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Malcolm X's Daughter Focuses on Heritage, Family and Pride



Attallah Shabazz speaks during a Black History Month Celebration in the Merner-Pfeiffer Klein Memorial Chapel on Sunday, February 16.

by Cheryl Williams

Attallah Shabazz, the eldest daughter of Malcolm X said that African-Americans must know their heritage and their history in order to meet the challenges of the future.

Speaking to students and members of the Reading community at the Albright Chapel on Sunday, Shabazz focused her speech on the topics of the family and the development of a positive black identity. "How can you love yourself, if you don't know yourself?" she asked the audience. Shabazz credited her father and her mother Dr. Betty Shabazz with instilling the pride and strong cultural identity she possesses.

Of her father, Shabazz said he was a "parent friend" and a "buddy daddy." This warm side of Malcolm X, she said, is unimaginable to people because in the media he is seen as militant and cold.

When asked who she thought murdered her father, she answered "I saw people that looked like me take my father out. I saw who pulled the trigger."

Shabazz, who witnessed his assassination 27 years ago said she has had an irregular heart beat ever since her father's death. Like Malcolm X, Shabazz called on African-

Americans to take charge of their own lives. She encouraged young people to excel in school and parents to participate in the community. Shabazz said that African-Americans must be proud of who they are.

"If you were to know your heritage, pride alone could ignite you uphill," she said. "Your vertebrae would be intact. There's no one who could offend you by telling a black joke."

Although Shabazz's speech in its content lacked the controversy many associate with her father, she captured the audience with her wisdom, her openness, and her sense of humor. She shared memories of her childhood, which for her was a time of self-acceptance and exploration. Recalling her readings about famous blacks such as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, Shabazz said they were her role models.

She described herself as a "child of the revolution" who is able to appreciate what African-American people before her accomplished. They lived and died, she said, "so that you can fly, so that you can have a strong backbone, and that as their last words are spoken, you continue the rhythm of their voice."

Bush Unveils Good News, Bad News Education Budget

by Charles Devarics
Special CPS Correspondent

WASHINGTON (CPS) - President Bush has unveiled a budget proposing a major restructuring of federal student aid that would increase the maximum Pell Grant but finance it in part by removing 400,000 students from the program.

The president's fiscal 1993 Education Department budget would boost Pell Grant funding by \$1.2 billion and increase the maximum grant from \$2,400 to \$3,700 a year for the neediest students. But the president would pay for the increase by reducing the number of Pell Grants and slashing other financial aid programs.

Bush's budget would provide no new funds for either Perkins Loans or State Student Incentive Grants and would cut college work-study funds by \$160 million, forcing colleges and universities to increase their contribution to the program. Currently, the government provides 70 percent of work-study salaries; the proposed budget would cut that amount to 50 percent.

"President Bush's fiscal year 1993 budget confirms for the fourth consecutive year that he is no 'education president'," said Tajel Shah, head of the United States Student Association, a lobbying group in Washington.

Shah criticized the White House for restricting access to Pell Grants during a recession.

"With 30 states in budget crises and record-high tuition increases, these proposals would slash financial aid and force many students out of postsecondary education," she said.

In presenting the budget Jan. 29, Education Secretary Lamont Alexander said the plan reflected unprecedented federal support for education. Even with the restructuring, he said, the budget proposes a 17 percent increase in student aid. "The president's budget priority is education," Alexander said.

Of the \$2 billion in new money for student aid, about \$1.1 billion would come through higher subsidies for Guaranteed Student Loan programs. The Education Department said it expects a 50 percent increase in loan volume this year, and the department also would

raise the loan limits on several GSL programs.

The administration also proposes to broaden eligibility for Pell Grants and GSLs to include any student who takes at least one class in postsecondary education. Alexander said this policy would promote lifelong learning for adults who want or need additional education or job skills.

Elsewhere in the budget, the president proposed several new measures to combat loan defaults. One plan would force states to bear some of the financial costs of delinquent loans at schools with high default rates. Another proposal would delay loan disbursements for first-year students.

Bush and Alexander also called for a change in the definition of an "independent student" for purposes of receiving aid. Under the plan, students could call themselves "independent" only if they are at least 26 years of age or can show income large enough "to demonstrate self-sufficiency."

USAA officials opposed the default and independent student provisions. "The bottom line is that students will be hurt," said Glenn Maggiantay, a New York college student and member of USAA's board of directors.

The budget plan does include one initiative likely to please all students -- the right to deduct student loan interest on income tax returns. Alexander said the provision could affect up to 8 million people who have borrowed \$45 billion for tuition, fees and living expenses.

In addition, students and parents could withdraw savings from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to help finance postsecondary education expenses, without penalty.

The president's budget also proposed \$417 million for TRIO programs that offer pre-college help to disadvantaged students, a 6 percent increase from current funding. Similar to last year's budget, the administration proposed a consolidation of four TRIO programs under a new state formula grant for "Precollege Outreach."

The Bush budget now goes to the House and Senate, where lawmakers will begin work on education spending bills for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

ACLU Says Klan Leader Should Speak

DURANGO, Colo. (CPS) - The ACLU plans to sue Fort Lewis College for revoking a speaking invitation to a Colorado Ku Klux Klan Leader unless a settlements is reached between school officials and a student organization.

Shawn Slater was invited to speak in February at a campus forum sponsored by the Fort Lewis College Political Science Club.

Deborah Uroda, director of the college's public relations office, said that school policy mandates that student groups hosting events are responsible for security, which could run as high as \$20,000 for Slater's appearance.

"The students met with Hal Neese, the

police chief of Durango. There were estimates that police protection could run from \$5,000 to \$20,000," Uroda said.

After the meeting with police, Joel Jones, president of the small college, rescinded the club's invitation to Slater.

