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President Hurwitz "restructures" Brooks

□ "There is nothing personal about this--this is strategic," said President Hurwitz regarding her recent decision to reorganize Dean Brooks' position.

by Nathaniel Carey and Lisa Zimmerman

Early in January, President Ellen Hurwitz informed Dr. Carolyn Brooks that she would no longer be Dean of Students nor Vice President of Student Services come the end of spring semester. However, Hurwitz failed to seek approval of the other constituencies of the college -- the faculty, the board of trustees and the students -- in her decision. This lack of communication has caused concern for many students and faculty.

Hurwitz stresses that this decision "has nothing to do with the person; it's a new philosophical approach to the position." She said "the word 'firing' is the worst spin," and she prefers to term the alteration of the position of Dean of Students and the elimination of Vice President of Student Services as a "restructuring."

Currently, Hurwitz is supported only by Dr. Ronald Green, Executive Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs and Paul Gazzero, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finances.

Gazzero emphasized that the restructuring is an "integration of curricular and co-curricular activities." Green elaborated that "we need a different kind of focus in student affairs . . . a key liaison between student services and academic programs."

However, Green said, "We have not yet discussed the nature of the new Dean position."

"I would envision someone of the faculty teaching part-time who would supervise the Alpha program and the Albright Works program," said Hurwitz. Furthermore, a person with a Ph.D. in an academic discipline is being sought for the position.

Dr. William King, Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee said that Albright's strategic plan does talk about combining curricular and co-curricular activities; however, "how that is implemented is a different matter."

King, along with several other faculty members, is concerned with

Hurwitz's disregard for faculty counsel.

"We were never given a chance to consider [this decision] . . . I think this is something the faculty would have liked to discuss and give input regarding this decision," said King.

The faculty did not know about this decision and King was informed of the restructuring through another faculty member who was sought out to serve on a search committee for a new Dean.

As President of Albright College, it is within Hurwitz's power and jurisdiction to eliminate any executive positions. Furthermore, Hurwitz said that she cannot always be expected to consult faculty and students when making a decision. "This is not a popularity contest," she said. Also, Hurwitz said that she had "informally consulted with many members of the board of trustees" prior to the decision.

"There was a premature release of information by Dean Brooks to a number of her constituencies, which was not our plan," said Hurwitz.

"Because of this leak, there's been some shock and dismay at the

unpleasant side effects [of this decision]. I don't doubt whatsoever that the faculty will engage in open discussion about the future," said Green.

Such an opportunity for open discussion will occur at the

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Dr. Ronald Green
Executive Vice President
and Dean for Academic Affairs

Faculty Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

"I have not found or spoken with any faculty member yet who advocates this decision," said Betty Butler, Chair of Music and Chair of Campus Life Council. She said that the faculty will vote to request Hurwitz to reconsider the implicit termination of Brooks' position.

Butler is hopeful that some sort of agreement may be reached among the faculty and administration. "I have no doubt that [the administration's] interests are to better the college . . . If it is shown or proven that this philosophy will better the college, of course the faculty will be supportive of it . . . But we are looking for a case to be made -- a reason for the restructuring," said Butler.

Hurwitz and the Executive Committee met with student services to answer any questions or concerns on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Patricia Martinez, Associate Dean for Student Services, said regarding the meeting, "It doesn't sound like there is a plan behind the

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Spring semester's here already? Albright students are back to the books!



Albrightian/JACK MILLER

A student prepares for another semester of studying, classes

Jackson to fill Fellecke's position as director of Multicultural Affairs

by Robert Tartamora

Albright has hired an Interim Director of Multicultural Affairs to fill an immediate vacancy created when Dr. Getachew Fellecke left to pursue an opportunity in Japan.

Kim Jackson was appointed on a temporary basis to serve out the rest of the semester. During the semester a committee will be formed to conduct a worldwide search for a permanent director. Jackson will be a candidate in that process.

Jackson is a native of Reading and was an undergraduate at the University of America in Cairo. She has a Masters of Counselor Education from Penn State.

Before coming to Albright she was the Associate Director of International Students and Scholar Programs at Emory University in Atlanta.

Jackson defined her role by saying, "Student demographics are changing at predominantly white liberal arts schools. People from diverse backgrounds are appearing on campus with special needs." Though her office will primarily focus on the needs of students from diverse or multicultural

backgrounds, she said she wants her office to be a resource center for everyone where people can come together to learn about each other.

Jackson's primary goals will be to create a mission statement for the office in order to better define its role and purpose on campus. She said she would also be forming a multicultural affairs committee to provide recommendations on the college's multicultural affairs policy. She will also be creating retention programs to help students from diverse backgrounds better adjust to life at Albright.

Jackson said she met with students who voiced concern over

the treatment of multiculturalism in Albright's freshman orientation program. She said she would be looking into the current orientation system to see what can be done to improve its treatment of multicultural issues.

Jackson said the one thing she would like to accomplish at Albright is, "To help create an atmosphere so students felt like they have a voice on campus, and that differing voices feel they have a place for coming together in a mutual interest."

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Kim Jackson
Interim director of
Multicultural Affairs

Drinking to Death: Fraternities and Alcohol

themselves to curb alcohol abuse at their fraternity houses by pledging to have alcohol-free housing by 2000.



Jonathan Brant, vice-president of the National Interfraternity

Conference, says this is a great idea. But for students who see alcohol as essential to parties, the choice is simple: "Students who must drink in their living environments may choose not to live in the house or join that chapter," he says.

Merton agrees that alcohol-free fraternities will drive away pledges. "Alcohol is central to the culture of a fraternity. I suspect that most fraternity members think the best ones throw the best parties," he says.

Last August, Scott Krueger from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology died three days after drinking 20 shots of liquor in one hour left him in a coma. He was at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house.

One month earlier, a fraternity pledge for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Benjamin Wynne, died after binge drinking. He was a 20-year-old student at Louisiana State University.

One year earlier in May, five students died in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, when the Phi Gamma Delta house burned. The fire and deaths were attributed to cigarettes and alcohol.

Because of those recent deaths, many campuses have begun focusing their attention on alcohol and its use by fraternities.

A long-time critic of fraternities and an English professor at the University of New Hampshire, Andrew Merton thinks college administrations have been slow to stop alcohol abuse by fraternities because of universities' dependence on fraternity alumni for funding. "Many universities' largest contributors are ex-fraternity members," said Merton. "The greater the fraternity presence on campus, the greater the implicit threat to the college's financial well-being."

Two fraternities, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu, have taken it upon

You might get your money's worth yet: The Computer Center prepares for improvements during the spring semester

by Adrienne Mitchell

The drama of computing continues to unfold as Albright College's technology proceeds to change in the spring semester of 1998. Transition has marked both the staff and hardware situation of the institution's computer center.

Within the next two weeks, students will be taken off of the albusn e-mail system. This communication vehicle was incapable of supporting images and caused student's accounts to "clog up" and their e-mail "quotas" to become full. Instead a new "popmailer" called "albnnet" will take albusn's place. With it, hopes are that the problems with filled quotas and such hassles will be eliminated.

Students will be issued a new e-mail address as well as a new

password to access their accounts. Dr. Daniel Falabella, Director of Computing Services says that e-mail will not be lost when it is coming in to the old address. Students will be able to retrieve their mail sent to them at the old address for a time, but it is up to them to inform senders of their new address.

Two of the labs have been completely equipped with new machines. There are still no immediate plans to equip Albright's dormitories with computers, with the exception of Mohn Hall. Mohn, however, will be receiving a new computer to replace one that was stolen in January.

The prospect of network printers for Mohn has also been raised, but that idea is still in the conceptual phase.

Along with changes in technology, there will be different faces in the Computer Center. Eric

Lindbeck, formerly Administrative Computing Support Specialist, has left the position to pursue other opportunities. Taking over part of his responsibilities will be Louise Mohn. Lindbeck's contributions were in several overlapping areas however, so the chance of another position of technical support is a possibility.

Dr. Falabella himself may see a change in responsibility. Later in the spring, the administration will ultimately make the decision whether Falabella will continue on as Director of Computing Services, so that he may concentrate with teaching and such. However, nothing concrete can be said of this at the present time.

Until then, Falabella continues to improve, along with the staff, the quality of technology and services offered to Albright students.

Lion Diplomats prepare to host Student Alumni Conference

by Dana Peterson

Feb. 27 to March 1, 280 representatives from 33 different colleges and universities will be on Albright's campus to take part in the District II Student Alumni Association/Student Foundation Network Conference. This is the first time that Albright's Lion Diplomats will host this annual conference.

"This is a big deal," explained Lion Dip president Dawn Bryden. "There are only eight districts in the entire country which means only seven other schools will be hosting this year's conference."

District II, which is comprised of more than 50 schools, consists of all colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and parts of Ontario, Canada. All have student alumni organizations which are registered with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Bryden attended her first conference in 1996 when it was held at Frostburg University in Maryland. It was then that she and fellow diplomats Trish Shivas and Daphne Bilger realized that Albright has one of the largest and most involved student alumni organizations in the district.

