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The countdown begins for graduation, the spotlight is on the seniors!

Faculty member questions Zimon's qualifications, sparks discussion among others in the community

by **Geoffery Smith**
Staff Writer

A recent notion by faculty to extend a congratulation to newly elected college president Henry Zimon has sparked disagreement among Albright professors regarding the presidential search process.

During the February faculty meeting, Dr. Richard Androne, Chair of the English Department, motioned for the faculty of Albright College to extend its congratulations and most sincere good wishes to Henry Zimon on the occasion of his selection as our thirteenth president.

Androne said, "This resolution was proper and normal."

Dr. Achal Mehra, Professor of English and Communication, said, "The Albright College faculty opposes the appointment of Colonel Zimon as president. The faculty requests the Board of Trustees to rescind his appointment and to reopen the presidential search. The faculty also urges Zimon to reconsider his

decision to lead Albright."

Mehra said he was concerned with the speed at which the Trustees made their decision on Zimon. He explained that he wanted to make it very clear that he is not alleging any foul play, but still has sufficient questioning for Zimon that he feels is necessary for a president of a college.

Mehra further explained his regard for the vagueness of Zimon's resume—the fact that he was unable to locate Zimon's publications and he was particularly bothered by Zimon's military background. Mehra said he was interested with the incompatibility of a small liberal arts college to the hierarchy of the army institutions. He will pay special attention to see if Zimon will bring stereotypical, autocratic practices associated with the military to Albright.

In response to Mehra's concerns, Dr. Alberto Cacicedo, Faculty Representative to the Search Committee, said that Zimon's resume titles seemed vague because he felt

by only including the duties of each title, it would give a better sense of his occupations. Cacicedo also said that many of Zimon's publications can not be found because they are pending publication. But many of his written treatises are, in fact, part of public domain.

Mehra still felt that the vote occurred too rapidly as the Trustees voted on a new president in early February, just minutes after the Presidential Search Committee's candidate report concluded.

Kim Jackson, Director of Multicultural Affairs and Search Committee Member, said, "I understand how the community would feel that we worked too quickly; however, those of us on the committee had been working since July, and once we found our top candidates to present to the board, why wait? We presented attractive candidates whom we did not want to lose to another school. I am happy to see the board act quickly and decisively."

Jack Horrigan, Chairman of the

Board of Trustees, said that the Trustees have the power to elect a president at whatever speed they choose to, and they did so because of their trust in the Search Committee's competence. Horrigan also said that they were forced to act quickly because the candidates were being considered for other positions. Horrigan refused all other questioning.

Dr. Karen Campbell, Biology Department Chair and faculty representative to the Presidential Search Committee, was upset that Mehra was questioning her duties and felt that the Search Committee did as close to a flawless job with the process as possible. She also said she would not entertain any questions about Zimon's background from someone who had not been involved with the search process.

Despite the tensions, Trustee and Presidential Search Committee Chair Sal Cutrona was unavailable for comment. Zimon was also unable to be reached due to a conference in Louisiana.

New honors housing policy creates stir with students

by **Pauline Skiadopoulou**

On the evening of March 16, Mohn Hall residents met with Kris Kawczynski, Coordinator of Resident Life, to discuss the revised policy for honors housing for next semester. Students were not pleased by what they were told.

Earlier that day a draft of the requirements was created by Dr. James Pawelski, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, and Kawczynski herself. The policy stated that students must be enrolled in Albright's Honors Program in order to be eligible for residence in Mohn Hall.

The Honors Program is an additional academic challenge to students with talent and motivation and gives these students an opportunity to meet and work together. The program is open to Jacob Albright Scholars but other students may enter the program after their first semester provided they have at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average. Requirements of the program include an honors seminar, an interdisciplinary honors course, an honors course in the student's major and a senior honors thesis. The Honors Program is optional, however, any student may still pursue departmental honors or graduate with honors (summa cum laude, etc.) without participating in the program.

Upon implementation of the new housing policy in Mohn Hall, students not enrolled in the Honors Program but still wanting to live in Mohn next year expressed



Mohn Hall will become exclusively honors housing as of next year.

frustration. Maitiu OhEigeartaigh '01 said, "Students felt they had no input when the sudden decision was being made."

Kawczynski said, "This has been a gradual process, nothing new. Mohn Hall was converted to

the first place was because there wasn't enough honors students to fill the empty rooms. Now there are more Jacob Albright Scholars and more students with a 3.25 average or higher, so the demand for an all honors residence is needed. Pawelski also added that this decision was not made suddenly by the Honors Committee but was made years ago.

Pawelski said, "Student concerns were not only heard, they were carefully listened to."

Following input from the initial meeting between Kawczynski and the Mohn residents, additional meetings were immediately scheduled to discuss the matter. The following day Kawczynski, Pawelski and some Mohn RA's met to discuss some alternatives. Meetings between the Honors Committee and the Honors Club were held on March 19 and 25, and a second open meeting with the Mohn residents was held on March 22.

Kawczynski said, "Students were given every opportunity to discuss their concerns."

One issue raised at these meetings concerned students with learning disabilities. Mohn Hall is a prime residence for these types of students because it offers an environment that is more conducive to studying than the other residence halls in the quad, with the exception of the third floor of Smith Hall.

Lynette Shaw '01 said, "The lounges in the quad are more recreationally oriented than study

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Albright faculty member an inspiration to student writers



Paul Clark is just one of our many talented faculty members. He has completed a series of published works.

by Adrienne Mitchell
Staff Writer

Paul E. Clark, Library Assistant and part-time English lecturer, is one of the many faculty members whose talents remain unknown to a large part of the Albright community. Clark has been writing since he was a teenager and recently self-published a book entitled "A Hard Saying".

Influenced by 20 years of

mystery novel reading, Clark decided to enter the market on his own. He did this with the introduction of James Raven, private investigator, a complex and sometimes dark character. He is the protagonist in Clark's mystery series, "On the Way Back", which is the first novel to chronicle his times.

The reader meets Raven as he just returns to his work from his "time in the asylum". His mental break down is never explained but

left to the reader to ponder. Clark commented that he may write a prequel to "On the Way Back", to explain the character's story, but the trilogy stands with Raven's mental health as a point of contention. "A Hard Saying", the second in the series, once again pits Raven against the innate evil that, according to Clark, seems to sit quietly in society. Influenced by one of his favorite authors, Graeme Green, Clark said he doesn't cut corners with evil.

Clark said, "I feel a connection to Graeme Green. I think in many instances, we see and feel the world in similar ways."

In his stories, particularly evidenced by those about Raven, one need not expect a "happy" ending even with plot resolution. Like real life, the evil in his times is not so clear cut. However, in this innate "falling of man," there is an ultimate chance for redemption. The imperfectness of humanity itself gives way to even greater possibilities claims Clark.

Although Clark started out writing poetry in his youth he said moving to prose was less of a difficult transition than one may think. He credits C. Day Lewis as a influencing factor in this change. Lewis, a British poet in the 1930's, moved from poetry to prose, combining both areas of literature into a new form of art. The two forms are not so divorced from one another in Lewis' work, nor in Clark's. Both take liberty in style with the flow and movement in

words. Instead of chapters, the divisions in "A Hard Saying" read more like stanzas in poetry.

Clark said he encourages other aspiring writers to keep reading, thinking and writing. Experience and the contemplation of that experience is what gives a person something to say claims Clark.

Clark

said of his beginnings as a writer, "There were things that I had to say. Conversation wasn't enough. I wanted to have the

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Paul E. Clark
Library Assistant/Writer

control over images and ideas that conversation did not always provide."

A third novel in the series is soon to be released. Clark comments that the yet to be published "The Trouble" holds what he feels to be a breakthrough for Raven. The character is "coming to terms" with a crazy world and his place in it said Clark. Copies of "On the Way Back", "A Hard Saying", and soon the third novel "The Trouble", are available for purchase in Albright College's Gingrich Library.

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Alpha's will receive better direction

□ The Alpha Program, designed to aid students in selecting a major if they are undecided, will undergo some changes that are expected to give the program more organization.

by Lori Thomas
Staff Writer

Albright College is restructuring the Alpha program, a program designed to assist students who are undecided about their major, by increasing the attention and consistency of treatment given to these students by faculty.

Currently the Alpha program is chaired by Dr. Richard Androne and Dr. John Parketz, while Dr. Michael Adams develops supporting programs for the students involved with it. With the new program, there will be more organization and uniformity in the treatment of each individual Alpha student.

Adams said, "As of right now

the program's structure isn't set up and students aren't getting the contact they need."

According to Adams, the intention of the new program is to design a structure that will be used throughout all Alpha advising. This will be consistent to all Alpha students regardless of what area of concentration their advisor specializes in. In this way, all Alpha students will share a common program and will thus receive equal treatment that will carry throughout the year.

"There bears a randomness to the way we've assigned students to advisors. There hasn't been any set practices in the past that Alpha students and advisors have followed," said Adams.

The new plan will include regular meetings for all Alpha's to meet and discuss together. This will allow Alpha students to know one

another and have activities among themselves.

"The Alpha Program always had big trips associated with it like Washington D.C. and New York for students to find interests and it will still have this. The new activities have not yet been decided, but there will certainly be specially planned events for Alpha students," explained Adams. The program will also affect those who will be advising the Alpha

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Dr. Michael Adams
Associate Dean

students if they wish to further support the students in an ongoing manner.

Adams claims, "Alpha advisors will have increased responsibility for first year students in college for their direction and their subsequent careers."

Because of all the added responsibility it is projected that the Alpha advisors will be paid a stipend for their involvement. A monetary amount has not been released.

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World/National News

Yeltsin pushes Duma on impeachment vote

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin said a looming impeachment debate should take place as soon as scheduled or be dropped completely, the Kremlin said today.

Parliament's lower house is tentatively scheduled to begin debate Thursday, but lawmakers are still discussing the possibility of postponing it. Leaders of the various factions planned to meet later today to decide how to proceed.

Yeltsin, meanwhile, spoke with the speaker of parliament, Genady Seleznyov, and said the impeachment issue should be debated now or dropped altogether, the presidential press service said.

Yeltsin's supporters - and even a few of his rivals - have called on the State Duma to put off the debate, saying it could further destabilize Russia's political situation.

The impeachment motion is considered unlikely to succeed, but Yeltsin's frequent illnesses and the nation's economic crisis have weakened his authority and made his ouster more likely than it once was. The motion must win a two-thirds majority in both houses of parliament and approval by Russia's two highest courts.

KOSOVO

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - State media claimed a NATO airstrike hit a passenger train today as the alliance bombed Serbia's industrial heartland in the campaign to force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a peace agreement and end the expulsions of ethnic Albanians.