Uroda said ACLU attorneys planned to meet soon with officials about the revoked speaking invitation.

"We are not clear on the club's plans," said Uroda.

The club advisor, however, charged that the security issue gave school officials an excuse to revoke the speaking invitation

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ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

The State of the College Address will be delivered by President Wachman on February 26, 1992 at 3:00 p.m. in the Teel Hall Chapel

MDA Dancers Shake Their Booties to Raise Money



(L-R) Pam Gibbons, Anissa Veshela, and Ann Vena keep on movin' during the dance marathon.

photo by Wil Johnson



The Philly Phanatic gets down with Keri Sauppee, of the Registrar's office, during the weekend.

photo by Brian Singer



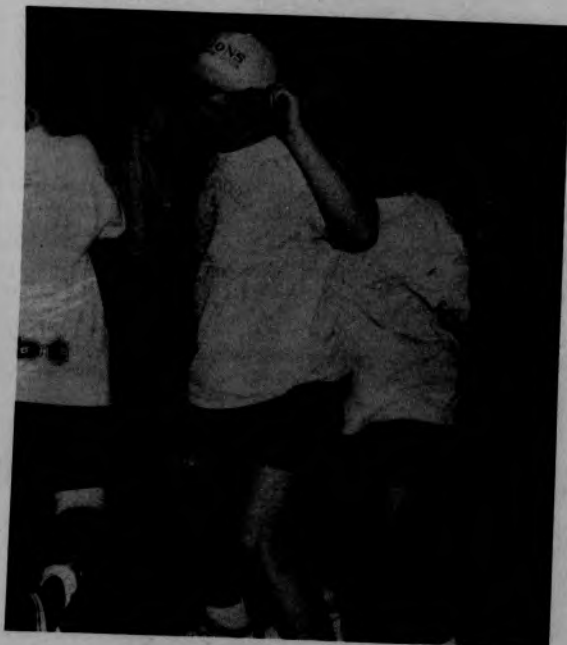
Jason Albert, (l), and Mike McKinney, Alpha Chi Rho postulants, use some pedal power in the fight to raise money to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.

photo by Brian Singer



Chris Vaccaro, (R), watches a friend shoot some baskets at one of the many booths sponsored by campus organizations.

photo by Brian Singer



"Dad," a.k.a. Jon Brown, dances with Gail Rabstein to keep the volunteer dancers motivated.

photo by Wil Johnson

The 1992 MDA Weekend festivities, held Saturday and Sunday raised over \$8,100 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The money was raised from a combination of dancers receiving sponsors and the proceeds from game and food booths, and other activities sponsored by campus organizations.

This year's "Mom" and "Dad" for the event were seniors Erin Grubb and Jon Brown.

Mom and Dad were responsible for keeping the dancers' spirits up and keeping them on the dance floor.

Grub said she was "happy with the way things turned out," despite

approximately 80 people who said they would dance cancelling out at the last minute.

Over 40 dancers braved muscle cramps and sore feet to complete the dance marathon.

Senior Amy Estlack and junior Sandra Edwards co-chaired the event. Highlights of the weekend included the band The Rage on Friday night, who played for an all-campus dance, a magician, and a visit by the Philly Phanatic on Sunday.

The band Smile, an MDA Weekend tradition, played its blend of energetic music to perk up the dancers for the home stretch on Sunday.

The Consort of Musick, under the direction of lutenist Anthony Rooley, and featuring world-class soprano, Emma Kirkby, will be returning to Albright College for an evening of Renaissance music. The Consort, which the New York Times called England's premier early-music group, will perform the polyphonic madrigals of Claudio Monteverdi written for the Mantuan Court around 1600.

The Consort Musick
Performance Date: Wednesday, March 4
In the Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel at 8 p.m.
Admission is \$10.

For reservations call the Reading ticket office (374-3161) or the Albright Public Information Office (921-2381).



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Colored Museum Explores Racial Stereotypes



(From Left) Kecia McMillan '88, admissions counselor, Saidah Ekulona '92, and Chamita Zeigler '92 perform in George C. Wolfe's 'Colored Museum'.

photo by Harrie Burdon

Alumni Choir Weekend Approaches

by Francis Williamson

The Albright Choir, with returning alumni, will perform Haydn's "Nelson Mass" Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m. in the chapel. Written in 1798 immediately prior to *The Creation*, Nelson Mass represents Haydn at the peak of his musical powers.

Soloists for this performance will be Laurie Youtz Gosch, soprano; Jeffrey Lentz, tenor; David Warden, bass; all are choir alumni and outstanding oratorio soloists. Dail Ritchie, adjunct instructor of voice, is the alto soloist completing the quartet. Ritchie also appears as a featured soloists with many Berks choral

groups. Francis Williamson will conduct the combined choir, with Philip Holzman as organist.

This performance of the Haydn mass will climax Alumni Choir Weekend. Alumni return each year to join the campus choir in a masterwork for large choir. Faculty, staff and the Holy Cross United Methodist Church choir join to make this an outstanding choral opportunity for singers and listeners alike.

The Albright Community is encouraged to welcome back the singing alumni February 29 and to attend an exciting performance of a Haydn choral masterwork.

Klan Controversy

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since they were "clearly opposed to having this man (Slater) speak."

"It was never just a security issue," said Rita Blaylock, the club advisor. She said the club, which has about 15 students, contacted the ACLU before inviting Slater to speak at the event.

According to Blaylock, the club had contacted the ACLU during initial planning for the event for advice on "how to handle conflict." A written resolution regarding the club's intent to not back down on the invitation was sent two weeks ago.