"After attending the conference in '96 we decided we wanted to host one," Bryden said. However, it would be a long, hard two years before the Lion Diplomats could turn that vision into a reality.

In November 1996, Bryden, Bilger, Shivas and Melissa Perez began putting together a proposal in order to bid for the 1998 conference. This proposal which carried the theme "Welcome to the Jungle" was sent, along with bids from Millersville University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to every college in the district so that each could vote on the bids. The five women also were able to present their proposal

during last year's conference which was held at Shippensburg University.

In April 1997 Albright learned that they had received the bid and could continue with their plans for the conference.

At this time 15 other Lion Diplomats joined the core committee and worked for nearly a year preparing for the event.

When the 280 students arrive on Feb. 27 they will participate in "meet and greet" activities at the Sheraton where they will be staying for the weekend. Saturday will be filled with sessions and roundtables which will allow all of the attending schools to share with each other the role that their organization plays at their college or university.

"Although we are all members of student alumni organization, each organization has a different purpose on its campus," said Bryden. "This conference allows us to network and share ideas."

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Albright students reflect; share their over-seas trips



photo by Beth Simmons

Scenes such as this on Maui, Hawaii were experienced daily by several Albright students who went on the interim trip with Dr. Marsha Green.

Student is more nature-based and enlightened after interim trip to Maui

by Hillary Cassarino

We trudged down small dirt roads while captivated by vast green mountains surrounding us. Having the lucid water of the Pacific beside us gave a picture perfect image that would be locked forever in our minds. Aside from these vivid views of a tropical paradise, we had the great pleasure to observe the most breathtaking view of all: the Hawaiian humpback whale.

Dr. Marsha L. Green, Professor of Psychology, assisted us in our in-depth study of the endangered species. We observed the whales from specific whale watching points located on Maui. Each of us was required to use binoculars, record data on the whales and to work a

theodolite which recorded readings of where our "pods," a single whale or group of whales, were in the ocean.

Maui is said to be one of the most spiritual groundings in the world. You can simply get an overwhelming sense of tranquility from a three-week period.

Green, however, began studying the Hawaiian humpback more than ten years ago and finds the marine mammal to be an amazing creature that many people are too ignorant to acknowledge. Too many people know too little about this fascinating mammal, and many people have plans to destroy the animal's habitat, which brings about its endangered history.

Each of us had our own unique experience when we first saw the

humpback. Like small children in a huge candy store, our eyes were widened and our jaws dropped in sight of the magnificent creature. Everyone was able to spot at least one breach, a movement in which the whale dives up out of the water showing about three quarters of its body. It is an amazing sight to see how such a huge and massive animal can lift its weight so far out of the water.

In such an awe-inspiring place, it was impossible to ignore the beautiful surroundings that were our home for three weeks. Green led our class in discussions about our natural environment and the dangers of our "Western mind." In addition to a reading which inspired the topic, we were able to see that we must get in touch with ourselves to reach a "nature based" way of thinking.

When one is on such a magical and natural place on earth, watching television for hours upon end and wasting time by not enjoying ourselves brings about a disassociation between ourselves and our natural environment.

On one of the last nights in Maui, we were fortunate to be able to participate in a meditation focused on sending vibes to our oceans and its inhabitants. It was to express our soul feelings for our planet and to end any harm that is continuing to threaten marine animals. With the sounds of Aboriginal instruments fulfilling our meditative state, we were each able to reach an overall peace within ourselves.

This Maui experience will remain with us forever. It is a marvelous encounter which everyone should experience at least once in their lives.



photo by Bonnie MacAllister

Bonnie MacAllister studied here, at La Sorbonne in Paris last semester.

Albright study abroad students discover that it's a small world after all

by Jen Schestok

Several juniors have recently returned from studying in Europe during the fall semester, despite Albright administration's endeavors to limit off-campus study.

"It was the best experience of my life," said Art/Photography/Communications major Andrea Verdone. She says her semester in Florence, Italy was a mind-opening experience. "I want to go back and study after I graduate from Albright," she said. Remembering special experiences, like traveling to the Castle Rotto in the mountains, Verdone encourages everyone who wants to study abroad.

Verdone says that Albright promised her a grant to study abroad, but denied it a few weeks before her departure. "It is a shame [to limit study abroad]," she said, "because it is the reason why I came here."

Art major Rebecca Wasserman also studied in Florence, Italy at the Studio Art Center.

"The culture was most different, but once I got used to it was fine. But then it was hard to get used to here again," said Wasserman. "The food was great, the classes were good, and it was very beautiful..."

It was a vacation school," said Wasserman. Wasserman also travelled to Switzerland, Milan, Rome, Venice and many other cities in Italy.

Bonnie MacAllister, a French/Literature/Women's Studies major, said, "I think the school should facilitate study abroad, especially for language majors." MacAllister said that it is unfortunate that Albright makes it difficult to study abroad.

MacAllister spent her semester in Paris, France. She said the 14 district, where she met many artists and musicians, is very welcoming. She said that contrary to the assumption that Parisians are unfriendly, her experience was very enjoyable. "Paris is an

intellectual breeding ground," said MacAllister.

Her best experience was taking *Poetics of the Sex Difference* at La Sorbonne with world-renowned feminist Helen Cixoux. Cixoux invited all the American students to her house for an informal gathering. MacAllister says this was a very memorable and important moment for her.

In Seville, Spain, at the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies, Spanish and Secondary Education major Shannon Reilly says that she met the most interesting people. "It is nice to be integrated in to Spanish culture and experience their daily life," said Reilly. She says it is "neat to see [the Spanish] take on Halloween. They had a costume party on a river party boat."

Although Reilly had the chance to live in Spain for a semester, she is upset because she was originally supposed to stay for a full year. She says that Albright did not support her in this decision.

If she stayed for a full year, it would put her into a ninth semester at Albright.

However, Ayumi Kitano, a Political Science major, had no problems with Albright allowing her to study abroad. She recommends that students wishing

to study abroad should "plan ahead and do not wait until the semester before to decide."

Kitano attended New College at Oxford in England. She says that her experience was different from others in that her schooling was set up as tutorial. Instead of going to class, Kitano had a tutor, was able to pick from a course of lectures and wrote a paper every week. "It is very independent," says Kitano, "you must be a dedicated student."

She finds the drinking age of 18 in England interesting. "There were bars on the campus that all the students could go to," said Kitano. She highly recommends studying abroad and to have fun doing it.

Faculty concerned over Hurwitz's decision to reorganize position of Dean

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reorganization."

Martinez is especially concerned about the overwhelming nature of this new position. "This position would be a huge time commitment and would not allow time for the students... I'm not sure if this is necessarily going to improve the service to our students, and that's the bottom line--will it be improved," said Martinez.

According to Martinez, contrary to Hurwitz, Green and Gazzero's assertions, Student Services already supplies academic progress sessions, tutoring and academic standards for co-curricular involvement. "Student Services is

already facilitating this co-curricular and curricular environment," said Martinez.

Martinez, Butler and King agree that this restructuring may have destabilizing effects on campus. "The doors have constantly been revolving and there's no stability. The students are told one thing by one person and the next year someone else is there and they're saying something different. Students don't know what to think," said Martinez.

Gazzero stressed that "turnover is healthy and expected as part of professional development." Hurwitz added that, "We have gone through very

difficult times. Stability is very, very unusual at a small liberal arts college."

Martinez is not sure that the benefits will outweigh the disadvantages. "I'm not convinced that with this reorganization Student Services will be strong because we've become more fragmented. We've tried to be a conduit between students and administration, but we've been disempowered in many ways," said Martinez.

It is evident that this decision was not only shocking, but according to Martinez, "It definitely affects people's motivation. It makes it difficult to get up and go to work in the morning."

