and Chinese Jump Ropes never failed to trip someone. In your Underoos you were Wonder Woman or Spider Man or R2D2 and in your treehouse you were king.

In the Eighties, nothing was wrong. Did you know the president was shot? Star Wars was not only a movie. Did you ever play in a bomb shelter? Did you see the Challenger explode or feed the homeless man? We forgot Vietnam and watched Tiananmen's Square on CNN and bought pieces of the Berlin Wall at the store. AIDS was not the number one killer in the United States. We didn't start the fire, Billy Joel.

In the Eighties, we redefined the American Dream, and those years defined us. We are the generation in between strife and facing strife and not turning our backs. The Eighties may have made us idealistic, but it's that idealism that will push us and be passed on to our children - the first children of the twenty-first century. Never forget: We are the children of the Eighties.

-Courtesy of e-mail

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Experience Events

Freedman Gallery: "Interactions"

Artists' Panel Discussion

Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m.

Klein Lecture Hall

The four artists currently exhibiting their sculpture in the Freedman Gallery are two married couples. Mark Gomes and Susan Schelle from Toronto and Joe Havel and Lisa Ludwig from Houston will discuss the dynamics of their professional lives, collaborating with one another, within the context of intimate personal relationships. Moderated by Gallery Director Chris Youngs.

Concert: Sumi Tonooka Trio

Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Chapel Auditorium

For 20 years Sumi Tonooka has been delighting audiences and piling up praise from jazz writers and fellow musicians for the striking originality and impassioned lyricism that are hallmarks of her performances. Tonooka's recordings blend her own compositions with highly personal readings of jazz standards. She has made appearances on Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz and NPR's tribute to Thelonius Monk, Jazz Set. Students: free admission with ID.

Dramatic Reading:

Connie Garcia-Barrio, Novelist

Tuesday, April 2, 4 p.m.

Campus Center Fireside Room

Connie Garcia-Barrio will talk about her novel, "Jerusalem Stone," in its final stages before publication, and do dramatic readings imitating some of its characters. The novel deals with people and events of black history in Philadelphia during the turbulent period of the 1830s and '40s. Dr. Garcia-Barrio has been a free-lance writer and a contributing editor of Essence magazine, and she has taught in the Spanish department at Albright and West Chester University.

Roving Reporter

by Joe Boles

Q: Why is the word abbreviation such a long word?

Answers

"How should I know?"

-Todd Baker '98

"That was the last name of the person who made it up."

-Chelsea Brook '99

"Because it has a lot of letters."

-Sarah Rice-Breckenrich '99

"I don't know...I can't even think of something stupid to say."

-Amy Lord '98

"To give people who are new to English trouble."

-Amy Johnson '99

"Because life is full of irony."

-Megan Hartke '96

"Why...I think it's a joke...because your questions are dumb."

-Tara Farkus '99

"I am more concerned with the problems that plague our state, our country, and our world than to answer your dumb question. So ask someone who cares!"

-Karen Llanos '97

Executive Office of the President

Fifteen Books Kids Should Not Read

Insights

HOW DO PEOPLE IN LOVE TYPICALLY BEHAVE?

"When a person gets kissed for the first time, they fall down and they don't get up for at least an hour."

-Wendy, age 8

CONCERNING WHY LOVE HAPPENS BETWEEN TWO PARTICULAR PEOPLE

"One of the people has freckles and so he finds somebody else who has freckles too."

-Andrew, age 6

"No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell...That's why perfume and deodorant are so popular."

-Mae, age 9

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful."

-Manuel, age 8

15. Clifford the Big Dog is Put to Sleep
14. Charles Manson Bedtime Stories
13. Daddy Loses His Job and Finds the Bottle
12. Babar Becomes a Piano
11. Controlling the Playground: Respect through Fear
10. Curious George and the High Voltage Fence
9. The Boy Who Died from Eating All His Vegetables
8. Legends of Scab Football
7. Teddy: the Elf with the Detached Retina
6. Tommy Tune: Boy Choreographer
5. Joe Garagoila Retells Favorite Fairy Tales But Can't Remember the Endings to all of Them
4. Ed Beckley's Start a Real Estate Empire with the Change from your Mom's Purse
3. Things Rich Kids Have, But You Never Will
2. Let's Draw Betty and Veronica Without their Clothes On
1. The Care Bears Maul Some Campers and Are Shot Dead

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Sports

Baseball Hopes for Strong Season With Solid Nucleus

Albright heads into 1996 season with a national ranking led by six pre-season all americans

by Michelle Byer

As the Albright College baseball team moves into their 1996 campaign, there are many exciting things to be expected.