In their meetings, the ACLU attorneys and the administration will discuss two issues, Blaylock said. The first will be whether student organizations have the autonomy to

invite the speakers they want and whether the same organizations should be financially responsible for security at sponsored events.

According to Blaylock, the forum was set up so that representatives from the Latin American Citizens League, the Native American community and other minority groups will be given time to speak.

The format for the forum will include written questions from the audience that Blaylock said would "allow more control" over conflict that may arise from hecklers.

The club, whose budget comes from student fees, said that Slater has accepted the invitation. Student body president Rodrigo Ribadeneira is an active member of the Political Science Club.

The Masculine Movement

by Rebecca York

You may have noticed a table set up in South Lounge not too long ago with proclamations concerning the Men's Movement. This is a movement that is somewhat in response to the Woman's movement and the question of why there are so many "Women's Centers" to be found, but never any Men's centers. Men used to pride themselves on being excessively masculine, then there was the stage of sensitivity and looking for the man that was not afraid to cry. Now, according to Psychiatrist Frank Pittman, men are in a state of confusion. With the changing roles of women, men are finding the need to reestablish their expectations and relationships with both men and women. Thus follows the establishment of the "Men's Group." This is an organization designed to enable men to understand relating to other men in an intimate way and to help them deal with personal issues and examine their roles in society. An obstacle hindering the success of these centers for men was the homophobic assumption that they were predominantly for gay men. Another problem is the inherent competition amongst men. However, it is still considered a need that men be able to openly express their thoughts and

vulnerabilities and share their insights in order to come to an understanding of the societal changes.

In this Patriarchal society, men have been viewed as oppressive and restrictive, which initiated the emergence of the Women's Movement. This was marked with a professional demand for equality not only pay, but opportunity. Women began divorcing their husbands and forging their own lives with an avoidance of normal female/male interactions. So, the men's centers devote a great deal of attention to the effects of separation and divorce and the trauma that follows.

This Men's movement consists of such organizations as the Men's Resource Center, which offers individual counseling, group therapy, couple and marriage counseling, workshops and seminars, outdoor team building and leadership activities, and educational and therapeutic trips and the Men's Counseling Center, which operates as a therapy and support group and also offers men and change in ensue relationships with other men. It is also supported by publications such as *Wingspan*, a Journal of the Male Spirit. *Wingspan* is a newspaper developed to "keep pace with the rapidly expanding Male Spirit/Soul Movement."

The Domino Players' production of *Colored Museum* addressed the stereotypes of African-Americans and their cultural heritage which has been denied by the majority of Americans. Through tragic comedy the actors portray the difficulties African-

Americans must face.

The production was part of Albright's celebration of Black History Month.

Jeffrey Lentz '85, directed the musical production.

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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of *The Albrightian* (which you may be able to recall if you were alive at that time), we, the editorial staff, presented a Holiday wish list for Albright students. One of the items in that list read as follows: "...the current search for the new college president. Obviously, Albright students hope that the individual selected for the position is highly qualified, competent, and not overly verbose (ahem), but more importantly, the new president should be concerned with and responsive to the needs and problems of the student body."

On an even broader level, that same statement can and should be applied to other search committees as well. For example, the search for the new Dean of Students--where sensitivity and responsiveness to student concerns is of the highest priority.

Well, the "search" is under way. The Presidential Search Committee worked extremely hard this past fall, and the fruits of their efforts have recently been visiting campus. Thus far, five presidential candidates have visited Albright. While here, they have spent extensive amounts of time talking with administrators, faculty, staff members, and students. The purpose of these campus visits has been two-fold: it provides members of the Albright Community to evaluate the candidate, and likewise, the candidate receives a chance to, in a sense, evaluate Albright.

All of the candidates thus far have been extremely impressive on paper--their work as graduate as well as undergraduate students; their professional/administrative experiences; and the various other activities in which they have been involved (i.e. community service projects and the publication of books and articles).

A central aspect of these campus visits focus on student input. Each candidate is invited to a student luncheon hosted by SGA President, Lou Verdelli (the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee). These luncheons are designed to allow the candidate to talk, in a relatively informal atmosphere, first-hand with students. There are no faculty members, no administrators, nor staff members at these forums--ONLY students. In such an environment, students have been able to effectively and candidly convey their feelings, attitudes, opinions, and concerns.

There seem to be two central themes that run through all of these lunch affairs. The first is the desire for better means of communication. The primary example given is the situation concerning washers and dryers. Although this may seem trivial and petty on the surface, students are upset, and have a right to be. The issue is not so much the raising (by 300% or something exorbitant like that) of the prices, but rather, the manner in which it occurred. Students were not informed of this, nor was their input requested (or even accepted, some effectively argue).

This problem inherently leads into the next major area of concern: lack of student input in decisions that affect the entire "college community" and the ensuing feeling that we are being treated like children. In fact, when several student "activists" inquired as to why there were no students involved in the search for the new Dean of Students, they were simply told that (to paraphrase as a direct quote is unattainable) the search involved confidential matters, and that students could not be trusted. The very idea of not having students on the search panel for the Dean of Students is so incredibly ridiculous, that certainly students should have been outraged. Fortunately, after much perseverance on behalf of some "activists", students were finally granted a place on the committee. The point remains, however, that students had to fight for that position when they should not have had to do so. Until we, as students are allowed first-hand participation in the decision-making process, we should not and cannot rest. It is time for Albright students to awake from the doldrums of apathy and catapult themselves into an era of activism. Complaining only goes so far, and should only last for so long--it is time to organize and take decisive action.

There is much hope, however, as all of the presidential candidates thus far have shown sincere and genuine interest in the concerns raised at the student luncheons. They have all professed a pro-student attitude, and are also ardent advocates of student participation in the decision-making process. It must be pointed out, however, that a new president will only be capable of doing so much--after that, it will be up to us, the students. Whether we realize the opportunities that lie ahead is dependent only upon our own resolve and initiative.