President Ellen Hurwitz has open office hours once a month. The schedule dates for the Spring Semester are as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 25	2 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday, March 18	2 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday, April 15	2 pm - 4 pm
Wednesday, May 6	2 pm - 4 pm

President Hurwitz also hosts pizza parties for current Albright students at her home. The scheduled dates for the Spring Semester are as follows:

Sunday, Feb. 15	8 pm - 10 pm
Sunday, April 26	8 pm - 10 pm

Art & Culture

Cultural Calendar

FREEDMAN GALLERY

do it: continues through March 1
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LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS

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Feb. 17, 6 pm CCSL

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Feb. 18, 4 pm Klein Lecture Hall

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Feb. 20, 4 pm Klein Lecture Hall

*NO-YES: The Issue of Date Rape with Katie Koestner sponsored by the Counseling Center
Feb. 20, 7:30 pm Meridian Theatre

*Chaplain's Interfaith Dialogues with Stephen Ohnsman
Feb. 24, 4:30 pm CCSL (fireside)

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Acqua E Sapone -- Italian with subtitles
Feb. 11, 6:45 pm, Klein Lecture Hall

The Doom Generation
Feb. 17, 8:15 pm, Klein Lecture Hall

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Feb. 18, 6:45 pm, Klein Lecture Hall

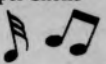
*The Celluloid Close sponsored by Albright Allies and BiGLAS
Feb. 19, 7:30 pm, Klein Lecture Hall

Yann Beauvais IN PERSON
Feb. 24, 8:15 pm, Klein Lecture Hall

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*Gospel Jubilee with Reading Area Gospel Choirs
Feb. 22, 3 pm, Memorial Chapel

*Experience Event



Freedman Gallery hosts *do it*, an interactive, interpretive exhibition

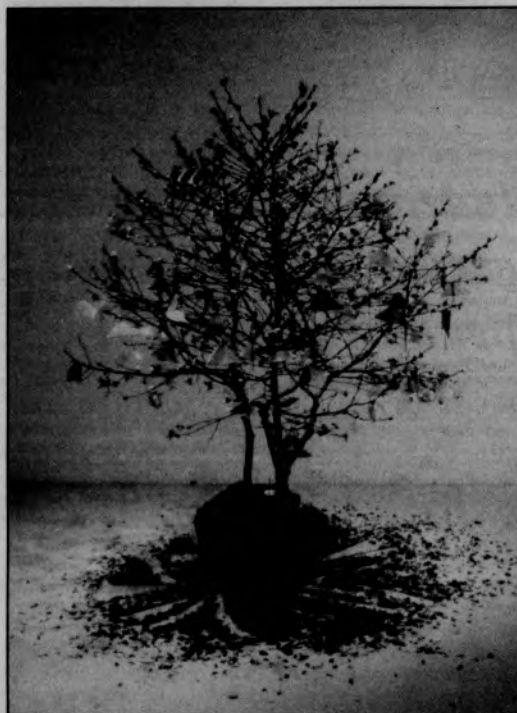
The Freedman Gallery will took 180 pounds of a local candy and dropped it in a corner. Visitors are invited to make a wish and tie it to the branch of Yoko Ono's Wish Tree. These activities are part of *do it*, an exhibition of artworks interpreted from written descriptions and realized by the Freedman Gallery staff and the visiting public from now until March 1.

Conceived and curated by Hans-Ulrich Obrist and organized and circulated by Independent Curators Incorporated (ICI), New York, this exhibition includes work by artists from the United States, Europe, Asia and South America. It is up to each hosting institution to select from 30 *do it* (museum) instructions. The 15 artists' projects at the Freedman Gallery venue are by Christian Boltanski, Jimmie Durham, Hans-Peter Feldmann, Paul-Armand Gette, Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Joseph Grigely, Ilya Kabakov, Alison Knowles, Bertrand Lavier, Yoko Ono, Michelangelo Pistoletto, Rupert Sheldrake, Andreas Slominski, Lawrence Weiner and Erwin Wurm.

In realizing these artworks, individuals inevitably exercise their interpretive skills, for, like a musical composition, each version of *do it* is meant to be a unique realization of instructions as a musician would interpret a musical score. The Freedman Gallery's realization of 15 projects (and the selection itself) represents an initial point of departure from the artist's original texts, and in many cases, gallery visitors are invited to become part of an ongoing creative process.

In this exhibition the artworks can be made by anyone by simply following various instructions that establish a framework and a site (either the museum or the home). As well as being encouraged to participate in projects at the Gallery, visitors are also offered *do it* (home) instructions to create their own versions at home. *do it* (home) includes subjects by Marina Abramovic, Marina Abramovic, Dan Graham, Dan Kaprow, Annette Messager, Nancy Spero and Rosemarie Trockel.

Also included in the exhibition are *do it* (TV) "performances,"



provided by the Center for the Arts

The Yoko Ono Wish Tree is part of the Freedman Gallery's *do it* exhibition.

conceived by the participating artists and produced by the Vienna-based museum in progress and the Austrian TV Institute, ORF, for broadcast on Austrian TV. *do it* (TV) includes selected, brief performances on video by Gilbert & George, Leon Golub, Ilya Kabakov, Jonas Mekas, Michelangelo Pistoletto, Lawrence Weiner, among others.

Guest curator Hans-Ulrich Obrist is curator of the museum in progress, Vienna and the Museum of Modern Art of the City of Paris and author of *Delta X: The Curator as Catalyst* (1995). He has organized a variety of exhibitions in such unlikely venues as his own house, a monastery, a library, an airplane and a hotel. The first *do it* took place in September 1994 at the Rifter Kunsthalle in Klagenfurt, Austria. Different versions of the exhibition have since been realized in Glasgow, Nantes, Paris, Reykjavik,

Helsinki, Siena, Geneva, Brisbane, Uppsala, Bangkok, Tallinn and Ljubljana. This expanded version of *do it* will travel throughout North America, Latin America and South America through December 2000.

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue with an introduction by Hans-Ulrich Obrist and an essay by Bruce Altshuler, director of the Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum and author of *The Avant-Garde in Exhibition: New Art in the Twentieth Century*. Bruce Altshuler will give a public lecture in Klein Lecture Hall on Feb. 20 at 4 pm.

Independent Curators Incorporated (ICI), New York, is a non-profit traveling exhibition service specializing in contemporary art. The exhibition, tour and catalogue for *do it* are made possible, in part, by ICI's International Associates and a grant from Etant donné.

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Features

St. Valentine's Message

by Rayna McKinnon

What comes to mind when you think of Valentine's day? Most people would respond with the traditional gifts of valentines, flowers, candy and expensive dinners or the common symbols of hearts and cupids. What you might not think of is why we call this day of celebrating love Valentine's Day or why we celebrate it at all.

Historically, Valentine's Day was a religious holiday, a day for Christians to remember and celebrate the life of the Christian martyr named Valentine. St. Valentine was a priest who lived near Rome, Italy in the year of 270 A.D. At this time, the Roman Emperor was imprisoning Christians for not worshipping the Roman gods. As a result, Valentine was arrested; however, there is some controversy surrounding the reason for his arrest. Some say that he had been performing Christian marriages, while others say he was arrested for helping Christians escape from prison.

In prison, St. Valentine continued to minister by witnessing to guards and performing other religious activities. The Emperor was so angered to hear that Valentine was continuing to make converts, even while in prison, that he ordered Valentine to be beheaded. When Valentine was taken to this death, he wrote a farewell message to a girl (the daughter of his jailer), whom he had fallen in love with. He signed the message, "From your Valentine." This phrase has been used ever since.

So how did the beheading of a priest come to be recognized as a day of love and happiness? This is where the celebration of Lupercalia,

a Roman pagan fertility festival, which took place on Feb. 15, comes into the story. During Lupercalia, men and women chose partners for the festival by randomly drawing names from a box. These partners then exchanged gifts as a sign of affection and often married.

In the year of 496, Pope Gelasius officially changed the Lupercalia festival to St. Valentine's Day to give a Christian meaning to a pagan festival. His idea was that Valentine's love for God and for his fellow humans, which he showed by dying for his friends, should be emulated by everyone. The lottery for women and men was banned by the Church, but the holiday in commemoration of St. Valentine continued to be used by Roman men to seek the affection of women. It had become tradition for men to give the ones they admired handwritten messages of affection, containing Valentine's name. Surprisingly enough, Valentine's Day did not become popular in the

United States until the 1800s, during the Civil War.

The prevalent use of cupids during Valentine's Day came into existence because Cupid was the son of Venus, the Roman goddess of love and beauty as well as a character from pagan mythology. The first true valentine was sent by Charles, the Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415.

So while you're all out on Valentine's Day, busily buying cards and flowers, making dinner reservations or sitting at home sulking because you are not in love, take a moment to remember the true origin of Valentine's Day and the plight of a minister named Valentine.



Roving Reporter

by Pauline Skiadopoulos



After a brief hiatus, your faithful roving reporter is back and ready to ask you the questions that really matter! If you or someone you love is interested in answering a Roving Reporter question, drop a note in box 1277 or wait for the random phone call from me the day before it is due. Roving Reporter: sometimes controversial, usually offensive, always on the pulse of the Albright student body.

Q: What are you doing for Valentine's Day and what would you like to be doing?

I'm going to bed, but I'd rather be going to bed with someone. --Wendy Smith '99

I'm going to see Aladdin but I'd like to take my private jet Bongo to the Swiss Alps for a romantic candlelight dinner on a bear skin rug in front of the fireplace where Eddie Veder will play a private concert in my backyard. --John Delrusso '99

I'm, probably going to get drunk but I'd prefer to get laid. --Faisail Hussein '00

I want to snuggle with Elle McPherson and Cindy Crawford on a tropical beach but of course I'll wind up doing something romantic with myself. --Nick Restrepo '98

I'd rather be in my room but I will let my roommate get it on. --Kristyann Marshall '99

I'm going to my cousin's birthday party but I'd rather be dating someone who's not going to dump me for his ex-girlfriend. Yes - I'm bitter! --Beth Rago '98

I'll probably start the night off with some heavy petting, then I'll move on to an oil massage of my twig and berries. I'm all right with this for Valentine's Day because, well, I don't have to spend any money. --Derrick DeCosmo '01

I will be eating chocolates and Chi Chi's corn cake but I'd rather lick both off Jeff Tantum! --Brooke Blair '99

We're going off campus for dinner with friends but we'd like to get straight to dessert with Darren Was! --Charlene York & Alyssa Cozzilio '01

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Critics Corner



Movie Review

by Lou Walters and Steve Carr

Good Will Hunting

Good Will Hunting is the story of a 20-year-old blue-collar genius, played by Matt Damon, who struggles in dealing with his gift and his troubled past. The movie, which is set in Boston, starts out at MIT, where Will Hunting is a janitor. Will's gift is discovered by a professor when he is caught solving advanced mathematical proofs on the hallway chalkboard. The pompous professor tries to take the boy under his wing to exploit Will's genius.