First off, the team enters the season ranked 28th in the nation, a first for Albright baseball. Secondly, Albright boasts six preseason All-Americans who will be leading the team this year. Heading the list are senior pitchers Mike Mullane and R.D. Bachman along with senior center fielder Mark Hilyard. Shortstop Kurt Krebs, first baseman Chris Rickards and catcher Dave Miller, all sophomores, round up the group.

The Lions pitching staff finished in the top 10 last season and were ranked 5th going into the 1996 season. Finally, Albright will be looking to better their 25-13 record taking teams by storm with a stacked lineup.

Although Albright's 28th national ranking is due to their exceptional level of play, the caliber of their players and their winning the ECAC Southern Championship in 1995, it is still just a measure of potential. This season brings some big challenges to head coach Stan Hyman's squad which plays one of the toughest schedules in Division III baseball. Aside from the competitiveness that the MAC provides, Albright faces 6th ranked William Paterson, 9th ranked Montclair State and 20th ranked Franklin & Marshall along with powerhouses Trenton State College and Rowan. Coach Hyman made it a point to say

that this season will not be easy.

"There will be no easy games. Each and every team we play will go out on the field with the intentions to stop us and beat us. We have to be prepared for a good game, every game," said Hyman.

Due to the inclement weather, several games have been postponed during the first week of play. The Lions will spend their spring break playing in a seven-game tournament in Cocoa Beach, Florida where they will look to build the solid start they need upon returning to the regular schedule. "Florida is the key to the season," the coaches agreed.

The team's goals are to win the MAC, which has not happened since the 1960's, and to make the NCAA Tournament, which would be another first in Albright College baseball history.

While the coaching staff has recruited a good group of players, some stand out in particular. Hyman believes he has a nice class of freshman outfielders, and leading them are Will Vanjonack, Joel Swoboda and Bob Maro. Others to watch for are third baseman Steve Slivka, pitcher Mark Crocena and first baseman/pitcher Craig Boyer. Fortunately, Albright is not burdened too heavily with injuries thus far. Even though there are some nagging ones, such as shoulder problems among the pitchers, staying healthy will be yet another key to insure the Lions a successful season.

Swimming Improves Over Course of Rebuilding Year

by John Hatchett

After a strong season that saw the Lions take second at MAC's last year, the Albright team looked to improve their overall performance this year.

Albright was unable to string together victories in a consistent way and both teams finished at 4-9, with wins over teams such as Lebanon Valley and Misericordia. That record doesn't reflect the dedication and hard work the swimmers put in every day.

Co-captain Andy Smith was fairly satisfied with the development of the team this year. "I think we did pretty well considering the number of people that we had," he said.

This year was directed toward improving times during the year leading up to the conference meet. "We've been working towards MAC's all season," explained head coach Jenis Frederick.

Sophomore Angie Bretz is the only swimmer still in action, after qualifying for the national meet in the 100 Individual Medley.

Smith gives his coach a lot of credit for the team's success. "She has put in a lot of time and effort and she is building a strong program, although it is still in a developing stage," said Smith.

Newcomers have played a significant role on this year's swim team. On the men's side, Nathanael Barnes, Mike Hanth, Jack Miller, and Jason Stumhofer all helped out in their first year of collegiate competition. The women's team picked up Bretz, Frances Becker, Gabrielle Pezdirc, Amy Steffenauer.

The team loses only three people to graduation in Juliett Ferri, Becky Dohner, and Andy Smith. That bodes well for the future of Albright swimming. With a good recruiting class next year should be very exciting.

Track Opens Season After Very Successful Indoor Year

by Abe Antler

More depth and experience are the two elements which will likely prevail in a much better season than last year for both track and field teams this year.

At the present moment, the teams are both idle; however on May 3, six women standouts went to the Eastern College Athletic Conference meet held at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. The six women who went are as follows: freshman Skye Thorpe and Monica Wells; sophomores Alison Carrigan, Maggie Ward, and Lauren Summa; and senior Lori Choynowski. Thorpe finished eighth overall with a throw of 35 feet and 6.75 inches. Wells was seeded 20th but finished 13th overall.