The attack in southeastern Serbia flung several cars off the tracks, the state-run Tanjug news agency said. There was no immediate confirmation from NATO or other officials to the report, which said there were deaths.

Serb TV said at least 14 people were hospitalized, and that there could be dead passengers in two completely wrecked cars.

The report came as NATO conducted bombing raids today despite bad weather, returning to sites already hard hit in the air campaign and NATO foreign ministers convened for their first meeting since the airstrikes began March 24.

IRAN

Crowds mourn murdered general

TEHRAN - Iran's leaders joined large crowds of mourners today at the funeral of a senior military commander assassinated over the weekend by Iraq-based rebels.

The crowds marched outside Iran's top military headquarters in Tehran to pay their last respects to Lt. Gen. Ali Sayyad Shirazi, the armed forces' deputy joint chief of staff, who was gunned down Saturday.

The mourners shouted slogans against the armed opposition group Mujahideen Khalq, which claimed the attack, and the United States and Israel - Iran's arch-enemies. Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, President Mohammad Khatami and parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri joined mourners in funeral procession, state media said.

NIGER

Military government to rule

NIAMEY - The head of the presidential guard unit that witnesses say assassinated Niger's former president has been named the new leader of the West African nation.

Commandant Daouda Malam Wanke will head the military government that is to lead Niger in elections after a nine month transition period, military spokesman Capt. Hamidou Djibrila said in a Sunday night broadcast on state radio and television.

"The armed forces of Niger understand the gravity of the situation and decided to put to rest the institutional void created by the sudden death of President Ibrahim Bare Mainassara," Djibrila said.

Witnesses and diplomats said members of the Presidential Guard repeatedly shot Bare with a truck-mounted large-caliber machine gun as he crossed the tarmac at Niamey's airport Friday. Despite widespread knowledge of the assassination, state radio continued to insist he died in an unfortunate accident.

UNITED STATES

FAA confident in Y2K repairs

DENVER - Convair Three-Niner approaches the runway at Denver International Airport, and also an imaginary boundary: the dreaded start of Year 2000.

It is moments before midnight, in a crucial test of the Federal Aviation Administration's computer system. The clocks in the airport control center are about to turn from Dec. 31, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000.

The controller calls out: "Time is one minute prior to entering the new millennium in our test systems. How do you read this transmission?"

The pilot of the Convair replies: "Loud and clear, and if we disappear off the screen we went into the next millennium."

A minute later, after the clocks hit Jan. 1, 2000, and the plane remains a radar blip on approach Runway 16, the controller calls back: "You are now flying in the year 2000 in our test system. How do you read this transmission?"

The reply: "Loud and clear. It went right through the sound barrier."

So it went late Saturday and early Sunday, as the FAA tested its Y2K computer fixes. Checked were systems that control radar screens and radio transmissions, ground traffic, airport weather reports and landing gear.

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New professor displays her talent

by Alexis Grilli

As I sit down to interview Kristen Woodward, the latest addition to Albright's Visual Arts Department, I find my eyes drawn to her newly relaxed hair. I try to picture her with the "big hair, but no bows hair style" she claims to have sported while living in Mississippi. Woodward says she is very eager to talk about her work, her life, and her impression of Albright.

According to Woodward, Albright is her "dream job". Situated within a day's drive of Rochester, NY, Woodward's hometown, Albright allows her to teach classes that are directly associated with her undergraduate and graduate schooling in print-making and painting. Woodward said she saw the position at Albright as an

excellent opportunity to teach in a setting that would allow her to allot more time to each of her students. As an instructor in Mississippi, Woodward taught four classes per day, each consisting of about 130 students. Woodward expressed her admiration for Albright's close-knit community as well as her excitement to learn that her laws will be cared for by the same staff that takes care of Albright's campus. Woodward said she appreciates the very elements of Albright that set it apart from its larger counterparts.

Woodward's work on display in the Freedman Gallery is intended to strike viewers on a personal level. She claims to paint what she knows. As a self-proclaimed "short, slightly overweight, Italian-American, with a Catholic upbringing", it is not

surprising to find out that a great deal of her work addresses the struggle with the irony of Catholicism. One piece entitled "He who Made Kittens Made Snakes in the Grass" focuses on the struggle between the evilness and beauty that are both created by one God. Unlike many other artists, Woodward claims the titles to her works are key to understanding her intent. She said her titles are well thought out and central to the works.

Woodward cites her favorite quote by deKooning to sum up her work, her lifestyle and her approach to teaching when she says, "A first rate soup is better than a second rate painting."

In the future, Woodward said she plans to continue her artwork and her service to our Albright community.

Earth Day festivities to be held

The day to celebrate the planet is fast approaching and the Berks County Earth Day Committee is hard at work ensuring that this year's festival will be a success. As you may know, every year the committee hosts an Earth Day Festival in Reading. This year the festival will be held on April 18 from 12 to 5 p.m. in City Park. In case of rain, the festival will be held at the same time on May 2. The theme of this year's festival is "Environmental Stewardship: Caring for our Communities."

The festival this year is sure to be an opportunity, not only to show your support for the earth, but also to learn a lot and have a great time. There will be a wide array of musical groups performing throughout the day and some speakers. Local businesses will be there sponsoring numerous events and displaying information about what they do to care for the environment, suggesting alternative sources of energy and more. Nonprofit environmental groups like the Sierra Club will also be attending. Plus, there will be an information booth, children's games and a variety of food sure to satisfy the vegetarian and non-vegetarian alike.

Please show your support for Earth Day by attending the festival this year in City Park from 12-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and have a great time!

by Becky Heck

Mohn strictly for Honors Program

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oriented."

Almost all of the complaints from the Mohn residents centered around the fact that many students who do not meet the GPA requirement or choose not to participate in the Honors Program can no longer live in Mohn.

Chris Moy '00 said, "I may not have the GPA, but that doesn't mean I'm not an asset to the school."

OhEigeartaigh added, "If I want to live with my friend who doesn't meet the criteria, we both have to find new roommates and that is not fair."

Pawelski said that choices need to be made. He claimed the goal is not to exclude people, but some restrictions have to be placed on who is to live in Mohn and students must plan accordingly. He further

explained that students must remember, for every roommate of an honors student who gets to live in Mohn without meeting the criteria, a student who does meet the criteria is turned away.

Though the Honor Committee stands behind the value of the Honors Program and the positive impact it has on Albright, they radically changed the policy initially presented to accommodate the concerns of the students. All students must be approved via the Mohn Hall honors housing application, but students who currently live in Mohn and want to continue living there next year must meet one of the following requirements:

- 1.) They are a member in good standing of the College Honors Program.
- 2.) They are a probationary member

of the College Honors Program. 3.) They are members of the Class of 2000, have a minimum GPA of 3.25, and agree to attend the Honors Theses presentations.

4.) They are members of the class of 2001, have a minimum GPA of 3.25, and agree to take at least one honors course within the next year.

5.) They write a successful appeal on why they want to live in Mohn Hall, how they would benefit from it, and how they contribute to the overall atmosphere of the building.

Many students still feel there are valid issues that need to be addressed concerning the revised policy and the Honors Program as a whole. Pawelski stresses that if students have any additional concerns to feel free to contact him, at x7709, or Kawczynski in the housing office at x7660.

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G.Love ain't got sauce, Fathead does



G. Love chills with Jen Schestok and Hillary Cassarino after the concert.

by Jennifer Schestok
editor-in-chief

It was a cold, yet clear, starlit night Saturday, April 10, just perfect for an outdoor concert. To bad not many students showed up for the most exciting, biggest event in Albright's history and the opening act, Fathead. They were excellent and many in the crowd echoed that after the somewhat lame performance by G.Love and Special Sauce. Thirty-five minutes was not long enough for Fathead to jam and G.Love cut the show too short for anyone to get really into it.

After getting lost for most of the day, both bands were weary from the trip, despite the slight detour, Fathead really sent great vibes to the crowd. G.Love, coming in ranting and raving due to the poor directions (that's the everchanging Reading roads for you), gave a mediocre show.

G.Love's performance really left much to be desired (and not much to comment on). Special Sauce instrumentals were good as always, but G.Love certainly was missing some sauce Saturday night. Their self-proclaimed "rag-mop" style certainly sounded a bit too raggie

and much too stoned. Until they played the three songs everyone knows, "Cold Beverage, I-76, and Baby's Got Sauce," did anyone start to get energetic.

To get back to Fathead, their bassist, Eric "Rico" Joseph explained their unique sound as the "soft-shoulder, electric burlesque" of music. Honestly, it doesn't fit into any one genre of music. Their music has a range of influences from Muddy Waters, The Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd, and John Coltrane to name a few.

These eight hard-working,

talented hunks of men (just like friends from home) truly deserve all the accolades they receive. "It is all us," said drummer, Tony Flagiello. Fathead has not been signed on a label. They actually have turned down labels because they have not found the one that suits them.

They do all the driving, and unloading of the equipment themselves. But they are not bitter because they understand that it takes a lot of sacrificing and determination to make a dream, a reality. "It's good for the creative freedom, but bad for the financial pocket. We grow musically as a band and as individuals. We have a lot to express, we all have stuff to say," said keyboardist, Jeremy Dyen.

The unity and camaraderie shows through their performance and their music. "We are open-minded and want to be true to the music," said Jon Cole (saxophone).

And staying true to the music they are, for they have a busy touring schedule into the summer. They will be touring up and down the Eastcoast. Check out their cool website at www.fatheadmusic.com for more information about the band, tour dates, and where to buy their cds.



Fathead, hip-hop/rock band from Philly, sent out cool vibes to Albrightians.

Students examine interracial dating

by Markita Edmond

Interracial dating on college campuses is on the rise. How do students on Albright's campus feel about this issue, and are people becoming more tolerant?

Several Albright students, African-American women in particular, say that are very open-minded and tolerant of interracial relationships, however many prefer to date within their own race.

"Be with who you want to be with, I don't have a problem with it, but personally, I prefer dating my African-American brothers," said Dametria Hicks, a sophomore. Tiffany Johnson, also a sophomore and product of an interracial relationship, has dated white men, but prefers African-American men. "I went out with a white guy before, but after he found out I was half black he didn't want to date me anymore," said Johnson.

Johnson, whose mother is white and her father African-American, admits that neither side of her family approved of her mother and father's relationship, or bringing an interracial child into the world.

Disapproval of interracial relationships can stem from cultural beliefs and norms. For Tameka Ffrench-Bowie, a junior, says, dating outside of her race is unacceptable within her Jamaican culture. "In my culture it's not acceptable to date outside of my race," said Ffrench-Bowie. "I'd rather date within the Hispanic or African-American races, because they are closer to my culture, and it creates less problems."