As part of a court order, Will must see a therapist, who is played brilliantly by Robin Williams. A strong bond develops between the two. They counsel and help each other with the problems in their lives. Williams' character helps Will accept his gift and live with his past while Will helps him cope with his wife's death, allowing him to move on with his life.

Will is also aided in his struggle by his best friend, played by Ben Affleck from *Chasing Amy* and by his love interest, played by Minnie Driver from *Sleepers*.

Good Will Hunting, which was written by Damon and Affleck, is a quality motion picture. There is good character development and interesting and original dialogue. In an age where movies are dominated by special effects, it was refreshing to see a movie that is supported by good writing and strong acting performances alone. *Good Will Hunting* is not for everybody. Those with short attention spans might find it boring, but we recommend that you give it a chance. It is also a pretty good date movie. With Valentine's Day coming up, we also suggest taking that special someone to see *Titanic* or *Great Expectations*.

Music Review

by Emily Yoder

Metallica

You'd think that a band who has been around since before my birth would be all out of material by now. You'd think that they'd be ready to retire. However, one band refuses to leave gracefully. *Metallica* just won't quit, but believe me, it's time that they did.

Their newest release, *Reload*, is pathetic. It sounds as if they threw the album together to take up time and space. Even the title is less than original, considering the album prior to it is called *Load*. Great creativity, huh? It seems to me they are relying on their name alone to sell their new stuff, and that must be working.

I find it rather disturbing that a band that was great at one time has turned to selling out. In the past I was an avid listener; I clung to each lyric. Now I am clinging to the hope that *Metallica* will soon quit.

Yet another downfall--yes, there are many--is the interesting song called *Prince Charming*. As any *Metallica* fan would know, they tend to use less than favorable

metaphors in their songs. Well this time is no different. This song is about teens and drug use, another original topic, but instead of just coming out and saying what they have to say they say, "and I watched the babies being prodded with the needles." That is holding the match to the gasoline. They want to cause as much controversy as possible to help their sales--yet another ploy to their listeners.

Now comes the part where I am obligated to tell you what the future looks like for *Metallica*, although I should just have saved space. Yes, *Metallica* is going on tour. Their dates have not yet been announced, but they'll be around soon enough. As far as upcoming releases, none have been announced yet. Perhaps they will be thinking of a new title to be recopied. I will not be purchasing that one and will be returning my copy of *Reload* as soon as possible. If you want to hear good *Metallica*, buy their old stuff... anything before *Load* will do.

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Restaurant Review

by Matt Hillman



Tailgators Steakhouse & Bar

Location: Route 73 and Pricetown Rd.
Dinner hours: Mon. to Fri. 4:30 pm - 10 pm; Sat. 3 pm - 10 pm
Atmosphere: relaxed and casual; perfect for a gathering of friends
Call 944-7645 for directions; reservations are not accepted

Located off of Pricetown Road, Tailgators Steakhouse and Bar allows you to prepare your steak, chicken or fish to perfection. You might be asking, "How so?" It's terribly simple--you are the chef at Tailgators. That's right! Dress casually because you will be preparing your own meal over a large charcoal grill pit. Tailgators is the perfect place to go with a bunch of friends to hang out, kick back a few drinks and catch up on the latest Albright gossip.

For the experienced tailgator, I recommend that you start your warm-up exercises with the "batter-up" onion (\$4.50). This tantalizing appetizer is a deep fried beer battered onion served with Tailgators' bistro sauce. My advice, however, to all of the non-experienced tailgators is to hold off on ordering a pre-game

sampler due to the immense size of the dinner entree. Each table is provided with a bucket of peanuts to munch on while you wait for your meal to cook.

Upon completing your pre-game warm-ups of an appetizer or a few beers, it is now time to move on to "The Main Event" (\$12.95). This remarkably inexpensive entree includes an endless family style salad served to your table, baked potato, all you can eat Texas Toast and your choice of one of the following: Delmonico (18-20 oz.), New York strip (18-20 oz.), filet mignon (10-12 oz.), steak and vegetable kabobs (18-20 oz.), T-bone (20-22 oz.), rack of spare ribs, two boneless chicken breasts, salmon (10-12 oz.) or mako shark. All of the selections are also available marinated in a teriyaki sauce.

After my company and I placed our drink orders, we crunched our way over the peanut shell covered floor to the meat case. I selected to grill the teriyaki marinated Delmonico, medium rare. My company, the much more

experienced tailgator, chose to grill the chicken breasts. As our meals cooked, we stood with tongs in hand for the occasional flip and chatted about our busy work week.

Just before we were ready to remove our selections, we threw a handful of Texas Toast onto the grill, toasted them golden brown and smothered them with butter. I was skeptical about the quality of the meat when I saw how inexpensive the entire meal was; however, I was gladly proven wrong as I left nothing on my plate to clear. Tailgators Restaurant and Bar allows you to do everything you've been wanting to do in the Woods, drink and be merry around the grill. There are no rules or RAs at Tailgators.

If you are able to conquer the main event and head into the post-game show, I recommend that you order the homemade apple crisps (\$3.25) for dessert. This popular low-priced ending is made with fresh granny sliced apples, tossed with cinnamon, smothered with butter streusel topping, baked and served with vanilla ice cream. Needless to say, I highly recommend Tailgators for a group of senior friends looking for a place to wind down and reminisce about their Albright days.

SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: A tip from a friend sent Jim rushing to New York City where Mateo and Hayley were checking him out. Stuart agreed to help Allie and Jake in their "sting" to get David. Brooke shared some surprising information with Laura. Adam saw something Tad couldn't see. Later, Tad realized Adam may not be crazy after all. **Wait To See:** Trevor and Axel come face-to-face. **ANOTHER WORLD:** Lila used Matt as a pawn in her plan to trap Shane into remarrying her. Rachel later confronted Matt about contacting one of Carl's old enemies. Toni wondered who her secret admirer might be. Etta Mae noticed a parallel in one of Felicia's books to Toni's gift. Meanwhile, a copy of the book was in Wally's hideout. After warning Shane not to hassle Vicky, Jake found Shane and Vicky together. Joe and Sofia found Paulina's liquor-soaked sweater and feared she'd gone off with Conke while drunk. **Wait to See:** Lila tries another ploy on Shane.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Kirk found a wedding ring of Sam and James, but she insisted it never happened. But Kirk's P.I. later confirmed it did take place. Teague stabbed Jack and held a knife to Carly's throat as Ben held a gun on him. As they awaited the verdict, Holden reminded Lily he could be in jail for a long time. After overhearing David tell Emily about his new job, Matt asked to get out of his deal with James but was warned not to try. **Wait to See:** Jack makes a desperate choice.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: After James rescued Sheila from Mike and Marty, she told him of Maggie's part in the kidnapping. Lauren was relieved to find Jonny was really Rush's twin and not Rush. Brooke sensed Ridge was feeling connected to Taylor's baby and told Thorne he should know he's the baby's father. Rick was able to get Amber rehired. Later, Amber stole a piece of Brooke's

jewelry. **Wait to See:** Maggie gets help in her plot to bring Sheila down. **DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** After learning that Roman now knew everything about him and Marlena, including Kristen's lies, John asked Marlena to choose between him and Roman. Kristen vowed to get Susan's baby back. Hope was upset when Bo said he was in charge of arresting Jack. While searching for Jennifer, Peter attacked Bo and almost killed Hope. Carrie considered asking Mike if she's the married woman he loves. Ivan told Edmund of his love for Vivian. **Wait to See:** Peter makes a terrible decision about Jennifer.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Brenda was surprised to find Jax on a dinner date with Ashley. Sarah was upset that Nikolas was spending time with Carly. Helena ordered Alexis to give Katherine a long white dress. Stefan later saw a similar dress in a painting of Laura. Bobbie helped Carly come to terms with her feelings for her baby. Alan struggled through another pill crisis. Mac escaped as James again proposed to Felicia. **Wait to See:** Liz is in danger.