The Unloved Penny

by Paul Castronovo

No one loves the penny. It gets abused. Tossed away. Not even the government that mints the penny likes it any longer. There have been proposals to abolish the penny and simply round up or down. Consulting firms estimate that consumers will lose only \$3.50 a year in pocket change if the penny is erased. Think, for a moment, about the penny. People give them away. How many times have you gone to a convenience store and found those "Have a Penny, Give a Penny--Need a Penny, Take a Penny" bowls near the cash register. Usually there is an abundance of copper (and zinc) in these makeshift depositors.

Not only do we give away pennies, we throw them away. Wishing-wells and fountains are many times awash with discarded pennies. Parents give them away to their toddlers to throw into these tiny abysses. Indeed, under the ripple of that chlorinated sea we see the distorted refracted image of thousands of abandoned pennies.

In wartime, pennies have been seen as the most expendable of all American currency. In 1943, at the height of World War II, the

government saw the need for copper as being so paramount as to begin printing pennies of iron. Today one can still find these grayish pennies embossed with the year 1943. However, it is here where the penny gets its least some respect--coin collectors find these wartime anomalies desirable because of their novelty status.

The poor penny is even used to insult other people. If one is frugal he or she is derided as a "penny pincher." Are pennies that worthless that they don't deserve to be cherished and accounted? No doubt fortunes can be made by collecting and counting all the pennies in your home. Remember 100,000,000 pennies will make you a millionaire, just remember to buy those little red coin wrappers to make the bank's job easy in assessing your newly found copper (and, don't forget, zinc) fortune.

Show the penny that you love it by saving it. Write your congressman (politically correct, as always) and senators to save the penny. After all, you could always use that \$3.50 to spend on something--books, hi-liters, Blistex, beer, whatever. Thanks for paying attention to the most underdiscussed issue in the '92 presidential campaign.

Top Ten Qualities Students Want in Albright's New President

by Paul Castronovo and Chris Gehring

10. A positive outlook on the necessity of kegs
9. Willingness to donate presidential "mansion" for fraternity parties
8. Has a name that is pronounced the way it is spelled
7. No desire to tell stories about a red hippopotamus
6. Didn't dodge the Vietnam draft
5. Not Dan Quayle, David Duke, or Jeffrey Dahmer
4. Someone who could do for Albright what Mario Cuomo has done for New York (?)
3. Someone who won't do to Albright what Reagan and Bush have done to America's economy
2. Supports capital gains tax cut for Albright's Board of Trustees
1. Has the guts to say, "Read my lips: NO MORE TUITION HIKES!"

The Politics of Wash and Dry

To the Editor,

One of the presidential candidates stated that the number one concern of the student body was the increase in the cost of doing laundry. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain what happened and why it happened.

Colleges provide services to students that are not directly related to the educational mission of the institution. These services should be either self-supportive or the service is "funded" out to a profit-making organization. One such service is student laundry. The cost of washing and drying laundry has not changed since the early 1970s, unlike utility costs which have increased substantially.

After reviewing the program the college inquired about farming out the service. The companies involved quoted prices ranging from \$1.00-\$1.50 per wash and \$1.75-\$1.00 per dryer. The college determined that this was too great of an increase and decided to raise the cost \$.25 per machine to cover expenses.

However, there is a legitimate question of notice. Initially we had planned for a September '91 start date but we couldn't get the machinery needed in time. So we planned on beginning with the second semester, but I wasn't sure that we would be prepared at that time. I had planned on using the January issue of the *Albrightian* as a formal method of explaining this change and the others that are occurring.

We are trying to make the campus a better place. For example, south lounge is being refurbished, main lounge has had a facelift, the infirmary is scheduled for renovations and we are investigating bringing cable TV into the campus center. Unfortunately, the *Albrightian* wasn't published in January and students were uninformed of the change. I apologize for this error but I wholeheartedly believe that it was the most viable alternative available.

Rhonda Brown
Interim Dean of Students

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Albright's Dirty Laundry

by A Concerned Student

Nobody likes to do laundry. We all try to think of ways to avoid it—including buying enough underwear and socks to last through finals week. However, as we have all come to realize, laundry has to be done sooner or later. The "later" comes and you separate your laundry, grab your detergent and one quarter for one load of wash and go downstairs to the laundry room. Once you get to the laundry room you realize, to shock and dismay, that you cannot do your laundry. The price has not just increased, it has skyrocketed. An approximate 500% increase in the cost of doing one load of wash is ridiculous.

Many of the students I talked to about the laundry issue were, quite naturally, disgusted, shocked and outright annoyed. We understand that for some reason, unknown and unexplained to us, the price needed to be raised. What we do not understand is why we were not notified. There was no notice, verbal or written, and there were no rumors to cause speculation. The one rumor that did spread was that this end-run went through the Student Government Association. After speaking with numerous members of the SGA it can be said that they knew nothing about the issue. If this issue had been brought to the SGA, an organization that is to represent the students, it would have been discussed, alternatives would have been proposed and there would have been warnings of an upcoming increase in the price of laundry.

The students realize that there may be nothing we can do about this outrageous price increase, we do not think it will be repealed (even though that would be nice). What we are asking now is fairness. If the students who live in the quad and Albright Court have to pay this price increase, then the students of Mohn, North, and the Woods should also.

Another request is to have machines that work. In one of the residence halls, two of the three dryers it has are broken. It is extremely frustrating to do laundry. However, when machines do not work, it becomes even worse.

We pay a great deal to come to Albright in the first place and it is continuing to rise each year. One dollar and twenty-five cents may not be a lot but on the heels of a tuition increase and an interim fee (for the freshmen) this \$1.25 is the straw that broke the camel's back.