Some feel that people of different races and cultures would have a hard time relating to one another. "A white man could never

relate to my feelings on racism," said Ffrench-Bowie.

However, many wonder whether or not some of the problems with interracial dating stem from racism or a lack of understanding between men and women of the same race.

According to Hicks, many of African-American men on campus prefer to date white women because they are more passive and black women are too aggressive. "The opinion of certain black males on this campus is that black men are in popular demand. All women want black men. Black men feel that black women are jealous because they (black men) can have anyone they want and we can't," said Hicks. "Yet when it gets down to it, they want a black woman to settle down with."

Are white women getting the short end of the deal? According to Naeema Sandy, a sophomore at Albright, poor treatment of women comes from living in a patriarchal society. "All women are treated badly," said Sandy. However, she admits that black women are treated better than white women are in interracial relationships.

Although, several have had negative experiences and argue against interracial dating, many have cited positive experiences as well.

Jennifer Maiello, a junior, is involved in an interracial relationship said she doesn't find it difficult. "In the beginning I did because we were in the spotlight," said Maiello. She admits that she had never been in an interracial relationship before with a black man and so she didn't quite know how to handle it.

She also feels that the campus' attitude toward it is mixed. "Some are open-minded and then there are those who aren't," said Maiello.

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Features

Are you dying for the summer: the truth about anorexia

by Rebecca Noll

In all honesty, I would be one of the first people to tell you that there is no way you would catch me in a bathing suit this summer, around campus or at the beach. But even my self-conscious ways are not enough to keep me from inevitably putting on that dreaded garment and catching a few rays outside. When that moment of truth finally occurs, the first thing that a lot of people notice is that they have put on a few pounds during the dormant and dreary winter months. Okay, sometimes it's a lot more than a few pounds, but who is going to notice?

This is just the beginning of the relentless problem that has plagued men and women alike for many years. People are very self-conscious of their weight, especially with the role models they have to look up to in the 90s. For instance, in the early 90s we could pick up just about any magazine and see our favorite waif, Kate Moss, displaying her nearly transparent body on multitudes of Calvin Klein advertisements. In addition, as the decade has progressed, women now have the twiggy body of Calista Flockhart to measure up to. This is rather cruel and unkind if you think about it, especially since Marilyn Monroe, the sex symbol of the 60s was a size 14.

Men don't have it any better. With buff, muscular bodies being the acceptable media norm, it is very hard to feel that you measure up in

today's society. Having all of these thoughts racing through our heads, is it any wonder that we have the horrible health problems of anorexia and bulimia to contend with today?

You may be thinking, after having read this much into the article, that anorexia and bulimia are not really legitimate concerns, especially on the campus of Albright College. But I assure you, they are very legitimate, and very real. As a matter of fact, you probably know someone on campus who is either anorexic or bulimic.

People magazine recently offered some insight into the reasoning behind these severe, and sometimes fatal diseases. Although we may not recognize anorexia or bulimia to be of the same caliber as cancer or HIV, the physical results are surprisingly similar. Participating in either of the above two eating disorders may in fact help to reach a weight goal, but the disorder heightens as the person reaches what he or she had intended to be the target weight and feels that he or she would appear more desirable if they continued to lose weight.

Excessive weight loss can result in unwanted peach fuzz hair on women's faces, as well as more serious health problems such as missed menstrual cycles. Other health problems that can occur in both sexes include erratic heart rates, risk of sudden death, or serious medical complications.

With the serious consequences that eating disorders have, you may think that it would be ridiculous for a college student to even consider anorexia or bulimia as an alternative

home for the first time can cause a roller coaster affect on both your grades and personal life. Because there is so much freedom, students are suddenly on their own in all aspects, including with food. As a result, they often gain weight and then diet, which in turn triggers eating problems. Unfortunately, if the disorder began before college, the drastic changes and stress of college life can make the condition worse.

Surprisingly, the fact that quickly caught my attention in the magazine article was the type of person that was most at risk for developing an eating disorder. The type of characteristics that were most often seen in people who were either anorexic or bulimic was that of someone who was driven and achievement-oriented. These are characteristics that you would expect to find among the most motivated and successful of college students. Ironically, this need for motivation and success is what drives the devastating disorder. Fortunately, there is help for anyone who has an eating disorder.

It is stated that about one-third of people in treatment recover completely, another third learn to function at a very high level but still have some food issues, and a third continue to struggle with active eating disorders for a very long time. An eating disorder is a serious issue that must be addressed, and there are people and support groups that

focus primarily on helping people with eating disorders.

With the facts presented and the gripping stories of four college women told in *People* magazine, I have opted against any ideas of serious dieting as the summer months approach. If you have the opportunity to read the article in *People* magazine, I highly recommend it. If not, I hope that this article may shed some light on an eating disorder that either you or someone you know might have. If you do know someone with an eating disorder, it is important that you have him or her seek help.

And if you are intending to lose weight for the summer months that are quickly approaching, there are plenty of other options for weight loss including cutting back on "junk" foods, going to the gym, or simply going for a brisk walk around campus with a friend.

There are various relaxing and fun activities on or around campus that are also good for your body, and contrary to popular belief, the gym is not all about weights and working out. There are many other things to do in the weight room besides lifting weights, and if you are not into stationary bikes and *Stairmasters*, there is always swimming, basketball, volleyball, and racquetball. The opportunities are endless, so never think that your only options are bulimia or anorexia because in doing either of these two things, you are not doing your body or your self-esteem any

From	Following	Number
1999	statistic	taboo
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April	1998	edition
Person		of
		magazine
Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
YES	11%	
NO	89%	
If you had an eating disorder, to whom would you go for help?		
FRIENDS	85%	
FAMILY	75%	
PHYSICIAN	12%	
COLLEGE HEALTH CENTER	8%	
What has been the best source of information about eating disorders?		
COLLEGE HEALTH CENTER	35%	
CLASSES	22%	
COUNSELORS	15%	
ARTICLES	15%	
SCHOOL LECTURES/SEMINARS	12%	
FRIENDS	11%	
TV/NEWS	10%	

for weight loss or weight control. The truth of the matter is that college is a very big change from the day to day routine of high school. As many upperclassmen may remember, the freedoms and liberties of finally being away from

Reading Rocks? Get the lowdown

by Becky Sugar

Bored out of your mind? Tired of spending your weekends sitting around watching TV? Even in Reading, there are better things than that to do.

Try dangling yourself off a big wall of plywood. *Reading Rocks* and *Cliffhangers* offer indoor rock climbing. The climbing walls are made of reinforced plywood, with holds (the things you hold on to) of super strong polymers. The walls come in a variety of shapes and sizes, allowing you to choose a course that fits your skill level. Whether you wish to climb 35 feet up the wall or you wish to only climb two feet, there is a wall for you.

Make sure you go with someone you trust. For your safety, you wear a harness while you climb, and someone at the bottom pulls up the slack as you climb, keeping up the tension which keeps you secure. And have no fear that the rope will snap; they're tested to hold up under extreme weights, say, dropping a Volkswagen Beetle off the Empire State Building.

No experience is necessary to try this sport. People are always there to show you how to get started and to help you out of trouble if you happen upon some. Just make sure you haven't just had a huge argument with the person who is holding your rope, or they may let you dangle at the top for a while.

If you choose to take on this experience and venture out to one of these places make sure that you are over 14 years of age. At *Cliffhangers* anyone under the age of 14 is only allowed to climb to a height of about 10 feet, unless accompanied by someone over the age of 14. If you go to *Reading Rocks* you must be over 14-years-old, and if under 18 you have to have a parents consent. Of course all of this is for your own safety and security.

Reading Rocks offers group rates if you call before going. At *Cliffhangers* there is no need to call before going. *Cliffhangers* is open from 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Saturday's from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday's 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The cost is about \$15, depending on whether you have a harness and wish to rent shoes. For more

information about *Cliffhangers* or to check prices, call 929-0141. *Reading Rocks* offers similar hours and costs, but call 374-6007 to make sure of the hours and to check prices.

If going to *Cliffhangers* (about Fifth Street like you are going to the Fairgrounds Mall, then turn left at the street which takes you to Pizza Hut and to Lowes. Proceed to the stop sign and take a right, continue on till George Street and make a left. *Cliffhangers* is located in the blue building on your left (550 George St.). Parking is available behind it.

If you are heading to *Reading Rocks* get off at the Bern Road exit on the bypass just past the Berkshire Mall. Go to the traffic light and take a right. Proceed to the second traffic light on Penn Avenue and take a left. *Reading Rocks* is located at 115 Bern Rd., the street parallel to Penn Avenue, on your left. Look for an old warehouse. If you do not have a car you can always get to these places by bus.

But if rock climbing is not your cup of tea wait until the next issue when I tell you some more fun places to go and see in and around Reading. Enjoy yourself!

Sex... Human Relationships...
Psychiatric Help...

Perhaps we are all a little

Beyond Therapy

A Domino Players Presentation
Written by Christopher Durang
Directed by Dr. Lynn Morrow
Meridian Theatre

April 23, 24, 29, 30, and May 1
at 8:00 p.m.
April 25
at 2:30 p.m. (Luncheon Theatre
at 1:00 p.m.)

Adults: \$8.00; Students: \$3.50
Albright Faculty/Staff, Domino Alumni and Parents: \$6.50
Luncheon Theatre: \$16.00

Hey, kids! It's an experience event!!

Critics Corner



Movie Review

by Adam Kreps

The Matrix

There are two very separate views of most science-fiction films. They are either thought to be exciting and fanciful, or ridiculous and completely unrealistic. By their very definition they are meant to be unrealistic. Physics, gravity, reality and even time can be overlooked and manipulated to provide a story that knows no bounds. With today's computer technology, basically anything ones imagination can create could be illustrated on film.

The Matrix is a colossal waste of time, which is not to say it is good or bad. The point of many films is not to have a great impact or teach a lesson, some are solely meant to entertain and entice ones imagination.

Keanu Reeves plays a computer hacker named Neo, whose instincts tell him that nothing is quite what it seems. Morpheus, played by Laurence Fishburne, is the one individual who can help answer the question that has plagued Neo his entire life, "what is the Matrix?" A simplistic answer to that question is that the world that surrounds him is in fact a dream world that humans have been enslaved into, while Artificial Intelligence drains humans of their energy.

Once Neo discovers how to manipulate the dream world in which he resides, he is able to defy all of its limits in his battle against the three agents. Led by Agent Smith, (played by Hugo Weaving) these three are enforcers of the dream world who makes sure that the captivity of humanity is not disturbed.