GUIDING LIGHT: Vanessa gave birth to her daughter, Maureen. Later, Vanessa and Matt got distressing news. An injured Beth made a confession to her mother, Lillian, while Harley tried to reassure Phillip he's not to blame. Annie tried to get Ben to help her by suggesting she knew something about Ross. A shocked Reva learned Annie had escaped. **Wait to See:** Reva's life is in danger.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Bo got a new lead on the kidnapping. Cassie saw Miss Stonecliff emerge from a secret area of the house. Dorian stole Stonecliff's key and ventured into the locked wing where she made a shocking discovery and came face to face with her past. Tea and Andrew spent the night together while Todd, at the hospital with Starr, tried to reach her. Over Viki's objections, Kevin set out in the

storm to try to find Cassie. **Wait to See:** The police question Todd. **PORT CHARLES:** Scott was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Kevin overheard Scott urge Lucy to do everything to protect Serena, even marry Rex if necessary. Chris learned Matt lied about being injured in a ski accident. Mike told Ellen Matt left with two men. Later, a bomb exploded in a hotel room where Matt waited with the men. In the hospital, Matt blamed the Feds for the deaths of the two marshals who had been with him. Eve helped Scott feign an illness. Kevin was unable to reach Lucy before she became Rex's wife. **Wait to See:** Scott escapes.

SUNSET BEACH: To her relief, Meg couldn't find the tell-tale wound on Ben's leg that could have proved Tim was right in accusing him of being the killer. Later, Ben removed and then reapplied the flesh-colored latex strip that covered the wound. Cole resisted JoBeth's advances and threats. Annie prepared to give Caitlin Olivia's child. Virginia was determined to make Vanessa believe she has her mother's disease. Caitlin went to confession on her wedding day where she heard the priest urge her to tell Cole the truth about her fake pregnancy. Ricardo urged Gabi not to quit the force. **Wait to See:** Claude causes more problems for Cole. **THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:** Jill overheard Tricia tell Megan she'll soon be Ryan's wife. Jill then asked Ryan if he actually proposed to Tricia. John told Silva to pursue custody of Billy. Sharon fumed because Grace wouldn't let her tell Cassie she's her mother. Nikki was concerned about Sharon and told Victor Nick should spend more time with his wife. Josh wondered about his and Nikki's missing wedding photo. Meanwhile Sarah (Veronica) cut Nikki's head and body out of the photo. Victoria and Ashley had words over Cole. **Wait to See:** Chris and Paul face another problem over Danny.

The Hardships of Dating and Mating at Albright College

by Kim Fields

When I was asked to do an article on dating and relationships here at Albright, I almost fell over with laughter. My amusement subsided when I tried to figure out what was so funny about an article on dating and mating. Then I remembered -- I go to Albright where the term "dating" means you might as well be engaged. People here don't date. They are either part of an established couple or they "hook up" with people sometimes. No one ever goes to dinner and a movie with a potentially interesting and moderately attractive person of the opposite sex. If they do, then they are a couple; they are not just "dating."

In order to examine the principles of dating we first need to address the relationships that are typical here at Albright. I've been talking to various people all week, and the consensus agreed with most of my observations about couples. Most people fall into one of the following couple categories.

1. *The attached at the hip, nauseatingly cute couple:* These people either came to Albright together or met during orientation and have been together ever since. They spend all of their time with each other and effectively make the rest of us ill. It's important to note

though, that all of the cute guys/girls get snagged during those first few days of orientation. It's no wonder people in this type of relationship hold on so tightly.

2. *The on-again/off-again couple:* This couple knows they were meant to be but they have straying eyes, lips and hips that continually fuel late-night drunken fights. One day they're a happy duo, and the next they're arch-enemies.

3. *The we're-not-together couple:* These people hook up all the time but deny it at all costs for fear that it may dissuade any other potential hook-ups. But the fact of the matter is that everyone knows they're together anyway.

4. *Random hook-ups and one nighters:* This is not actually based on any type of relationship. They tend to stem from prolonged drinking binges and boredom. As the party dwindles down, and you have one more drink, you realize that the sweaty dork, who has been bumping you into you all night, has magically transformed into Leonardo DiCaprio or Kate Moss. With your inhibitions let down, you believe it would be wise to let Leo or Kate walk home with you. The next morning you wonder why Sloth or Roseanne is in bed with you, and why you still have that toga on. Then you realize...you have to walk

that path of shame down 13th street in a toga.

5. *We're just friends:* These people are the worst. They claim to think of one another as a brother or sister, but in reality they're just denying the intense sexual tension that exists between them. It's like Billy Crystal said in *When Harry Met Sally*, "Men and women can't be friends, because the sex part always gets in the way." This is undoubtedly true.

These relationships are characteristic of most of the couples here at Albright. I find it sad that we all tend to couple off in these ways. Why not be more open-minded and date various people? These days the perception of dating lends itself to exclusivity, but in actuality dating technically implies that there is no monogamy involved between two people. Both parties are free to go out with other people. It means that there is no commitment on either person's behalf. Personally, I think the idea is excellent. You can go out with whomever you want, and you don't have to worry about making your boyfriend/girlfriend angry. And hey, sometimes you can score a free meal in the process. Who can resist such temptation? I've spent a lot of time wondering why we don't date here at Albright, and I've come to a few

conclusions:

1. *Who's got the money for a date?* Let's face it, we're all poor. Most students don't work, and those who do count the days to the 15th of each month. That big \$50 paycheck, courtesy of Albright College, can't get us too far, though. We have to spend that hard-earned cash on our bookstore charges, phone bills, and beer. With all these expenditures, who has the money to go out and spend more money on someone you barely know?

2. *Where in Reading can you take a date?* Okay, the options are limited. I don't think a late night trip to Sheetz is an ideal locale for a first date, unless, of course you get some "Evening Magic" in the bathroom!!! Besides, who wants to take their car into the Reading projects for a nice dinner? The Pagoda gets old quickly, and there aren't too many other places you can go in town.

3. *Who has time?* With four or five classes, a job, practice and friends, who can find time to sandwich in meeting and getting to know a person? Most people on campus go out with people they already know from POP groups, parties and similar circles of friends.

4. *What will people think?* If you go out for dinner and a movie with someone, it probably means

you gave up time with your friends. What will they think if they know went out with so-and-so? "Are you two a couple? Did you get any play?" The endless stream of questions would surely scare away even the most willing participants of dating.

Okay, so there are a few arguments against the idea of dating. You really don't have to spend too much money or time to rent a movie and hang out with someone new on a Friday night. You can always run down to A-Z and pick up five films for \$5. And what ever happened to a good home-cooked dinner? Anyone would be glad to get away from the caf food. Best of all, if you have a horrible time on this date, you can always call security for them and send them on their merry way. There is no rule that says you must enjoy yourself.

We are all young, vibrant and in the prime of our lives. Why should we be confined to 'dating' one person? There is a whole world of people out there; why limit your options? So this Valentine's Day, if you're bored and dreading spending the day alone, get some courage and ask that guy/girl in your American Government class to go out for an evening -- no pressure, no expectations. What's the worst thing that could happen to you?

For those of you out there who have no Valentine, here are some pick-up lines that may help. Good luck!

Screw me if I'm wrong, but is your name Gertrude?

If I told you that you had a great body would you hold it against me?

So there you are! I've been looking all my life for you.

Mind if I gaze at you close up instead of from across the room?

You must be lost--I've never seen anyone as beautiful as you around here.

I seem to have lost my phone number. Can I have yours?

Want to go get a pizza and screw? What? You don't like pizza?

You may be asked to leave. You're making all the other women look bad.

Be different. Say yes.

Excuse me. Can you tell me your name so I know who I'm dreaming about tonight?

How many drinks would I have to buy you in order for me to look good?

Even if your answer is no, nod your head so that I don't look stupid.

Please talk to me for a few minutes. It's good for me to be seen with beautiful women.

So what do you do besides make me warm all over?

No wonder the sky is so gray today. All of the blue is in your eyes.

You make me so nervous I've forgotten my regular pick-up line.

Girls like you should wear health warnings: "May Cause Irregular Heartbeat."

I'm writing a telephone book. Can I have your number?

Excuse me. Can I have my heart back?

So what's a nice girl like you doing in a fantasy like mine?

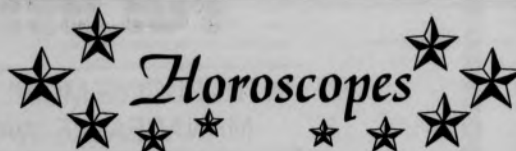
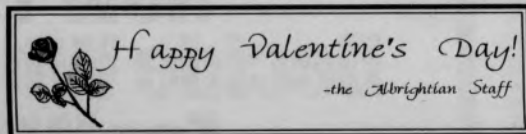
Let's go back to my place and do all the things I'm gonna tell my friends we did anyway.

You must be the brown-eyed girl who inspired Van Morrison.

I look like Tom Cruise when the lights are out.

Hi, my name is Dino. Now you'll know what to scream.

Do you have plans for the rest of your life?