If anyone had bothered to ask the students how they felt about this or if the students had any ideas what to do, numerous alternatives would have been suggested. We are adults and would appreciate being treated as such. Adults sit down and discuss issues of importance. An increase in the price of laundry may not seem like an important issue to some but to us students it is important, it affects our lives, not the lives of the the Administration. The least the decision-makers could have done was to have conferred with SGA. The SGA represents the students and could have helped to make such a decision and gotten word to the students about the change.

Not that anybody bothered to ask, but a suggestion could have been to increase the washers to \$.75 and leave the dryers alone. To wash clothes is a one-shot deal but to dry them is another dilemma.

As students we have many good ideas about the issues that affect us. We are constantly being told to be mature, thoughtful, and to behave as adults. We are trying and succeeding, now show us some respect and treat us as adults. Show us some consideration by informing us of what is going on around campus. We have a right to know, we live here 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Next issue of the *Albrightian* will be distributed on Friday March 6, 1992.

Please submit all Letters to the Editor (ON DISK) no later than Friday February 28th.

A Nightmare on Thirteenth Street

by Greg Wallace
Managing Editor

The next time you are travelling down 13th street, look up and to the right just as you pass through the light at Exeter St. There you will see a sign which reads, "End School Zone." Meanwhile, as you continue down 13th, you pass the Center for the Arts, Walton and Crowell Halls and the tennis courts. Students abound. Evidently, according to the city of Reading, these people going to and from the gym, carrying bookbags to class and going to and from their dorms, are not students.

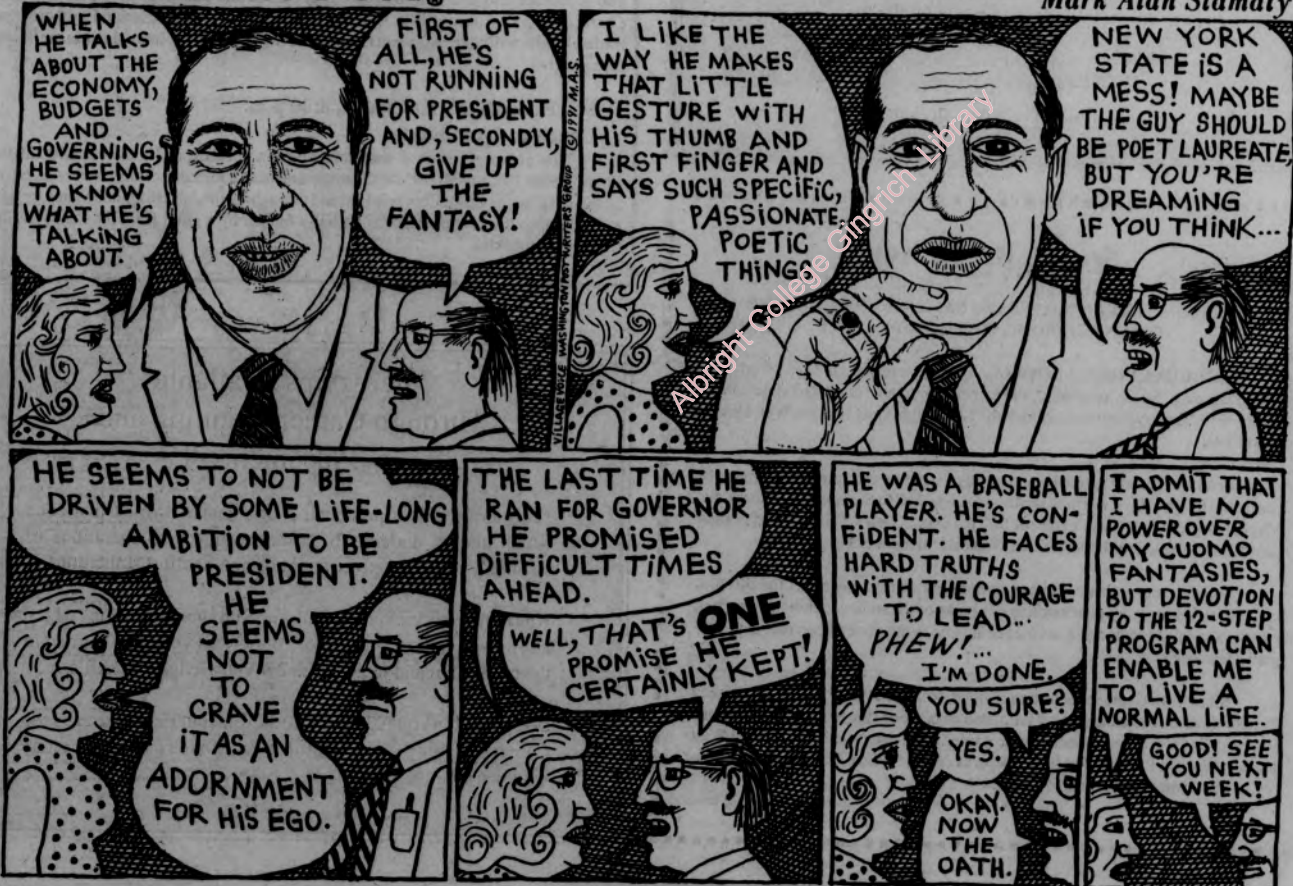
Question: How many times have you had to either wait a couple of minutes or risk your neck dodging cars to get across 13th? Additionally, to get a car in or out of the gym parking lot is an exercise in frustration. Not only should there be a reduced speed limit all along the area in front of the school, there

should be a three way stop at the intersection of 13th and Bern. Stop signs would greatly alleviate the current problems. As a case in point, look how much easier it is to go to and from Court since the signs have been installed.