On top of the dream world and the suspension of reality, writers and directors Andy and Larry Wachowski add prophesy and the limitless power of love to complete their philosophical adventure. The Matrix is not as smart as it would like to be, nor does it have the overall messages that made such science-fiction movies as Terminator 2: Judgment Day superb. While the story of The Matrix attempts to be philosophical and deep, the most redeeming feature of the film is its groundbreaking special effects. Fight scenes reminiscent of old kung-fu films and visual effects that make even the most recent films look outdated will entertain fans of action and special effects. Individuals who are intolerant of non-realism or audiences looking for cleverness will leave The Matrix with only a little more than a headache.

Coming Soon... COUNTDOWN TO STAR WARS: EPISODE I

The Great "Gas Out"

FYI.....

I am not sure how many of you out there would care about this passive act of protest, but I received an e-mail last week and a few of you might be interested in the subject matter.

"Its time we did something about the price of gasoline in America! We are all sick and tired of high prices when there are literally millions of gallons in storage.

[I found out that] if there was just ONE day when no one purchased any gasoline, prices would drop drastically.

The so-called oil cartel has decided to slow production by some two million barrels per day to drive up the price. I have decided to see how many [people] we can get to NOT BUY ANY GASOLINE on one particular day!

Let's have a GAS OUT! Do not buy any gasoline on FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1999."

Restaurant Review

by Andrea Verdone & Alexis Grilli



The Sahara Restaurant gets five stars from us without even a blink of an eye. First of all, before I even get to the food, this Greek restaurant captures your attention simply by sitting in the dining area. The atmosphere is perfect, from the lanterns hanging from the ceiling draped with burlap, to the wall mural of a beautiful sunset and palm trees, we were immediately put into a good mood. Besides the appearance being so wonderful, the service was excellent. We have never met such wonderful informative people, who checked on us so frequently, flashing us the brightest smiles and offers of good eating's.

Now for our favorite part, the food, and there were many things to choose from. We started with a delicious Pita Pizza appetizer. This thick Greek pita was smothered with tomato, oregano, feta cheese, and black olives. Besides the pita pizza there were seven other vegetarian appetizers, five meat appetizers, six different salads, side orders, and soups. As for the entrees, you had a choice of seven meat entrees, five chicken entrees, four seafood entrees, three vegetarian entrees, and six different sandwiches.

Speaking for us vegetarians, there

were so many things to choose from that I actually had a tough time doing just that. I ended up going with the fried vegetarian sandwich that was \$6.25. This sandwich consisted of zucchini, eggplant, and cauliflower served in a huge pita bread, with lettuce, tomato, and tahini sauce. This fried vegetarian sandwich was so good; I ended up inhaling the entire thing. For dessert I had the iced Milky Way which is an iced cappuccino consisting of caramel and chocolate—one word for this: Yummy!

The Sahara Restaurant makes meat eaters just as happy as the vegetarians. I ordered chicken with garlic sauce. It was a plate of sautéed chicken with onion, green pepper, tomato and Sahara house special garlic sauce served over rice. My entrée cost \$9.95 and it was wonderful! The portions at the Sahara are very generous.

Great food aside- Andrea and I were most excited by the loose teas. To save you the embarrassment that we suffered, let me tell you that the miniature teacup served alongside the tea is for the tea bag after it's done brewing.

The Sahara Restaurant offers an extensive Greek menu that is reasonably priced (entrees range from \$7.95 to \$13.95). It also has a

spacious bar for those of you who just want to socialize and drink.

Andrea and I strongly recommend this restaurant for those people who want a break from pizza, and anyone who's interested in watching a belly dancer (she makes an appearance every Friday)!

THE SAHARA

LOCATION:
334 Penn St

PHONE NUMBER:
374-8500

HOURS:
Mon-Fri 11:00-3:00;
5:00-10:00
Sat 2:00-10:00

PRICE RANGE:
\$6.00 to \$20.00

ATMOSPHERE:
Unassuming yet unique

Music Review

by Beth Boettcher



Rufus Wainwright

It may have been St. Patrick's Day, but it felt more like Christmas.

Festooned in a poppy red shirt and kelly green pants, Rufus Wainwright cut a striking figure at his March 17 show at the Theatre of Living Arts in Philadelphia.

Fitting this image, Wainwright came bearing gifts: though not tangible ones. His gifts were those of beautiful, swooning songs. And if that sounds cheesy, well all the better. After all, just as his taste in fashion is both eccentric and appealing, so is Wainwright's music. From the instant he played himself in front of his ebony and piano, Wainwright served us a feast of dreamy pop art with a sideorder of torque-in-check kitsch.

Suffering from the effects of an early-spring cold, Wainwright's voice was a somewhat diluted version of the rich purity that could be found on his self-titled studio album. Yet his sonorous vocals strove to soar above his illness, and with a self-encouraging "come ovoice, wake up!" he was off.

Wainwright's concoctions are a seeming mismatch of rock, folk, jazz à la Cole Porter, romantic opera, and cabaret-style ballads. However, the result feels comfortably old yet exhilaratingly new. Part of the reason for this is that Wainwright feels so comfortable in these environs himself. Aside from some occasional cringes at his weakened voice, Wainwright emitted a self-assuredness more akin to veteran stage performers than to so-called newcomers.

Truly, his confidence was never cocky: a point evidenced by the flabbergasted look on his face in

response to the standing ovation he received at the end of the night. His confidence merely reflects the ease that comes naturally from a life immersed in music. (Having parents like Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle also doesn't hurt.) Wainwright immerses himself onstage as well, barely opening his eyes, as if he's lost within the music. He comes alive: animated not by stage lighting or other visual effects, but by sound alone.

Though his voice faltered at the high notes, his musicianship never faltered. Wainwright is a gifted pianist and guitarist. His playing proved to be exquisite, but never excessive. Through his adept writing, he makes the most complicated progressions come off as accessibly as a three-chord rock riff. Wainwright makes even the complex seem simple.

However, Wainwright is no minimalist; he is an unapologetic romantic. To some, his dramatic style is overly sensitive and syrupy. But those dismissals show an ignorance of Wainwright's self-deprecating wit. For instance, in the ode to his mother, "Beauty Mark," he apologizes, "I may not be so manly, but still I know you love me even if I don't have your beauty mark." There is also the way he sighed, "I'm alone again," with a mock-pout, as his three-piece backing band left the stage—showing that his melodrama is intentional and not entirely serious.

The T.L.A. performance also exemplified Wainwright's tendency toward sarcastic humor. He introduced a new song, "California," in which he sings, "California, you're such a wonder that I think I'll stay in bed."

Other times, his humor is more subtle, reverting back to self-mockery. During the stirring "In My Arms," Wainwright sang, "I ain't a soft and saccharine wannabe" with a half-smile on his face, as if only half-believed his statement.

With her blend of drama and dark humor, Imogen Heap proved an appropriate opener. Seeming a student of Tori Amos, she poured out classically-inspired piano accompaniments to her expressive vocals. Her music found a new strength and texture in the starkness of this solo setting, whereas that vitality seemed diminished by the guitar and keyboard effects on her album *i Megaphone*. Like Wainwright, Heap is a celebrant of romanticism, who also knows how to poke fun at it.

Besides offering gifts of song, Wainwright punctuated his set with interludes of brief, but charming anecdotes. After a sparkling rendition of "Matinee Idol" ("a song about River Phoenix"), he told us of his lunch, the previous day, with the quirky filmmaker John Waters, who had shown Wainwright his paintings of John Wayne Gacey. Wainwright paused effectively before sarcastically saying, "this was thrilling. It was like visiting the Palladium in Rome."

The gift-bearing was cut short that night by a voice that could no longer struggle above sickness. Wainwright's set had immersed the audience in such romantic indulgences that it didn't seem to matter that there was no encore. With the festivities over, everyone shuffled home to make up loved sick neo-cabaret ditties of their own, with sugary (but not saccharine) melodies still dancing

A Question From Your Features Editor...

Being as this is Albright College's paper, and I am merely the oh so subtle force that drives this particular section into completion, I would like to pose a scenario to the community and (theoretically) receive your input before making an alteration on this section, thus quite perceptibly instigating angry letters, obscene phone calls (which are nice once in a while), and bodily harm (just don't hit the face). Anyway, I give you kind Albright folk the option...

Suppose there were no longer Horoscopes or Soap Updates in the Albrightian? I mean,

would that bring about an end to modern civilization as we know it? Would the Sun, in fact, stop rotating around the Earth (Did I mention that I am a pre-Copernican?). Would everything really be that bad if these portions of your newspaper were eliminated? I'm just curious; I need to know...

Now, if I may draw your attention to the area just below this box and to the area to the right...lovely space that could be filled with truly informational items. Okay, I am not putting Horoscopes and Soap Updates down, but where is our society going when we are not only so lazy that we watch

mindless TV as a form of leisure, but we now read vague summaries of these programs? Daytime television goes Cliff's Notes...doesn't that sound nice? And as for your bi-weekly horoscopes concocted by a woman named Natasha, stop on in to the Albrightian office and I'll show you a picture of the woman who is directing your daily life--it's scary!

You are no doubt asking what I am yammering on about. I would simply appreciate your responses to the earth-shattering prospect of **NO MORE HOROSCOPES OR SOAP UPDATES!!!** So until next issue, ta ta...