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You should be discriminating about which social invitations you accept. Some are more fruitful and more enjoyable than others. Travelers meet with unexpected expenses this weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

You have innovative business ideas this week, but it's not the time to test them. When shopping over the weekend, be careful not to overspend on a luxury item. Be sure you know your prices.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Advice you receive may be off the mark. Guests could drop by at an inappropriate time or someone you're expecting later in the week may be delayed in arriving. Be flexible this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You may be talking to someone this week who has a big line. Remain properly skeptical. Keep business aims realistic. Weekend social plans may be subject to change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

In your pursuit of good times, remember to honor prior commitments and stay on top of responsibilities. It's not the best week for a do-it-yourself project.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You're in a pleasure-seeking mood this week and may be inclined to take foolish risks. Stay away from long-shot gambles. This weekend, you're a bit impulsive in matters of the heart.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Money owed you may be late in arriving. Don't part with joint funds until you check with your mate first. This weekend, have enjoyable times without being overly indulgent in food or drink.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A family member may be unable to attend a planned get-together this week. It's best to be sure of a person's taste before purchasing a gift. This weekend, watch your wallet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Someone could keep you waiting early in the week. Be leery of those who promise more than they can deliver. Business and pleasure do not combine favorably over the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Though there'll be time for socializing this week, you'll also want to devote some time to a work-related project. Try not to go overboard on spending on the home this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

The pleasures of food and drink may be alluring at this time. Be careful not to abuse your health. Keep the lines of communication open this weekend with those close to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You have some difficulty making up your mind about a possible purchase. Moderation should be your keyword this week since you have a tendency to go to extremes.

Personals

To Dani,
I'll give you what you need to build a dream on.

Welcome back sleazy girls of E-100!
Four more months to keep up the sleaz!

Kate,
We stole the dance competition!
--Kim

Sigma Kappa: We'll trade you Dapper Dan for one jelly doughnut. Please remit to Apartment A.

Keri -- 121 lbs. --HA!

Belly's Friend,
Butch and Spike miss you. They want another late night rendezvous.

Kim,
Been with any men lately? Oops, sorry, I forgot ...
Melissa

Hummel,
I'm glad we finally got to hang out! Let's do it again real soon. --L

Whatever!!!

Apply now to the Pi Kappa School of Offensive Driving
--Opie Darlington, Instructor

Wertz -- Pull Up Your Pants!!!
... 4 pounds of flour; 3,4,5,6 smashed cars; 2 diabetics; and 1 lovable ill Korean

Opie,
The magic number is 226!
Love Your Fan Club

Chicken fight anyone?

Room 1163,
Who else misses the smoothies?
--Denise

K-- Florida was an enlightening experience for me last year. Now that I'm going again, I can't wait to see what happens this time!! --D

I don't make that face when I'm drunk.
--Melissa

Group 8? Where's group 8? ...
Snorkling!

Mulva -- Good luck!

We're still the champions ... keep practicing Kim and Kate.

Who else misses DiMarco?

M,
So much for mending your crazy ways!
--D

Charlene,
Treat me with respect.
Love Therese
P.S. I want you to put my bra on me.

Diehl,
Will you be mine? --Jose Cuervo

If we all started smoking in the Campus Center again what would they do to us? Raise our tuition?

Lies That We Tell Our Children:
#12 You don't need alcohol to have a good time.

#79 I'm from the government and I'm here to help you.
#99 There is no Radon in the Albright Woods.

Bummed out about Valentine's Day? Do the Polly Wolly and you'll feel better.

Francis,
Three more weeks ...

To Our Caf God,
It's been a great 2 years being your followers.
Love Your Groupies

Lauren and Melissa,
How much of the fall semester do you two alcoholics even remember?

Alyssa,
"Check your change." --Bono

What ever happened to the guy who use to drive around in the red truck?

Judy -- I still have something to show you. Call me.
Love Opie

Hey Melanie: Look! There's a cat! Go get your cat food!

Bob Homberger,
That was the nicest Christmas card I ever received. Thanks :)

Joe Piccioni -- a Jim Cavallo in the making.

Rugby Parties at the Goose.

SMK,
I do love nothing in the world so well as you, is that not strange?
PJMK

Fernsag,
So much for staying out of trouble! It just seems to find me! --Scarlett

If you think that a six pack and a bug zapper are a good time, your name might be Somerset Bob.

Netznik -- Don't squeeze the charmin.

Please stay Pauly!!!

Anyone up for a game of SMILE?

Becky, I didn't recognize you without the handcuffs.

Remember what I told you about hiding in the closet.

Nat, how 'bout those blinkers?

Verdone,
You look good, I mean you looked good before but now you look really good.

36 days 'til Florida, and all it entails!!!

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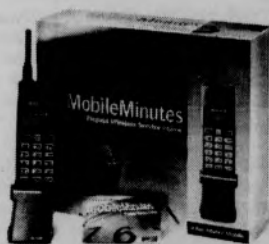
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Editorials/Opinions

SGA Pres. questions Hurwitz's decision

Dear Editor,

It is my understanding that January Interim is attended by approximately 30 percent of the student body, many of whom spend the month traveling to Hawaii, the Bahamas and Mexico. Therefore, I believe most students were not only surprised but shocked to return to campus on Feb. 2 and read the President's letter. Buried at the bottom of the front page was a paragraph that mentioned "making a strategic shift in the organization of the College's administration

responsible for student life."

It goes on to say that this "new dean" will be "ideally a dean of the college." I speak for many students when I say that this letter fails to clarify or justify the restructuring and contributes to false rumors. It is interesting that no students were consulted or informed of this decision previous to its announcement even though we are the ones most directly involved with student life.

It was my opinion that student satisfaction was slowly improving; however, that is no longer the case. As president of Student Government Association, I was working to improve communication among constituencies and help stabilize things across campus, as were many people. Unfortunately, it seems as if communication has broken down. The sudden and seemingly unwarranted decision to eliminate the position of Vice

President for Student Services is not in the best interest of the students at this time and would be detrimental to the future of the institution.

Constant turnover in the administration causes a lack of faith in our leadership. This means that students are less likely to adhere to college policies and have little respect for administrators who don't seem to have the same agenda. It is hard to discern if Albright's best interests are really considered at the time decisions like this are made.

We all want Albright to survive and flourish, but know that this can only happen if there is consistent, stable and responsible leadership. Now is the time to maintain and improve what is necessary for the success of the College. Let us learn to communicate better so that we can continue to move forward.

Sincerely,
Carissa E. Kolb, President
Student Government Association

Local community service coordinator makes plea for more student volunteers

Dear Editor:

During the recent holiday season, I was very moved by the generosity of students and staff on all our campuses. It seemed that all I had to do was ask and someone said, "Yes!" When there was a need, volunteers were ready to meet it. To me that is the joy of the season and I thank you.

But now the season is over and there are still needs. Will volunteers be as ready to meet those needs now that the giving season has passed? Will you sit around with your friends and families and prepare supply kits for the homeless or donate a few dollars for families in crisis? I hope someone will still say, "Yes."

On Monday, Jan. 19 we celebrated the birth of a great leader--someone who believed all people can live and work together no matter what their race, religion or national origin. He believed that we all have something to give to one another and that service makes us responsible citizens. He was Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1994, the President declared a national holiday to celebrate his birthday, but not just to give people another day off and banks another

holiday; it was created to promote community service through interracial cooperation. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others," Dr. King stressed.

One way you can say "yes" to service is by practicing Random Acts of Kindness: make coffee and deliver it to your coworkers, compliment everybody you work with at least once during the day, post smiley faces on the janitor's closet, decorate chocolate chip cookies for your RA, hold a door, help, smile, care. Be creative! After work, involve others and serve dinner at the Reading Emergency shelter, hang out with youth at the YMCA drop in center, visit with patients at Rainbow Home or stop by a nearby nursing home. Write a thank you to someone who has made a difference in your life or tell your RD about a special person on your RD.

Dr. King believed, "...everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Make it a great day!

Barb Bloom

Community Service Coordinator
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REAL ISSUES!

BY PAULINE SKIADOPOULOS

Q: DO YOU THINK THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENT CLINTON ARE TRUE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD MATTER TO US?

I think it's true. I think he did it, and they are covering it up. But I could really care less.
--John McGillian, '01

I do believe the allegations against President Clinton are true. But I don't care because I don't think his personal life affects the way he runs the country. --Mike Sharesky, '01

I believe it, but I don't think it matters. Even if you're not a Clinton fan you have to admit he has done a lot during his presidency. I think the media is really blowing it out of proportion. There are so many presidents in the past that have definitely had extramarital affairs. People don't seem to think if affected their presidencies; why should it affect his?