I was just recently over a Kutztown University and I couldn't help noticing that the road which bisects their campus has a 15 mph limit. Are they better than us? I don't think so! We pay almost \$20,000 a year to go here, can we please have some respect? In this writer's opinion, we, the students of Albright, have been yielding to community pressure long enough (Senior houses, Fraternity houses, etc, etc), I think now is the time they YIELD.

note: There will be a petition sheet on the door of *The Albrightian* office to be sent to local politicians demanding action on these issues.

WASHINGTON



Mark Alan Stamaty

Confused About A Career?

The Career Planning and Placement Center Can Help

Studying for a career and discovering—too late!—that it's really not something you like is distressing, to say the least. You've picked out a major, or at least narrowed it down to two, but are you sure that's what you want? Do you truly want to spend the rest of your life making compounds or analyzing literature? For that matter, do you like your selected major enough to study it in depth for almost four years?

Perhaps you haven't declared a major yet, and you don't have a clue as to what it might be. Don't worry; you still have time. It all comes down to what your interests are—what do you like to do? Matching a major to those interests isn't the easiest thing to do, but it is possible.

Talk to people—other students, professors, people you know or maybe people you don't know. They can tell you what it's like to study political science or art or psychology.

Another resource to keep in mind is the Career Planning and Placement Office. Believe it or not, it can help you. Career Planning and Placement provides a number of services and

programs that can assist you in your career search. Workshops, such as Choosing a Major, career sessions with alums, and individual counseling sessions, as well as various media can all be implemented for your use.

One of the best resources to be found is a computerized system called SIGI PLUS. This system guides you through a decision-making process in which you identify what you value most in a career (How important is a high income to you?). It also provides background on vocations, including necessary skills, chances for employment and advancement, and salary range. The program is free and doesn't require any prior knowledge of computers.

The Career Planning and Placement Office can't guarantee that you'll find a major or a career by simply stopping by. It can, however, offer some guidance by providing resources to increase your knowledge of yourself—your abilities, interests, skills, and values—in addition to the careers that are out there. The Career Planning and Placement Office, located in Selwyn Hall, is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Alumni Choir Weekend

The Albright College Choir with Albright Alumni presents

Lord Nelson Mass

Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m.
Albright College Chapel

Soloists:

Laurie Youtz Gosch, soprano

Dail Richie, alto

Jeffrey Lentz, tenor

Dave Warden, bass

Philip Holzman, organist

Spring Break News

SPRING BREAK MEANS BIG SAVINGS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS DURING "DISNEY BREAK '92"

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA -- College students can blast off on "Star Tours," conquer "Space Mountain" and career through the human bloodstream in "Body Wars" at special student prices Feb. 22 through April 10 at the Walt Disney World Resort.

With a valid student identification, college students can take a break from the beach and try on a day's worth of thrills at Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park, the Magic Kingdom or Epcot Center for \$22 plus tax. That's \$11 less than regular admission. A souvenir button is free with each student ticket.

Students can grab even bigger savings with a two-day ticket for \$40 plus tax. The ticket provides admission to two parks of the student's choice on each of two days and represents a \$26 savings compared to the price of two one-day, one-park admissions.

Since college students last converged on Walt Disney World for Disney Break '91, all three theme parks have added attractions sure to surprise this year's visitors. To find out more about the new rides and shows available, contact Walt Disney World's Press & Publicity Department, P.O. Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000 or call (407) 824-4531.

Upcoming Experiences

February 26, CC South Lounge, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: *Marriage, Relationships, and Love*

Part of the discussion series on *Divergence in Culture: Opening Channels of Understanding*, featuring students of many different cultural backgrounds from the Albright community.

February 28, Freedman Gallery, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Gallery Talk: Jane Marshall, Printmaker, *The Techniques and Processes of Printmaking*

March 3, Meridian Theatre, 6:15 p.m.

Lecture: Judge Linda Ludgate, *Take the Power; They're Not Giving It Away*

The Honorable Linda Ludgate, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, Reading, Pennsylvania, offers inspiring words about how and why women should be achieving career goals in politics and law. She will use video clips to underscore her message. Sponsored by the Women's Center and Women's Studies.

March 3, CFA Klein Hall, 8:15 p.m.

International Film Series: *The Wages of Fear*

148 min. Black and White, 1953. French with English subtitles. Directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot, this film won the Best Picture awards at the Cannes and Berlin film festivals and also from the British Academy, becoming an "instant classic." This suspense melodrama tells the story of "four social outcasts hired to transport two truckloads of unstable nitroglycerine to an oil fire at a U.S.-owned drilling site in Central America." In this uncut version 43 minutes previously deemed "too hot" for the American film market has been restored.

March 4, Albright Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

Concert

The Consort of Musicke, under the direction of lutenist Anthony Rooley, and featuring world-class soprano, Emma Kirkby, will be returning to Albright College for an evening of Renaissance music. The Consort, which the *New York Times* called England's premier early-music group, will perform the polyphonic madrigals of Claudio Monteverdi written for the Mantuan Court around 1600. Tickets are \$10 to the public; members of the Albright community will be admitted free with validated ID.

March 5, CC South Lounge, 4:00 p.m.

Lecture: Nancy Dubler, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, *Individual Liberties and Health Care*

Ms. Dubler, a lawyer, teacher, researcher, and social activist, is currently Director of the Division of Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care, Department of Epidemiology and Social Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is founder and editor of the *Journal of Prison and Jail Health: Medicine, Law, Corrections and Ethics*. This widely published and highly respected authority on medical ethics will address current issues involving the rights of individuals in the health care system.