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Find something in life that entertains your inner child. Upon discovering that source, share it with a loved one and explore your new outlook together.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An old Chinese proverb says "Those who live for fate, die for love." You have a perspective which matches only that of your significant other. Stay with it and follow that feeling. Perhaps you can teach yourself something new through it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Too much work drives you to becoming unbearable towards your peers. Looking for a way out is your answer, but you strive to be an individual, so do not stress this week. Your "golden candle" is on its way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Painful news awaits your ears this week. Do not be downtrodden by this information; something better is around the corner pining for your sweet embrace. It is imperative that you look for that something, or it just might pass you by.

safeguard against troubles and might, in fact, lead you to a new love interest. Just keep your eyes open.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Try something different in your life. The apparent losses you have seen over the year are going to vanish into oblivion with the entrance of variety. Treat it like a new born, and the womb of the world will bid you Godspeed.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You will be offered the chance of a lifetime this week when you are confronted with opportunity. Do not hesitate to grab hold of this new self that at one time seemed foreign to you. It will indeed pay off in the long run. Be brave, though, you will be traveling in uncharted territory.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You are in a class of above average intelligence, and your contemporaries can definitely tell that this holds true. Finding a way to exhibit that knowledge will become more opportune in the coming week. Prepare to bridle that upper level mentality, though, because some peers might infer it incorrectly. Love is your answer in this case. It is not fleeting, but will subside if unattended.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) In your sign, there is a good side and a bad side. The bad--you are unable to be satisfied by your love interest, and this will remain so for some time. The good--when you revive from this romantic pothole, your life will be more fulfilled and complete than it was before your relationship took a momentary nose dive. The secret for now--don't be discouraged.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It is time for you to pick up the broken pieces of your life, and move on. There is nobody that is worthy of the pain that you have put yourself through. They are obviously unfazed by your state of mind, but that can lead to a "Phoenix from the ashes" effect. Learn from your mistakes or you might continue on the same road you have been traveling for too long. You will love again!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Befriend those who hate you, smile at those who frown, and kiss those who bite you. Things will turn around, but only if you allow these events to form an impetus for your life. You feel unappreciated, but this will pass when your lack of participation reveals your importance to those who dislike and disregard you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Lady luck is doting on you this week. To make the best of it, find a way to channel that good fortune into something that will be beneficial to you as well as others. You will feel much better about yourself. Reach out to those who need you, and find solace in those who love you. Your romantic interest will not let you down. They do care though they do not always show it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Look for the frequent appearance of the number four throughout the week. It will be your

past. Later, as Lindsay prepared to reveal Sam's family history to everyone at the ladies' room to have it out with her. **Wait To See:** Bo confesses his true feelings to Nora.

PORT CHARLES: Scott saw Eve and DV together and, unaware that she was urging him to leave Scott and Lucy alone, Scott accused her of consorting with DV. Lee blasted Scott for not completing his community work. Matt confronted Sebastian about Ellen. Frank spun another outrageous lie when he feared Courtney would tell all to Chris. **Wait To See:** Julie has a mysterious "offer" for Chris.

SUNSET BEACH: Sean asked Olivia if she shot Francesca. Caitlin balked at returning to Olivia. Annie was shocked to hear Cole ask a lawyer about demanding another paternity test for Trey and tried to talk him out of it. The mystery of who planted the gun at Olivia's house deepened. Maria walked in as Meg and Ben discussed her request to live with them and Benjy. Carmen saw Antonio embracing Gabi. **Wait To See:** Annie has something that could affect the murder case.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Kay felt apprehensive about Mac's decision to leave the homeless shelter to find her friend. As Nick prepared to search for Victor, Michael intended to make the most of Nick's absence from Genoa City. Nina and Brett's relationship grew stronger. Malcolm became increasingly disturbed over Olivia's added responsibilities at the hospital. Alice began worrying about Al's true intentions. **Wait To See:** Kay faces a new dilemma.

Raymond confronted C.J. to demand Amber's address. **Wait To See:** Brooke may be on the verge of making an astonishing discovery.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Lucas encouraged Taylor to pursue Eric. Mike and Carrie wound up behind bars. Kate silenced Roberto once and for all. Craig, Nancy and Ali fled after a run-in with the police. Marlena wondered about John's statement that he might never have been a priest. **Wait To See:** Greta wonders about her relationship to Stefano.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Sonny was surprised at Hannah's gruff rejection. Jason sustained a minor gun shot wound at the Moreno drug-bust. In Geneva, Jax tried to get Nikolas's medical files. Later, as Jax and Alexis followed Helena to Cairo, their helicopter developed mechanical difficulties. Luke told Sonny he wished Helena would kill Stefan. Meanwhile, Laura urged Stefan to stay on at General Hospital. **Wait To See:** Laura makes a decision about Stefan.

GUIDING LIGHT: Michelle considered taking more time to re-evaluate her relationships. Cassie believed she was going to be killed. Jim overheard Susan blasting Phillip. Ben turned the tables on Blake. Carmen confronted Pilar. **Wait To See:** Holly has a surprise visitor.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Grace gave Hugo information about Kevin and Ben. While on a stakeout with Sykes, Bo saw Grace and Hugo together. After Dorian's visit to make amends with Viki, Ben told Viki of Dorian's encounters at the Crossroads. Lindsay overheard Ben getting the shocking details of Sam's

ALL MY CHILDREN: Ryan and Tad rescued Dixie from Braden. Jack was shaken when Trevor questioned his motives for becoming district attorney. Braden reacted violently when Ryan refused to believe he's not a rapist. Erica lambasted David for ruining her life. Jack told a stunned Dimitri and Kit that he resigned as D.A. Opal offered Adrian half of her share of Cortlandt Electronics. Trevor and Janet said an emotional good-bye to Tim. **Wait To See:** Stuart and Marian make a shocking discovery. Adam is shaken by David's revelation.

ANOTHER WORLD: Vicky found evidence that could work in her favor. Lila and Matt had a confrontation about the divorce. Felicia spoke with Anne about Cass. Toni became increasingly suspicious of Joe's connection to Grant's murder. Later, Cindy named Grant's killer. **Wait To See:** Rachel makes a stunning revelation.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Molly tried to deal with her unresolved feelings for David. Holden reluctantly went along with Lily's decision. Reid continued to manipulate Julia and Molly. Brad had surprising news for Carly. Ben insisted on trying to find Denise's daughter. **Wait To See:** Katie faces danger. Emily's trial begins.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Amber explained to Tawny that if her baby is Raymond's, Rick will know because Raymond is black. Macy and Thorne shared a kiss. Taylor asked Ridge how he felt seeing Brooke with Pierce. C.J. reacted angrily to news that Adam is the husband who walked out on Sally and wants them to be a family again. Later,

SOAP UPDATES

TOP TEN LIST OF MOVIES

COMPILED BY ADAM KREPS

TOP TEN FILMS*	THIS WEEKEND	TOTAL
1. "THE MATRIX"	\$22.2M	\$72.9M
2. "NEVER BEEN KISSED"	\$11.7M	\$11.7M
3. "THE OUT-OF-TOWNERS"	\$5.3M	\$16.4M
4. "10 THINGS I HATE..."	\$5.2M	\$20.5M
5. "ANALYZE THIS"	\$5.1M	\$85.9M
6. "GO"	\$4.7M	\$4.7M
7. "FORCES OF NATURE"	\$3.7M	\$42.5M
8. "TWIN DRAGONS"	\$2.8M	\$2.8M
9. "DOUG'S FIRST MOVIE"	\$2.3M	\$13.9M
10. "FOOLISH"	\$2.3M	\$2.3M

(BASED ON WEEKEND BOX OFFICE GROSS)

Editorials/Opinions

Stuff? by John Bragato

Shame on all of you

Disgusting, I call it. Mocking of people may be humorous at times. Hell, I partake in the activity constantly, but now when it is on display for everyone, while trying to hide it under an altruistic shell. What am I speaking of? Homelessness.

Homelessness is an increasing problem in society, but college students need not pretend to be homeless kids, you don't understand, and you never will. Building your little cardboard condominiums fully loaded with sleeping bags, video cameras-- did I see battery powered heaters? Not sure about that one, but I do know that I was disgusted two weeks ago when I saw some secure college students set up on a peaceful little field of finely manicured grass snuggled up in their Gortex sleeping bags. I hope they enjoyed those thermoses of hot cocoa or warm cider. The homeless don't often warm up with Gortex and cocoa. Try a grate with subway heat emanating from it and a nice bottle of Thunderbird or Nightrain.

Before I continue on my tirade, let me say that going to help at a soup kitchen was a noble endeavor, I'm sure it made all who participated feel like real humanitarians. Hey, I've never worked at a soup kitchen, so I shouldn't talk, right? Wrong, I'll say whatever I please because I see this problem everyday at home. It comes in many forms that won't be solved with the idealistic empathy of those

who are free from reality's harsh grasp.

Let me tell you a little story of homelessness, or should I say mock homelessness. First off, this story does not pertain to all who you see on the street, but many, just watch. I used to feel so good about myself when I'd give a dollar to people begging on the street. I'm sure all of you know what I mean. Then I met this man, Henry we'll call him. (Sorry, I don't remember his actual name, it was about seven years ago.) Anyway, Henry was what most of you would call homeless. He'd hang out on the street boozing it up, collecting little tips from many a person. Well, he walked me home one day and started telling me his daily routine.

Henry would get up either from a hallway or from a room he rents for nine dollars, then he'd start his job. Over fifty percent of the people who passed him would give some form of currency. By the end of Henry's day, he was drunk and would have about fifty or sixty dollars in his pocket, tax free (He never told me where his money went. Maybe he had a bank account). In an eight hour day, Henry, would make about \$7.50 an hour, tax free. Sad, isn't it?

I have a lot of respect for Henry because he uses you people, and you don't even know it. You've been hoodwinked, bamboozled. I realized that helping the homeless doesn't work like that, the problem is too large to fix by simple gestures of

kindness and empathy. I stopped giving my money that I worked for to help these strangers. Oh yea, I did make an exception for this one crack head up by the hot dog stand that scared the hell out of me, so I contributed a dollar to his kitty so he could buy his fifteen minute crack fix.

So, let me get my opinions in order here. Homelessness is definitely a problem, but you idealistic folks are going about it all wrong. It's not about supporting these people by giving food and money, its about changing this mentality at a young age, and its not going to happen by sleeping in cardboard boxes for one night. I haven't seen people in cardboard boxes for years, except for your little group, which did this silly thing last year too. After this evening of roughing it, did you sleep in your dorms the next night? I don't think the homeless have that choice.

Go try this little experience out on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, see if you keep your sleeping bags. All you did was make naive people enlightened by your naive interpretations. The only similarity I noticed was that you left some of your cardboard "homes" strewn all over the street for other people to clean up.

P.S. I have clothes to donate, but I don't know where to put them. The only boxes I've seen, say "clothing." What's "clothing?"

Adams addresses alcohol policy

DEAR EDITOR,
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU PICK up the newspaper and read about someone at some college or university who climbed up on a residence hall roof, too drunk to care, and plummeted to his death. Or maybe it was someone so proud to drink legally on her twenty-first birthday that she drank a few extra shots and died of alcohol poisoning.

Who is responsible for these tragedies? I'm inclined to point fingers at the students first, maybe some of their friends next; but courts and insurance companies increasingly blame colleges and universities and expect them either to control student drinking or to lose multi-million dollar lawsuits after the fact.

No Albrightian wants any other Albrightian to suffer harm from alcohol abuse; no Albrightian wants the college to pay out millions of dollars in lawsuits, suddenly uninsured because it hadn't done enough to ensure that only students of age drink and that even those students drink safely.