--Mary Ann Coleman, '99

I believe it. I don't think it has a direct effect on his ability to be a good president, but if he is lying under oath and is asking other people to lie, then I believe it is wrong and actions should be taken against him. --Lindsey Hagenbuch, '00

I do believe it. What he did doesn't influence how he's going to do his job. It's a personal matter and the media puts too much attention on the personal lives of people in the spotlight. --April Shildt, '01

Yes, I believe he's guilty; however, I think his moral issues and political issues shouldn't intertwine. --Maria Caponegro, '98

Yes, I believe he did it. Whether he is faithful to his wife or not does not should not affect the way he runs the country, but if he has lied or asked others to lie he has committed perjury and that is unexcusable. If he lied about this what would stop him from lying about other things? --Maggie Ward '98

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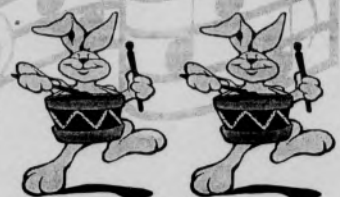


As the president of the Day Student's Association (DSA), I would like to invite all commuters to one of Albright's best kept secrets, the Pine Room. The Pine Room is located under Selwyn Hall next to Security. It is equipped with two computers and printers, a refrigerator, microwave, television, VCR, sofas, chairs and tables. It is a wonderful place to eat lunch, study or hang out with friends.

If you have any questions concerning the Pine Room, or would like more information, please call the Pine Room at 921-7614.
--Rebecca Noll

The Albright College football team had yet another winning season, but there was no pep band to show its support for the team we were so proud of. As president of the Albright College Jazz Lab, I would like to organize a pep band to play at all of Albright's home football games, as well as most of the away games. If you are interested in participating in the pep band or know any alumni who are interested, please contact me at Box 1057. Suggestions are also welcome.

--Rebecca Noll



From where I stand...

It's an interesting view which I have during basketball games. From way up in the rafters, I have the opportunity to silently observe the goings on in the Bollman Center. I feel like Sting (for all you fellow wrestling fans!).

Some things have been positive, such as the performance of the men's team and Jarra's 1362nd point. Others, however, have not been so positive.

Why is it that some people still do not remove their caps for the playing of the National Anthem? This is not high school. I realize that this is a free country, and people have the right to keep their hats on if they so desire. For over 200 years, American patriots have sacrificed their lives for each one of us to have that right. By keeping your hat on, you are not only being disrespectful of this country, you are being disrespectful of them.

I think the thing that surprised me the most was that it wasn't just students. One person who is a repeat offender is a member of the Albright staff. You're supposed to be a role model. Act like one.

Little has amused me more than watching the Phi Dels during basketball games. Let's face it...would you want to shoot a foul shot with Drew Dixon directly in front of you?

What I don't understand is why our students must distance themselves from each other. The Phi Dels sit behind the basket (which I understand, because that is the closest that Bob Maro can get to the cameraman without being in his pocket). The SAEs sit in one corner or the other, the Crows on one sideline, and Pi Kaps on the other. I'm not as familiar with the different sorority members, but aside from the women's basketball team, the sororities don't seem to be in saving too many seats for each other either.

Now, I realize that there are reasons for these separations, and I'm sure they are all very important reasons, so why bring it up?

I'm going out on a limb and saying that in a couple weeks, the men will have a playoff game. The game could very well be at home. What I would hate to see is a repeat of what happened when Leb Val played here a few weeks ago. Judging from the crowd noise, I started thinking I was at Leb Val. I could almost smell the bologna it was so bad. What kind of home court advantage is that?

A typical college basketball game lasts about two hours. Is there anyone here who is capable of sucking it up for two hours for the sake of our sports teams?

Then again, irrespective of where these groups of students sit, at least they show up. At least they support their teams.

I know what you're all thinking, "There goes Krebs again, pissing and moaning..."

Even if you think I'm an idiot for what I've said so far (and you're entitled), hear out what I have to say next.

You know, the term "heart" is thrown around the sports world so much these days, it has become cliché. I don't think that I understood exactly what "having heart" meant to me until one night a couple weeks ago when I was at slightly less than 100%.

The other things I've seen from up top are mere annoyances. What I want to describe next has been downright painful. Cathy Quigly has been a regular during her time here. She was a two-year starter and is a captain of this year's club. So far, the team has played 19 games, of which she has only played in 15. She has not started a single game.

The point of this is not to second guess anyone. I'm a writer, not a coach. The reason I'm writing this is to make sure that a player who truly deserves recognition gets exactly that.

If you go to a women's game expecting to see Cathy score 20, you're going to be disappointed. She's not a scorer, nor would she claim to be. What she is, however, is a player. She gives 100% every second she's on the court. She does all of the tough things that don't show up in the box score. She is a stopper defensively, she takes the abuse on picks, and she seems to come up with every loose ball.

That tells you a lot about Cathy as a player. Watching Cathy off the court tells you a lot about her as a person. She is always into the game and supportive of her teammates. To my knowledge, she has always put the team ahead of herself.

It's easy to sum up Cathy Quigly - All Heart. I say that with no reservations. Just watch her for one game. Maybe then you'll understand why some of us seniors cheer just a little louder when she checks into the game, and clap just a little longer when she checks out.

At least that's how it looks from where I stand...

-Kurt Krebs

Albright swimmers have another outstanding year

by Gina Roselli

Both the men's and women's swimming teams are having phenomenal seasons. The men are currently 9-3 and the women have an outstanding record of 11-2. With only one regular season match remaining against MAC competitor Lebanon Valley, the swim teams are guaranteed to finish the season with incredible records.

The men's and women's teams both ended 1997 with wins, defeating Susquehanna on Dec. 13. Over Christmas break, the team went down to Florida for an intensive training session. They returned to

Albright for interim in order to keep up their practice regime and compete in five meets during the month of January.

On Jan. 10, Albright had an away meet at Drew University. The women escaped with a narrow victory (105-100) while the men unfortunately suffered their second loss of the season (118-85). At this meet, sophomore Mary Scianna set a team record when she swam the 1000 yard freestyle in 11:31.93. A week later the men trounced Scranton 104-80 at an away meet; the women also walked away with a victory, winning 107-98. On Jan. 21, the women had a meet against Juniata where they thoroughly

trounced them 113-87. Lycoming came to Albright on Jan. 24. The men soundly defeated them by a 120-71 margin. The women did not fare as well, losing 108-97. Albright participated in a tri-meet on Jan. 28. Misericordia was no match for either team. The men won 75-20 and the women crushed them 66-9. Both teams also defeated York. The men won 59-36, the women by a 63-32 margin. This was followed up by a women's victory against Widener on Feb. 4. Unfortunately, the men's team was killed by Widener.

The team is now anxiously looking toward the MAC Championships at Lycoming on Feb. 20-22. They will finish their seasons with fantastic records. Their only remaining regular season meet is against MAC competitor Lebanon Valley and it will be held at home at 7:00 pm on Feb. 11.

Alexander leads wrestlers toward post-season action

by Emily Wagner

With only MAC championships and NCAA East Regionals left on the schedule, the wrestling team is looking to wind down its season. In the past month, the team has had its share of ups and downs, while individuals have continued to excel.

Jan. 10, the wrestlers traveled to Swarthmore for a tournament. The team ended the meet in the middle of the eight teams, but they came away with impressive victories over Roger Williams, LaSalle and Swarthmore.

In other recent matches, the Lions beat Muhlenburg and Wilkes. The wrestlers, however, lost three

tough matches to York, Gettysburg, and Messiah. "They were all close matches," commented sophomore Dave Armstrong.

And just last Thursday, the grapplers met three other opponents in a quad-meet at Williamson Trade School. The Lions defeated the hosting team along with the team from Valley Forge Military Academy. The match-up with the final team, Swarthmore, ended in a draw. At the quad-meet, junior Jason Alexander pinned every opponent he faced.

During the recent matches, there was an interesting saga on the mats. Freshman Joe Piccioni wrestled one of his high school rivals when the team met up with Haverford.

"I wrestled him three times in high school and lost each time," said Piccioni.

Once, Piccioni lost in a grueling overtime period, and another loss came in the sectional finals. When it came time for them to wrestle at the college level, Piccioni had plenty of motivation to beat his long-time rival. This time, it was all Piccioni. He finally beat his foe. "It was personally exciting," said Piccioni.

Overall, the team now has a record of 7-11-3. With the regular season coming to a close, however, the wrestlers have high hopes for post-season success. "We should do well in MAC championships," said Armstrong. He also went on to say that "Jason Alexander has a chance of going to nationals."

MAC competition will be held at Messiah on Feb. 14, and NCAA East Regionals take place at Ursinus on Feb. 21.

Women's hoops focuses on positives

by Kurt Krebs

Despite what has been a tough year in terms of wins and losses, it is not difficult to find bright spots from the women's basketball season. Senior Jarra Rusnock's record-breaking performance is probably foremost among them.

On Jan. 12, the Lions hosted Allentown. Early in the game, Rusnock hit a driving lay-up which gave her 1362 points in her career, the most in school history. Rusnock leads this year's squad in scoring (18.9), rebounds (7.5), field goal percentage (45.2%) and field goal percentage (75.8%).

There have been other highlights from this season as well. Sophomore Rachel Connolly leads the team in assists at nearly five per game, which places her among the league leaders. She has also stepped up her scoring since Alison Proch went down with mono. In addition, Connolly has become much more of a leader, on the court and off.