March 6, Memorial Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

Concert: Latin Fiesta

This group of virtuoso instrumentalists, a vocalist, and a dancer will fill the Chapel with the sounds of the Spanish musical tradition. They have played to enthusiastic audiences at Carnegie Hall and throughout the eastern United States, as well as in Europe. Their appearance is partially funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Internships Available Through Career Planning and Placement

An internship is a practical, professional work experience which allows students to participate in daily operations of business, industry, government or non-profit organizations.

Albright provides Spring, Fall, and Summer internships which allows you the opportunity to apply what you have learned in the classroom and to acquire new knowledge and skills.

If you have any questions concerning an internship, stop by the Career Planning and Placement on Monday or Wednesday between 1 - 3:00 p.m.

From the Lion Lowdown

AIDS Expert to Speak at Penn State - Berks

Dr. Richard Keeling, nationally prominent AIDS expert, will be making a presentation at Penn State - Berks Campus on Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m. Please contact Karen Hicks (ext. 7886) for a FREE ticket. Dr. Keeling is packing in audiences up and down the East Coast right now.

Announcement About Women's Center Event

Due to serious illness, Bell Hooks must cancel her visit to Albright College on Thursday, February 27. We are going to try to make an alternative plan for a speaker this semester on the topic of race, gender, and identity. Thank you, Karen Hicks.

Vita Offers Free Tax Assistance

Help with basic income tax returns will be offered on four Wednesdays, February 19, 26, March 4, 18, and April 1 in the Campus Center by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), under the direction of Professor Gail Wright. Volunteers, trained by the Internal Revenue Service, will particularly help the elderly, handicapped, non-English speaking taxpayers, or those with special needs in the community. There is no charge for this service. Call 921-7561 for more information.

To Faculty & Staff

The annual Alumni Choir Weekend will soon be here - February 29 and March 1. As in former years, the participation of faculty and staff is invited. Performed this year will be the *Lord Nelson Mass* by Haydn, an exciting and dramatic composition for a choir and quartet of soloists. Please check the campus flyer for practice times or if you need other information, call ext. 7872.

Need Help With Your Taxes?

The accounting majors have united to form a chapter of VITA, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for college students, the elderly, and the disabled. The service will be provided from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

February 19 and 26
March 4 and 18
April 1

For more information, call 921-7561.



**Peer Advisors
at the
Women's Center
(Administration Bldg.)**

Drop in hours:

**Monday - Friday
12 noon - 5pm
Saturday & Sunday
11am - 3pm**

**Telephone helpline:
Ext. 7649**

**Monday - Friday 12pm-5pm & 7pm-12am
Sat. & Sun. 11am-3pm & 7pm-12am**

Look It Up in the Library

By the Reference Staff of the Library

The beginning of the year is the time to start gathering information for filling out tax return forms. Not a very pleasant thought, but a necessary one. The Library does not have the personal information needed for this task; each taxpayer must supply that for himself or herself. The Library does have the tax forms themselves, however.

For a number of years, the Library has participated in the BPOL (Bank, Post Office and Library) Program supplying Federal Income Tax forms to the public. Besides the basic 1040, 1040EZ and 1040A forms, there are many other IRS forms and publications available in the Library. These are located in the Current Periodicals area of the main floor.

If a needed form is not found, ask for assistance.

A full set of forms for duplication is available on Reserve. These forms cannot be used themselves, but are made to be duplicated.

In addition, this year the Library has been able to obtain Pennsylvania State Tax forms, which can also be found in the Current Periodicals area.

Free assistance in filling out Form 1040, 1040EZ, 1040A, and related state tax return forms is being offered by trained volunteers in the Campus Center on the following Wednesdays: February 19 & 26, March 4 & 18, and April 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. For further information on this program, contact Gail Wright, Department of Accounting.

Save time driving around town looking for tax return forms. Come to the Library and get both Federal and State tax forms right here.



A Reminder to All Juniors and Seniors About The Mentoring Network

The Mentoring Network is an opportunity for you to meet Albright College alumni in the Reading area who are presently working in your career fields. A mentor can serve as a bridge between college and the real world. Although it is not intended as a career placement service, it may be possible to make professional contacts or get leads on job prospects by developing a relationship with a mentor.

Mentoring Network profile books are located around campus. The book includes profiles on each of the more than 100 alumni who have volunteered to be mentors. These mentors have agreed to be contacted by students at any time.

The Mentoring Network profile books are located in:
Gingrich Library at the Reference Desk
The Women's Center (Administration Building)
Career Planning and Placement Offices (Selwyn Hall)
Alumni Relations (Sherman Cottage)

STOP BY AND CHECK IT OUT TODAY!

Science and Health

When You've Had a Few Too Many...

by Rhonda Miller

You would think that, with all of the advances being made in modern medicine, someone would come up with a cure for the dreaded hangover. Along with the common cold, the hangover remains one of the few ailments that one must leave to run its course. Everyone has a unique way of dealing with their symptoms "the morning after", but knowing the underlying causes may help speed your recovery. Remember the morning when your evil roommate insisted on slamming your door, when he knew you were suffering from a splitting headache courtesy of a few too many beers the night before at the apartment party?

For most of you, the thought is agonizing. You can attribute that headache to a lack of sugar in your system, and to the impurities that alcohol contains (and who knows what else is in that apartment party beer). Because most of us in college do not eat while drinking (who can afford food with this school's tuition anyway), we use up any of the sugar that we ate for dinner. Alcohol further lowers blood sugar. Thus, most of us will experience not only a bad headache, but also nausea and shaking. The best way to replace this sugar is by drinking fruit juices the morning after an alcohol binge.