In order to protect Albright from human tragedy and gaping financial exposure, the Board of Trustees recently formed a subcommittee of its Student Life and Athletics Committee to reconsider alcohol and social gathering policies at the college, and to recommend changes that would

both satisfy students and minimize risk. The committee is led by trustee Chris G. Kraras and includes two other trustees, student services administrators, faculty and Greek advisors, and many students (Lucia Gbaya, Kristen Heckman, Ted Isselmann, Scott Karpinsky, Rosemary Lanigan, Erin O'Connor, Rocco Nisivoccia, Pete Penna, Joe Piccioni, Geof Smith, Kristen Tracy, Kim Vo, and, of course, Kim Field).

During the last few weeks, the subcommittee has examined the problem of alcohol use and risk management, isolated aspects of our own current policies that we might change to promote the personal safety of students and the college's financial health, and considered the virtues and vices of alcohol and social gathering policies at several other schools, not only from paper copies of those policies, but by interviewing students at each school about how policies there are enforced.

In the course of its study, the subcommittee has come to one conclusion: Albright won't become a dry campus. But, short of such drastic action, how can we better regulate underage drinking? Many suggestions have been offered by subcommittee members, though no final decisions have been made: we could prohibit common-source

parties and allow only BYOB parties; we could allow on-campus parties only if alcohol is dispensed through a licensed third-party vendor; we could require students of age to show ID and wear wristbands so that such vendors would serve only those students. We could take any or all of these measures, or we could do something else that suited the whole college community better.

The subcommittee will begin rewriting our own policies at its next meeting, and members of the subcommittee have been asked to send possible revisions to Dean Brooks by April 22. The subcommittee expects to have revised our policies by the end of the term, so that the college can communicate any changes to students over the summer, especially to new students.

Admit it: alcohol and social gathering policies matter to you. If you have suggestions about how college policies might change to promote the goals of student satisfaction, student safety, and an acceptable level of risk for the college, please send your ideas to Kim Field (Box #590) or leave them for her at the Campus Center Desk.

In the meantime, party if you're 18, drink if you're 21, but whatever you choose to do, do it safely. Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Adams, Associate Dean

Apathy at Albright

DEAR EDITOR,

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE IS AN EDUCATIONAL WASTELAND!!! It is a sewage where even the fecund maggots fear to tread! I would sooner receive my education from a syphilitic dung beetle than advise perspective students as to signing four years of their lives away into this dilapidated financial vacuum cleaner...

Okay. Now that I have your attention, I would simply like to reiterate the subject that has been festering in the Editorial Section of the Albrightian for several weeks now—student apathy. My personal attack is on those lovely individuals who can easily sit in their dorm rooms or in the cafeteria and rip into Albright College, but not do anything about it. They do not act on their idle words, nor do they voice their concerns to the student body. They just piss and groan their way through life. If you have anything you feel the campus should be aware of... That's what we are here for." We could even go as far back as October 30, 1981 and read an editorial written by Editor-In-Chief, Scott Sax, '82, writes, "Nobody seems to take [the Albrightian] seriously, yet during its absence everyone was screaming, 'Why don't you get a paper out?' Many people complain about it yet very few bother to come down to the office and offer their assistance."

Ms. Editor, did you know that there is a professional and public way to address the problems that certain students and faculty members might have with our school? Why, yes there is! It is a little publication called the Albrightian! Well, did you also know that there is even a section where these comments might be found. Do you know what it is called? Very good!! It is the Editorial Section! That is right. EVERYONE can write into the editor and speak their minds. Isn't that wonderful? Now I do not mean to be completely cynical because I

do realize that everyone is very busy, and cannot find anytime to sit down and voice their opinions through a letter to the Albrightian...well then quit bitching.

Now as an advocate for both sides (and I am defending both sides, believe it or not), I must say that this is not a novel predicament. I would go so far as to say that this has been going on for years. I recall an editorial written in the December 10, 1996 issue by former Editor-In-Chief, Jaime Britigan, '97. Britigan states, "The Albrightian is the most public and accessible forum available to voice concerns, yet no one takes advantage of it." Sound familiar? A little further back in time takes us to October 9, 1992 where Editor-In-Chief, Rebecca Ann York, '93, prompts the student body with the statement, "If you have anything you feel the campus should be aware of... That's what we are here for." We could even go as far back as October 30, 1981 and read an editorial written by Editor-In-Chief, Scott Sax, '82, writes, "Nobody seems to take [the Albrightian] seriously, yet during its absence everyone was screaming, 'Why don't you get a paper out?' Many people complain about it yet very few bother to come down to the office and offer their assistance."

So as you can see through these three examples, apathy on this college's campus has been a long term epidemic. What can we do now, you ask, dear Ms. Editor? Well, we could rest on the laurels of historical nonchalance (a very uncomplicated solution), or we could get off of our lazy posteriors, walk ourselves over to the computer (half of us are already there playing solitaire), and write a letter of complaint, praise, or comment regarding the issues which stir up as Albright students. Sincerely,
James B. Harr, III, '00

Things That make Us
Go...Hmmmmm.....

Like, why aren't there any toilet seats in Mexico?

And why, when we finally get a big event with famous people and cool guys like Fathead and G.Love, no one shows up?

One word...

A-P-A-T-H-Y!

Frustrated student angered by lack of participation

DEAR EDITOR,
FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT this letter is addressed to the whole campus, the entire Albright community, not just the editor or the students. I am a frustrated student and I would like some answers, any answers. I have worked diligently for this school since my freshmen year (I am currently a sophomore) both academically and socially. I enjoy helping plan events for other students and gaining students' input to make these events run smoothly. However, I have a problem with the manner in which students voice their opinions and I would like some answers from the student body.

I am the current president of the Resident Student Association (RSA) and as president I was one of the key people who planned this year's Spring Formal. In the last edition of the Albrightian, an article was written about the Spring Formal. Aside from the fact that there were several mistakes in the article, I was particularly angered by some of the quotes that were published, not because of their content, but because of the lack of action taken by the students to change things for next year. More specifically, I am speaking of a student's quote (I apologize if I alter the quote somewhat, but as I write this letter the newspaper article is not at hand) in which they say the DJ at the formal sucked and that we (RSA) should have gotten a better DJ. I am always anxious to hear

comments and criticism for they make a better event, but what I cannot stand it when students complain about activities and do nothing about it. I have never seen this specific student at an RSA meeting, whether it was before the formal, or after. If you felt that strongly about the DJ, why did you not come to the next meeting of RSA to voice your opinion? Granted, I was able to read of your criticism in the newspaper, but your lack of action is just an example of how Albright students act, or rather do not act.

My frustration is not limited to the incident concerning RSA. To cite another example I would like to bring to attention the G-Love and Special Sauce concert. As a two-year member of the Campus Center Board (CCB), I am fully aware of how hard we, the e-board and members, work to plan events that the students want. Last year and this year, students have continually complained that we never have a big band on campus like Penn State or Kutztown. Those schools have a significantly larger budget with which to work, and more students in the actual organizations to help, but to appease the students, CCB worked for months trying to get a band for the student body. Eventually, G-Love and Special Sauce was signed, however when the tentative timeline for Ass-Kickin' April was announced, students complained that they did

not want a big band, that they did not want G-Love, that they did not want to pay for a band, and that they would have preferred a cover band like Speed or Mr. Greenjeans.

At this point, the members of CCB wanted to kill someone. Lisette Kwong alone has put in over 250 hours planning this concert and you, the student body, have the audacity to complain?! If anyone has the right to complain, it would be Lisette Kwong, Kyndal Goldsberry, Erica Bautista, Lou Weiner, Mark Glassman, Kim Field, Nicole Allen, Ismail or me. We are the members of CCB. Where were you? If you do not like what we have done then get your ass out to the next CCB meeting and change it for next year! I would wet myself if I actually saw more than ten people at the next CCB meeting. The Campus Center Board is one of, if not the most influential student run organizations on campus and we only have nine dedicated members, five of which are the executive board. Why should we even bother?

It is pathetic that students continue to complain about events on campus and then turn around and do nothing about, except maybe write a letter to the Albrightian. Why even do that? Why waste your precious energy writing a letter if you have no actual intention of changing things. I have

the intention of changing things, and this letter is my last resort. I have tried begging, I have tried publically, I have tried favors, but to no avail. I must note here, though, that I am not angry solely with the lazy students on campus. The faculty and administration have also been fortunate enough to make my list. At several meetings, I have heard that the faculty and administration want to become more involved and get to know the students on a different level. I thought the perfect way in which to accomplish this would be to invite all faculty and administrators to this year's Spring Formal and give them free tickets. Do you remember seeing any faculty or administrators at the Formal? Some of you may remember seeing Tom Miles (the RSA advisor), his wife Rebecca, and Carolyn Brooks, but any faculty or other administrators? Were they there? I sure do not remember seeing them. Where is the support on this campus? Why is it that a select twenty or so students of each class year do virtually everything on campus? Why is there not more involvement? If someone could answer these questions and give me suggestions on how to fix this problem, please, please, please let me know.

Waiting but not holding my breath,
Ted Isselmann

SGA President's Corner

by Kimberly Field

Welcome back from Spring Break!!! I hope everyone had a nice vacation. I wanted to address a few key issues before the semester ended. The first is a basic complaint about the campus. When I walk to classes from the woods every morning all I see is trash. Beer cans and bottles, cigarette butts and garbage are always strewn across the lawn in front of North Hall, and along the path to the woods. The sight of all of this junk makes me sick. It is a simple matter of respect for this campus and more importantly to the environment that we take responsibility in depositing of our garbage.

If you smoke a cigarette don't just throw it out the window, put it out in an ash tray. If you drink a beer or soda and want to get rid of the can or bottle find a recycling bin or if necessary a plain old trash can. Asking to keep the campus clean is a meager request, but one that can change the face of the college.

No one enjoys seeing the eyecore of trash in front of their dorm or apartment, so please bring your trash inside and dispose of it properly. Granted their should be more trash cans on campus, and that is something that SGA and the administration is looking to do, but until those facilities are made available please take the time and consideration to keep the school clean to some extent.

Another issue that has always been a problem, but was perhaps crystallized this weekend, was the scheduling of events the night of major, campus-wide events. The Campus Center Board spent months planning the concert held on Saturday, and it was successful. However, it was disturbing to find that organizations planned formals and mixers that same day.

The dates for this event and those for the next two weekends have been available since November. Although I understand that sometimes events may overlap, I cannot see the justification in planning events last minute that compete with one another. It is not beneficial to any organization involved to have competing events. All that needs to be done to avoid this type of problem is a simple check of what is going on with the Office of Student Activities.

When trying to book a date to have an event check with the Office calendar and find a date that can work for your organization. If there are other events going on then perhaps a compromise can be made between the two so that the event can be a much larger success. It is a simple issue of learning how to best plan events.