Proch was a major loss to the team. Though only a freshman, she was the second leading scorer. She had recorded her first double-double, and was emerging as a future star.

Fellow freshman Danielle Short has stepped in to pick up the slack.

A deadly three-point shooter, Short is making the adjustment to the Division III level.

Perhaps lost in the shuffle has been the influence of upperclassmen Cathy Quigly and Charlene Stinsman. Their leadership and style of play has rubbed off on two players in particular. Sophomores Dawn Iancale and Erin Wreski have developed into solid guards. While their offensive skills continue to develop, they have both become excellent defenders.

The women host Drew on Feb. 12. Seniors Jarra Rusnock and Cathy Quigly will play for the final time at Bollman Center on Feb. 18 when the Lions battle Susquehanna.

Men's basketball team shoots for league playoffs

by Dana Peterson

Before the men's basketball team stepped on the court for their season opener on Nov. 21, they were picked to finish 6th out of the seven teams in the league. Now, however, with only four games remaining in regular season play, the Lions are alone in second place.

"At the beginning of the season our goal was to qualify for playoffs," said head coach Ken Tyler. "Now it

looks as if we may even have a shot at hosting a game."

Before going home for winter break, the Lions were on fire winning three straight games in overtime, two of which were league games. Upon returning to campus they continued their winning ways in the conference, defeating Juniata 89-78, Elizabethtown 87-76 and Susquehanna 78-74.

"Susquehanna was a big game for us," said Tyler. "We played with

confidence and togetherness. It was there that things began to crystallize and we realized our potential. Although we were picked to finish 6th in the league we used this as a motivational factor to push us forward. I think that speaks well of our team, especially since it is such a young team."

Now the Lions, with a league record of 7-3, control their own destiny.

Only a game out of first, the Lions are still within reach of a Commonwealth League title.

"We still have a legitimate shot at being number one or at least hosting a playoff game," said junior Summer Hemphill. "I think this is

definitely a realistic possibility, especially since Lebanon Valley (currently first at 8-2) lost to Juniata and Moravian. Now I would just like to see us go 4-0 and pull farther and farther away from a .500 overall record."

Although the men are finishing their season with three top teams, their goal is to take each game one step at a time.

The men host Juniata on Wednesday, Feb. 11. With a win, the Lions could clinch a MAC playoff berth. The Lions then face three tough tests. They travel to E-town and Leb Val in addition to hosting Susquehanna on Feb. 18.

The Showdown:

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VS
Steve "Stevie" Glassman
Assistant SID

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Sports



Albrightian/DANA PETERSON

Jarra Rusnock (#23) becomes Albright's all-time leading scorer.



Albrightian/DANA PETERSON

Rusnock is congratulated by her parents and presented with the game ball after her record-breaking shot.

Jarra Rusnock stands alone atop the Albright record book

Recently, I was privileged enough to have the opportunity to sit down and talk hoops with senior Jarra Rusnock. On Jan. 10, Jarra scored her 1361st career point, becoming the all-time leading scorer in school history. In doing so, she officially became what those of us who have been fortunate enough to watch her play have known all along. I feel safe in saying that Jarra is the best of all time.

K: First of all, congratulations on becoming the all-time leading scorer.

J.R.: Thank you.

K: Your record breaking shot, can you walk us through it?

J.R.: Sure. I got a pass on the wing from Alison Proch. There was a girl guarding me, but I drove to the lane and just drove through people. I got fouled on it. That's about all I remember about it. It's really a big blur, because I had to watch the tape to see what it was.

K: Obviously it was exciting, but were you happy to get it over with?

J.R.: Yes. I think I looked at Alison right away like, "Thank God!", because I missed my first four shots. It was late into the game, about eight

minutes into it, and I still hadn't scored yet. Finally, when it was over, I was very happy.

K: The previous game at Haverford, there were seven seconds left in the game. You go to the foul line, and you are an 80% free throw shooter, but you missed the front end of a one-and-one. Did you have any idea how many points you had?

J.R.: No, I didn't know.

K: Just lucky?

J.R.: I knew I was close. I had no idea how many points I had that game, but I knew I was close. My mom and dad were there, and as soon as I let go of the shot, I heard the camera go from my mom. Now, she always takes a lot of pictures, so I didn't really think a big deal about it. But I saw her after the game, and said, "You know that was the shot?" My dad came up to me and said, "Jeez Jarra, I wish you would've drained it and got it over with!". I was happy though that I was able to get it at home.

K: I know this was about 600 baskets ago, but do you remember your first basket here?

J.R.: I remember something really

vividly from the first game I played in. We were in a 1-2-2 press, and I was at mid-court. I stole the ball and took it in for a lay-up. I don't know if those were the first two points of my career, but among the first.

K: That first year here, it seemed like if you didn't score 30, the team was in trouble. How has the team and the program changed and grown around you?

J.R.: We've gotten some good players in. Rachel [Connolly] is a great point guard, and she can also shoot. House [Jen Houser] can really shoot it, too. Having those people surrounding me has really made it easier for me in the long run. Freshman and sophomore year, teams could really focus on me. Now, especially with Rachel coming in, they can't do that as much because Rachel is a great shooter. Plus we have other people who can light it up from the outside like freshmen Danielle Short and Alison Proch, who was our second leading scorer before she got sick. It has opened things up for me, and also takes some of the pressure off of me, because they can all pick up the slack.

K: You missed a dozen or so games

last year with a broken foot. Has that affected the way you look at the game, or at life in general?

J.R.: It was very upsetting, but it has changed the way I look at it. I don't take for granted every game, and I appreciate more the games that I do play. I appreciate more the things that come to me. I'm glad I was able to stay healthy this year. That was one of my main goals, just to stay healthy, because there is nothing like being out on the court, and it's completely different when you're seeing it from the other end.

K: In four years, you've accomplished quite a bit: Tennis, you've competed twice; basketball, you've been all league three times, and presumably a fourth this season; you're the only three year starter left on the softball team; you have a 3.94 G.P.A.; you've been a GTE All-American, you've been on countless all-academic teams, plus scores of other awards and accolades, and now, you're the all-time leading scorer in school history. When you look back years from now, what do you think your proudest accomplishment will be from your time here?

J.R.: I think the proudest thing is just be able to do all of these things for four years and be able to balance them with my academics. When I first looked at colleges, I didn't think I'd play sports because I thought they would take away from my Chemistry. I'm just proud that I decided to step up and play here and be successful and have a good time doing it.

K: Say you're writing the script--how does your Albright career end?

J.R.: Our final game here at the Bollman Center we play Susquehanna. We beat them by 2 points on one of my drives to the lane.

K: When the basketball season ends are you going to walk away from the sport, or do you think you'll stay involved?

J.R.: I'll definitely stay involved, coaching maybe. I'm sure I'll still be down at the playground playing during the summer. I would like to get into coaching somehow. I'm not sure what level or anything like that. I'm definitely going to miss it.

...and Albright is certainly going to miss Jarra, too.

Sportschat

NCAA football

See, I told you so...

Does anyone know where I can get a good suit?

NHL

Has anyone seen the Pens? Oh yeah...they're in first.

Has anyone seen the Flyers? Oh yeah...they're not.

NBA

If the NBA really wants to punish Latrell Sprewell, make him continue to play for the Warriors.

Tastefully done...that's important...to be tasteful.

NASCAR

The 24 hours of Daytona is nothing compared to an hour on the Schuylkill expressway.

When I say Trickle, what comes to mind?

WCW/WWE/ECW

Evidence that some things in wrestling are real...Francine.

Degeneration X says...well, you know.

Ray Traylor - will job for food.

* If you have any comments for Sportschat, drop them in the Albrightian office or box 781 any time.

Payne seeks illustrious three-peat

by Emily Wagner

Simply put, junior Jenny Payne has what it takes to be a champion in the sport of badminton. Already conference champion and an All-American in each of the past two seasons, Payne has the opportunity to accomplish an unheard-of feat. This season, Payne could three-peat as conference champion and as an All-American.

Her goals for this season reach even further than anything she has accomplished so far in her distinguished career. "My goal is to medal in nationals," said Payne,

who has competed in nationals the past two years but never earned a medal.

At this point in the season, Payne appears to have a fighting chance of achieving that goal. Payne, who holds the number one position on the Lion's team, is undefeated this season. Her toughest match came against Bryn Mawr when her opponent took the match to a third set before Payne could put her away.

Payne's coach, John Lim, described Jenny as simply "great." He continued, "I can build our program around her."

In addition to Payne's individual success, the team has also enjoyed success this season. The Lion's overall record is 3-1, with the Academy of New Church handing them their only loss. The team came away with a satisfying and well earned victory, however, over their biggest rival, Bryn Mawr. "It's always good to beat them," Payne said.

The team travels to Harcum on Feb. 10 and then to Bryn Mawr for the PAIAW Championships. Their next big home match comes on Feb. 19, when the Lions battle Swarthmore.