The four other women comprised the 4 X 800 relay team and got a time of 10:03. Individually, Choynowski ran the 3000 and the 1500 while teammate Ward competed in the 1500 as well. Choynowski, one of this year's four captains, ran the 1500 and set a school record of 4:58.79.

Despite four women on the team want to settle for the time that they got in the relay? Not according to Carrigan. "We have set goals for ourselves based on the time we got at ECAC's for the outdoor season. What the

four of us really want to do is to go under 10 minutes, which we think we can do," she said.

It was fairly commonplace one year ago to hear from the members of the track team that there was not enough depth. Is that a problem on this year's team? Certainly not, as Choynowski would say. "We have a strong team. We have sprinters, distance runners, hurdlers, distance runners, and field athletes. All aspects are covered for us this year. Furthermore, our times from ECAC's will come down and all of the other individuals will improve this year."

But is it only the women that will do well this year? Not according to sophomore co-captain Paul Peters. "We are potentially one of the top teams in the Middle Atlantic Conference this year. We are all psyched for a great season."

The two other captains this year are senior Rebecca Dohner and sophomore Daniel Bellissimo. The coaches this year are head coach Don Gottshall, jump coach Ron Maier, throwing coach Ray Feick, and sprint coach Jennifer Werner.

The first meet of the year will be at home on March 30 against York College and Ramapo College at 1:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball Championship

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We'll publish the results of this poll in the next issue of The Albrightian

Softball to Head for Florida

by Dana Peterson

The women's softball team is anxiously awaiting spring break. For the first time, they will join the men's baseball team for spring training in Cocoa Beach, Florida. While there, the women will face five teams in doubleheaders and, if nothing else, will return to Albright with more experience.

"Even if we don't win a lot of games, Florida will enable us to start our season with more experience," said junior co-captain Chrissy Rizzo.

Because of the recent, inclement weather the team has been unable to practice outside as much as they would have liked. According to Rizzo, they are hoping that Florida will help them learn to work together and play as a team. Senior co-captain Babs Gonzalez is also hoping that the trip will help to enforce team unity.

Both captains are pleased with how hard the team has been working despite the weather conditions and also with the good attitudes of the women. Gonzalez explained that she hopes they will be able to turn those good attitudes into good efforts.

This year's team is a fairly young one,

consisting of two seniors, five juniors, three sophomores, and eight first year students. Although they are returning some key players, the team is challenged with many position changes.

"We are rebuilding our infield," explained Rizzo. "Babs, Sharon [Christensen], and I have been brought in from the outfield."

The first year students will all be a great asset to the team. According to Rizzo, Liz Demarest (catcher) and Wendy Stellingwerf (outfield) will be the ones to watch, along with Lori Berg who transferred to Albright this semester and who will lead the team from the mound, along with senior pitcher Tracy Noll.

The team, under second year coach Brian Stufflet, wants to improve on last year's season and strive for a goal of a .500 record.

"We have a real hunger to win this year," said Rizzo. "We want to turn the program around."

Upon returning to Reading, the women will travel to Moravian College for a doubleheader on Tuesday, March 26 and will play their first home game against Allentown on Friday, March 29.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball			Men's & Women's Track		
3/25	Franklin & Marshall	H 3:00	3/30	York	H 1:30
3/26	Muhlenberg	H 3:00	4/2	Leb. Val./Stevens Tech	A 3:30
3/30	Susquehanna(2)	H 1:00	Softball		
3/31	Rowan	H 1:00	3/26	Moravian(2)	A 2:30
4/2	Drew	H 3:00	3/29	Allentown	H 3:00
4/3	Delaware Valley	A 3:00	3/30	Franklin & Marshall(2)	A 1:00
4/4	Messiah(2)	H 1:00	4/1	Wilkes(2)	H 3:00
4/9	Juniata(2)	A 1:00	4/3	Juniata(2)	A 3:00
Men's Tennis			Golf		
3/27	Wesley	H 3:30	3/26	Elizabethtown/Wilkes	H 1:00
3/30	Susquehanna	H 1:00	3/29	Moravian Invitational	A 1:00
4/1	Messiah	H 3:30	4/1	Elizabethtown Invit'l	A 1:00
4/3	Urisinus	H 3:30	4/2	F&M/Moravian	H 1:00
4/9	Wilkes	A 3:00			