Finally, I just wanted to remind everyone that elections will be held this Monday and Tuesday for the Member-at-large positions. Please vote during lunch or dinner. I cannot begin to express how important it is to vote during these elections. SGA is an organization that can change policies and relay the concerns of the student body to the administration and staff. Choosing which students represent your voice is critical, so take the time this week to cast your vote for those who will do the best job for you and your future alma mater.

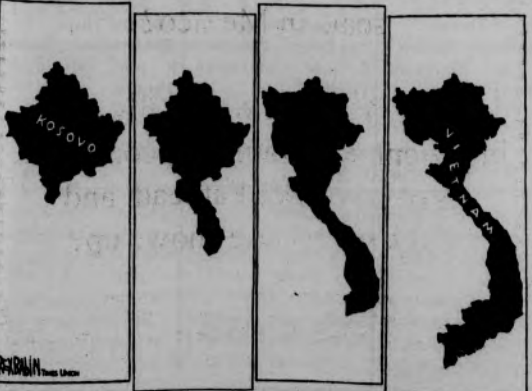
R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Albright students seem to lack it

DEAR EDITOR,
HE LOOKED AT THE CLOCK ON THE wall and it said 9:48 a.m. His watch, which he knew was right, said only 9:45 a.m. "Oh well," he thought. "Who cares what this professor has to say anyway."
"I've done my time," he thought, "I mean I've been here for over a half hour since today I only walked in 10 minutes late, and I only got up in the middle of class to go to the bathroom once."
So, with that, he ignored the fact that the professor was still speaking, closed his notebook and opened his backpack, so he could hurry off to...well, just anywhere, he figured.
"Good idea," thought the girl sitting behind him, who stopped filing her fingernails and also put her books away, completely disregarding the professor.
This spurred a chain reaction that led nearly all 25 students to pack up their bags and even start talking before the professor had dismissed

the class.
Is this a true story?
Did this really happen?
Do you really do this every class?
I'm not pulling this out of left field. Over the course of this year, I've seen students turn the classroom into their living room. In class and while the professor is speaking, I've seen students eat, talk, file their nails, write letters, sleep, put their feet up, and even sing.
Maybe you don't believe me. In fact, I hope you don't believe me, because that would mean these events are more isolated than I think. I hope they are because this type of behavior is distracting, disturbing and disgraceful.
I'd be a true hypocrite if I said I've never done anything wrong in class. Yes, I've come in late; and yes I've whispered something to my neighbor; and yes I've left class early. However, I do it discreetly, or at least as discreetly as possible, and

I don't do it in every class.
The blame for the above mentioned acts of extreme disrespect do not lie merely with one group of students or for merely one reason.
Maybe students talk because class is boring, maybe the students don't like the topic, or maybe they are compelled to discuss such issues of mass importance like the rain or the stain on the shirt of student in front of them. Perhaps they are sleeping because they were up the previous night studying for a chemistry exam, or fighting with a roommate, or maybe they just had one to many beers.
I guess one reason they might do these things is because they think they can. For example, one might think, "the professor is nice, she won't yell at me."
Or maybe she's thinking, "I'm sitting so far back, the professor won't be able to see if I dose off for a few minutes."

Neither behavior, nor attitudes like this belong at Albright.
Some students are quick to blame the professors for not being assertive enough. That doesn't cut it. That is just another excuse only slightly more logical than the excuses for the behavior in the first place.
I don't know of one professor here who became a doctorate to be a disciplinarian. What comes next, seating students alphabetically, distributing bathroom passes and calling parents when students don't call in their homework?
I honestly don't know what should be done. If you know, tell me. Better yet, tell the person you see being disrespectful and disrupting my and maybe even your own attempts to learn.
Perhaps everyone should take a hint from Aretha Franklin and show professors and fellow students a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."
Sincerely,
Emily Ilana Losben



Announcements & Events

Scholarships

ATTENTION: GRADUATING FEMALE PRE-MED STUDENTS

The Marian J. Wettrick Charitable Foundation offers financial assistance in the form of grants to qualified female graduates of Pennsylvania colleges who have been accepted by and will subsequently attend a Pennsylvania medical school.

To apply for these grants, contact the offices of financial aid at the medical schools.

• Pennennial Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is again offering scholarships to residents of Berks County.

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 1999. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

• Berks County Medical Society Auxiliary is offering a number of \$700 scholarships to needy students preparing for a career in the health field. Must be residents of Berks County and must be academically capable.

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 1999. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

• FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR. It must be submitted **NO LATER** than **MAY 1, 1999** to assure maximum aid eligibility.

If you need the FAFSA form, you may pick one up at the Financial Aid Office located in the Lower Level of the Library/Administration Building.

Tues, April 27, Albright Symposium "Crisis in Kosovo" at 4 p.m. in the Arts Center Amphitheater (CCSL if it rains). Dinner in Arts Mezzanine immediately following event. Sign up at the Campus Center Desk by Tues, April 20.

AAC Dinner "Gener Asian X" When: Friday, April 23, 1999 Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Where: CampusCenter ML All are welcome for great food& entertainment.

Sign up for the Berks AIDS Walk this week or contact Box #847 with your name and number for more info.

The Albright College Center for Ethics, Law and Medicine presents "Genetic Engineering and the Human Genome Project on Sat., April 24, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. Call Dr. Baker for more info at 921-7707.

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*bold type denotes Experience Events

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Albright Poet (Louis C. Stroffolino, '86) Reads 8p.m. CCSL	Earth Day Celebration "Rubbish! The Archeology of Garbage 1p.m. CCML & "Has Feminism Changed Science" Philosophy Forum 4 p.m. CCSL	"Beyond Therapy" The Domino Players 8 p.m. Meridian Theatre	"Beyond Therapy" The Domino Players 8 p.m. Meridian Theatre
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"Beyond Therapy" The Domino Players 2:30p.m. Meridian Theatre Religious Services at 6pm Chapel and 8pm Catholic Mass Kachel	25	26	27	"Albright Nightlife-A Flight on the Wild Side" True Confessions of a Bat Biologist 7 p.m. Science Hall 221 & Jazz at Jake's Place 8p.m.	28	29
				"Beyond Therapy" The Domino Players 8 p.m. Meridian Theatre	"Beyond Therapy" The Domino Players 8 p.m. Meridian Theatre	"Beyond Therapy" The Domino Players 8 p.m. Meridian Theatre Alumni Day
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Religious Services at 6pm Chapel and 8pm Catholic Mass Kachel Student Recital at 2:30 p.m.	2	3	4	The Challenge of Grass-Roots Peacemaking in Israel with Yehezkel Landau 4 p.m. CCSL	5	6
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						8

Sports

Women's rugby falls in controversial match

by Melissa Zeidler
Staff Writer

The Women's Rugby Team lost a heartbreaker to PCOM University this past weekend. The final score ended with Albright down 6-5, and each team player seemed shocked by the outcome of the game.

"We had them beat. We clearly were the better team, but the referee seemed biased," said senior Laura Jones.

Albright outplayed PCOM on every aspect of the game. They consistently won the scrum downs and also moved the ball down the line. Yet, after almost every play the referee would penalize the Lions for an illegal play.

"I never saw anything like it," said senior Brooke Blair who left the game with an injury. "It seemed as though the ref would call a play against us, but if the other team did it they were allowed."

Albright buckled down

and continued to play their hearts out. They played the game cleanly, and at half time, they lead PCOM by a 5-0 score. Albright scored on a joint effort by Denise Gilman and Judi Otterburn, and the Lions were confident that they would win the game.

However, as the second half began, the tide changed for Albright. The referee gave PCOM a free penalty kick near their try zone and they scored 3 points. Albright tried to retaliate with their own points, but they were unable to move the ball down the line.

With a few minutes remaining in the game, the referee seemed to call another inappropriate play. PCOM was once again granted a penalty kick near their try zone. The kick was good and the game suddenly ended with PCOM literally stealing this one with a score of 6-5.

Only after the game ended did the Lady Lions learn that the referee happened to be the father of one of the girls on PCOM's rugby team.

Men's tennis aims for repeat of championship

by Emily Wagner
Sports Editor

Last year, the men's tennis team turned in a stunning performance as they brought home the MAC championship. This year, the team looks to repeat, and so far, they are right on target to do so.

The goal of this year's squad is, according to Matt Short, "to terminate". He continued, "We want to break everyone down physically and then break down their will."

Well, maybe not everyone on the team would state their goal in this manner, but Short also added what might be a more realistic goal in the minds of the coach and of the rest of the team. "Realistically, our goal is to win MACs and to get a bid to nationals."

The Lions are well on their way to reaching these goals, as currently

they are 12-2 with their only losses coming to St. John's University and Muhlenburg. The Lions have seemed to have a pretty easy time with the rest of the competition. Last Thursday, the Lions met conference rival Susquehanna, and according to Short, they "embarrassed them".

The team is led by Mike Zinn, John Fotopoulos, John Shapel, Matt Matlack, Keene Turner, and Matt Short. These top six players have all had experience and have a tremendous amount of talent to carry the team to another successful season.

Right now, the team has a solid hold on first place, and no other team has posed much of a challenge to their standings in the division. The Lions' biggest rival is Lebanon Valley, but they have already beaten them in the regular season. The teams predicts, however, that they will meet LeVal a second time in the MAC finals.

Swimmers make final splash at ECAC meet

by Matt Kemeny
Staff Writer

As a compliment to the record breaking and outstanding season that was put together by the Albright College swim team, a few of the women swimmers went beyond their great efforts at the MAC championships to impressive times at the ECAC championships. These championships were held in Sewell, New Jersey at Rowan University.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Kate Devenney, Christa Halvorsen, Angie Bretz, and Megan Douglass

finished in 19th place with a time of 1:43.90.

Angie Bretz led the Lions as she also recorded 21st and 38th places in the 100 breaststroke and the 100 butterfly respectively.

The ECACs proved to be the icing on the cake for the Lions, as they look forward to adding a conference championship to their trophy collection after a stellar season.

"I look forward to next year," commented freshman standout swimmer Halvorsen. "Hopefully, we will be stronger and rack up more points at the ECACs."

Upcoming Home Dates

Baseball

Tuesday, April 20 vs. Montclair 3:30
Friday, April 23 vs. Alvernia 3:00
Saturday, April 24 vs. Widener 1:00*
Sunday, April 25 vs. FDU-Madison 2:00
Tuesday, April 27 vs. Delaware Valley 3:00
Saturday, May 1 vs. Moravian 1:00*

*indicates a double-header

Softball

Thursday, April 22 vs. Chestnut Hill 4:00
Saturday, April 24 vs. Messiah 1:00*

*indicates a double-header

Men's Tennis

Wednesday, April 21 vs. U. of the Sciences Phila. 4:00



Best of luck to all the spring sports teams during the remainder of their seasons.

Sports Commentary

Emily Wagner, Sports Editor

If any of you take a quick glance through the April 5, 1999 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, you will most likely notice the double-page spread dedicated to the men of UCONN who just defeated the favored squad from Duke to capture the NCAA basketball championship.

You may also notice the article on Venus and Serena Williams, the sisters who continue to rock the tennis world. These two siblings, whose hair and fashion I envy, met, recently, in the Lipton final.

The feature on baseball's power hitter Manny Ramirez may also catch your attention as you page through this nationally well-known magazine.

Now, however, I ask you to take a closer look at this issue. Along with the faces of Mark McGwire, Muhammad Ali, and golf's David Duval that you will find throughout this issue of *Sports Illustrated*, you will also find another familiar face.

Many of you have probably seen this face many times before, but not in the

pages of *Sports Illustrated* or on Sports Center, but right on our own campus. Sure enough, a member of our own Albright community is featured in *Sports Illustrated* this month.

So, is the suspense killing you yet?

Let's see, I could be mean and leave you hanging as to who this mystery athlete is. But fortunately for you, although *Sports Illustrated* would probably like to see you left hanging because it could boost their sales, I will be nice and keep you from the growing suspense.

If you turn to page 40 in the April 5 issue, you will see none other than Jenny Payne, Albright's "Gloved goddess" of badminton in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of the magazine.

I don't want to steal the thunder of the writers of *Sports Illustrated*, but I would like to take a moment to congratulate Jenny Payne on, number one, making it into *Sports Illustrated*, and number two, for her many badminton accomplishments throughout her four years here at Albright.

As part of the badminton team

and as an individual player, Payne has helped to make a name for Albright's badminton team, a team that receives little attention but that has recorded two MAC championship titles in a row the past two years. Payne, herself, has recorded victory after victory and, therefore, her recognition in *Sports Illustrated* is well deserved.

I hope some of you will take the time to check out this issue and read about your fellow Albrightian. And if the issue is not in stores anymore, I'm sure Payne, or myself, will have a copy for you to look at. If not, next time you see the "Gloved goddess" roaming around campus, why not ask her for her autograph? She is a star, you know.

We all congratulate you, Jenny, for all you've given to badminton and to Albright!

(Now, Jenny, can you get my name in good with any of the writers at *Sports Illustrated*? Wink, wink. Thanks, I'd really appreciate it.)



The Albrightian would like to recognize the senior student-athletes who have given their time and effort to their respective sports this past winter season.

Wrestling

Jason Alexander
Asen Koburov

Women's Swimming

Angela Bretz
Amy Steffenaer

Women's Indoor Track

Skye Tandy

Women's Basketball

Kristyann Marshall
Charlene Stinsman

Men's Swimming

Jack Miller
Jason Stumhofer

Badminton

Jenny Payne

Men's Basketball

Andrew Darlington
Marlon Randall

Men's Indoor Track

William Brosey
James Delp
John Saldibar
Tyler Harris



Sports Talk With Dave Cribb



NBA

- LA Lakers latest woes--Shaq sitting down at crunch time, losing to the Golden State Warriors, and Dennis Rodman's return to form getting ejected
- Team to watch: San Antonio Spurs, winners of last 16 of 18 games and only a game behind Utah in the Western Conference

MLB

- Last time the Phillies took 2 of 3 from the Braves: 1993 National League Championship Series
- Results from the \$150 million arms duel between the Dodgers and Diamondbacks: Kevin Brown, LA--IP 5.2, H 10, R 5, BB 2, K 7, ERA 7.94 Randy Johnson, AZ--IP 7.0, H 5, R 2, BB 6, K 9, ERA 2.57

NFL

- With only a few days until the draft, I am already sick of ESPN analyst Mel Kiper, Jr.--the NFL's answer to Dick Vitale's obnoxious mouth.

NHL

- The Lindros jinx continues. Who else could suffer a collapsed lung right before the playoffs? If Eric doesn't lead the Flyers to a Cup soon, he'll begin to look a lot like a bust.
- Reloaded, refreshed, and on their way to a third Stanley Cup in a row, the Detroit Red Wings are showing other General Managers around the league (you listening Bobby Clark?) how to make effective trades.

Marabou takes home intramural basketball title in seesaw match

by Melissa Zeidler
Staff Writer

Last Thursday night, the Marabou basketball team faced off with the Speed Boys and the winner of the game determined the champion of intramural basketball. Both teams entered the game with impressive records and both were prepared to take home the championship.

The two teams never played each other during the regular season, and they were ready to prove themselves at the start of the game. "We really did not know what to expect," said Marabou's Eric Biehl, "but we were ready."

Both teams began playing the game with aggression, but the Speed Boys jumped out to an early 4-0 lead. Marabou, however, buckled down after allowing the four points, and they answered the Speed Boys with nine unanswered points.

Both teams continued the shoot out, and Marabou entered half time with a solid 18-12 lead. Marabou can attribute their lead to their solid player, Nick Schmid. Schmid entered half time leading

the team with 11 points.

However, the Speed Boys were not going down without a fight, and they answered Marabou with 6 points of their own. Within a matter of plays, the Speed Boys had tied the game with 18 points apiece. Both teams began to battle it out and neither team was ready to fold. Each time Marabou scored, the Speed Boys answered with points of their own.

With only 4 minutes remaining the Speed Boys' Will Hodge scored to give his team a 28-27 point lead. It was the first time that the Speed Boys held the lead since the beginning of the game.

"It was a real tight game for a while there and we weren't sure who would finish on top," said Biehl.

As the final minutes ticked down, Marabou regained their determination and desire to win. Marabou scored seven points within two minutes, and their lead became solid.

Marabou finished the game with 37 points, compared to the Speed Boys' 34, and at the end of the game, Marabou was celebrating their sweet victory on the court.



Softball rebounds from early season woes to steal a win from Alvernia

by Matt Kemeny
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Head coach Jim Campbell was finally able to breathe a sigh of relief last Wednesday afternoon, after his Lady Lions held off a tough Alvernia team in late innings to steal a victory from the opponents with a score of 3-2.

The win gave the Lions (4-5) a boost of confidence after a rocky trip to Florida where they went 1-8 and a pair of losses to conference foe Susquehanna.

"Once again, Mindy Lancaster pitched a great game," commented Campbell about the win. "The defense also had another extremely outstanding game."

The Lions pushed across all of their three runs in the first inning with RBI's from freshman shortstop Liz Groves, senior catcher Liz Demarest, and sophomore Marissa Yoda.

"We played solid defense

all-around in every position on the field," said Groves. "We just never gave up. We hung in there the whole way."

Demarest continued to highlight an already all-star season with a sacrifice fly in the first inning, as well as gunning down three what-

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Liz Groves, '02

would-be stealers on the basepaths to keep Alvernia at bay.

"We played really well all together," stated Yoda. "There were very few errors

anywhere." The middle infield combo of Draper and Groves continued to shine, making great plays up the middle and turning double plays to get out of potential trouble.

Outfielder Kelli Bracken also saved a few runs with a couple outstanding catches, and once again freshman pitcher Lancaster stifled Alvernia by throwing another

superb game.

"That very well could have been the best defensive game that we have played all season," gleamed Campbell. "We played very well over all."

The Lady Lions will try to keep the momentum going on Saturday when they travel to Lebanon Valley to battle the 1-8 Flying Dutchmen.

"If we play very well together, I think that we can sweep them," commented Yoda about the upcoming game against LVC.

Coach Campbell so far is satisfied about his team's performance in the early part of the season, however, he hopes that this win will spark his Lions into a race for the top of the conference.

"We're playing better ball," replied a confident Campbell. "We are definitely going in the right direction."

After the Lions play LVC on Saturday, they continue their season by hosting Moravian at home on Tuesday before traveling to Elizabethtown to take on the tough Blue Jay squad.

Baseball splits double header with Leb Val, winning one in extra innings

by Emily Wagner
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After two back-to-back losses to Juniata this past Tuesday, the baseball team went in search of a victory the following day when they faced Lebanon Valley in another double header.

The first game went to Lebanon Valley, as the Lions earned only two runs as compared to the visiting Flying Dutchmen's eight.

Albright's day of baseball, however, was not over. The Lions had one more chance for a victory in the second game of the double header.

The game was a low scoring game, and after the seventh inning, the game remained at three runs apiece. Hence, the game was forced into extra innings.

After an inning and a half in which neither team scored, Albright came up to bat in the bottom of the ninth with a chance to end the game. At one point during the inning, Mike Beckley nailed a single to center field, driving home Chris Sosinavage to give the Lions the 4-3 victory over Lebanon Valley.

According to head coach Jeff Feiler, the key to their victory came from the pitching performances of Larry Boyer and Pete Penna and from the defense. "We had good pitching the second game, and we made plays defensively when it counted," commented Feiler.

This win over the Dutchmen increased their overall record to 6-14. This record is a bit disappointing for the team who dominated much of the competition last year, but the team is young.

"We lost so many players from last year," stated assistant coach Kurt Krebs. "Most players are starting for the first time in their



Up to bat for the Lions, Toby Ranck takes a swing in a recent game.

positions, so this is a rebuilding process."

In fact, Bobby Maro is the only returning starter from last year at his position. There are many new names on this year's roster due to an influx of freshmen, but Krebs sees a great amount of talent in these new players. Right now, many of the players are going through the transition between high school and college play, but according to Krebs, the freshmen are "growing and learning".

Another factor, according to coach Feiler, that attributes to the reasons why the team is not seeing as many slashes in the wins column as they might wish is that many times the combination of pitching, defense, and hitting does not gel together in one game.

"It has been an up and down season," stated Feiler. When all the components of the team come together, the team finds success, but

when the parts are lacking, the team sometimes struggles.

There is still time left in the season for the Lions to prove their talent. On Saturday, April 17 the team travels to Elizabethtown to seek revenge upon the Blue Jays in a double header. Last year, when Albright held the first place spot in the MAC conference and when E-town remained on of the bottom teams in the standings, E-town swept the Lions in a disappointing upset.

This year, E-town is currently first place in the conference standings. "It's opposite from last year," commented Feiler. "The tables have turned." Now, the Lions are looking to upset the Blue Jays.

The Lions complete their weekend competition at Scranton and then look ahead to a full week of games, beginning with Montclair on Tuesday at Kelchne Field at 3:30.