Another common enemy during a hangover is the queasy stomach. Most of this is due to a minor case of gastritis. Alcohol, which is a toxic substance, causes the formation and accumulation of acid in the stomach. This acid irritates the stomach lining, as well as the intestines. So the next time your stomach threatens upheaval and revenge, you might want to reach for the Maalox or Pepto-Bismol. And better yet, if you can muster up the strength, take either of these before falling into bed to coat your stomach, and hopefully get a better night's sleep.

Other commonly dreaded symptoms of a hangover include fatigue and dizziness. The impurities mentioned earlier are the main culprits here, along with the fact that alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. To help counteract these feelings, it is recommended that you take two aspirin before bed. Also, calcium helps soothe the nerves, so drink your milk! Some crazy person even suggested running "the morning after". His logic: exercise gets the blood flowing which will get rid of the alcohol

more rapidly. A good idea, but did any of you ever try exercising with a head and stomach that were about to explode???

Dehydration also plays a major role in the agonies of a hangover. The alcohol acts as a diuretic, which causes the loss of the body's water. Before you know it, you'll be running to the bathroom quite frequently. This loss of fluid only adds to your misery. Along with the nausea, headache and dizziness, you will soon have a mouth as dry as the Sahara. To combat the fluid loss and dry mouth, drink a lot of water before going to bed. This might make you visit the bathroom more throughout the night, but your body will absorb what it needs to help you get over the other symptoms.

The suggestions given so far on how to cope with a hangover come from the minds of health professionals. Who do these people think they are when they can't even find a cure for the common cold? But considering that I will soon be one of those health professionals, I do not want to disregard everything they say. One cure they have found is simple - don't drink in the first place, or drink moderately. You can still have a great time at a party without guzzling beer after beer. In fact, this can be MORE fun because you can sit back and watch a lot of people make fools out of themselves - and you can be the one to remind them of their antics in the morning! Try it some time - not only will you avoid many of the hazards that go hand in hand with alcohol, but you will also feel much better about yourself. Believe me, I've been there and it is great! But let's face reality, this is college and you are bound to have one too many at one point or another during your four years here. We all have our own ways of dealing with hangovers. And as you are all well aware, second semester means more partying - Spring Break, Spring Fever Weekend, formals and that wonderful day called graduation. You should do what relieves the most misery for you, and if you do not know what that is as of now, it is obvious that there will be plenty of opportunity to experiment with those home remedies. As most guys will agree, if all else fails, try drinking the nasty stuff that made you feel rotten in the first place. Believe it or not, a lot of people swear by that one. Well, not me - just give me a couch, my pillow, a T.V. and my Gund bear - AND DON'T SLAM ANY DOORS!

If your going to have intercourse, protect yourself and your partner, use a condom.
See Ma Gable in the Health Center.
8 for a dollar!!

Albright Makes the Grade

by Timothy R. Shope

Hello again, Albright. This is Professor Shopey with your test results. The overall class average was an A- (I can give you this now that we are on the wonderful plus/minus system, yeah right!). Some of you, however, need need to do a little more work before the next test. The test to which I am referring is the cholesterol screening which was held on November 13th.

The American Heart Association with help from ACONS and courtesy of Alpha Epsilon Delta (the local pre-medical honor society), screened 150 representative Albrightians for elevated serum cholesterol levels, as well as elevated blood pressure. One hundred and twenty-three of the participants were between the ages of 18 and 49, and 27 were over the age of 50. It should be noted that all of us need to be concerned with our cholesterol level and blood pressure (to mention only a few things).

I can happily report that the percentage of Albrightians at risk in both areas is well

below the national average. Eighty-five percent of those 18-49 had cholesterol levels below 200 and are in no immediate danger. Another 11% had a level between 200 and 240 and need to make some dietary and physical modifications. Only 4% need to make serious lifestyle changes because they had levels over 240. Only 6% of the people between the ages of 18-49 has an elevated blood pressure (>140/90).

Unfortunately, 52% of the over 50 group had cholesterol levels between 200 and 240. An additional 26% of them had levels over 240. In a pleasant surprise, this group matched their younger peers with only 7% having elevated blood pressure (>160/90).

Overall, only 27% of those screened had elevated cholesterol levels, about half of the national average of 45%, and only 7% had elevated blood pressure, about one-third the national average of 25%. Keep up the great health, Albright!!

If any of you have any questions, see me after class, talk to a real bio or nursing professor, or call the American Heart Association at 376-8001. Class dismissed, see ya soon.

Albright Women Top Charts

by Elizabeth Snyder

It's a subject that is covered a great deal in today's media. In fact, it is spoken about so much that we, as consumers, have become immune to it's dangers. It's smoking and believe it or not, it really is a serious health hazard. Now, all of us supposedly educated college students know that smoking has been linked with lung cancer. So what is the big deal?

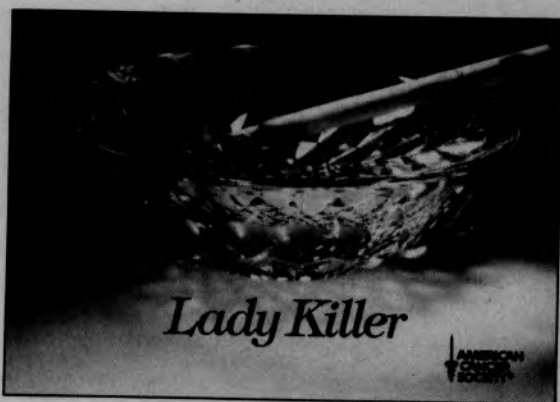
The big deal with smoking is that not only is smoking linked to lung cancer, it is also linked to cancer of the cervix, pancreas, bladder, mouth and larynx, and if these risks alone aren't enough to make one shudder than add in smoking's effect on the heart. Heavy smokers are five times more likely to have a heart attack than are nonsmokers. Cutting down on the number of cigarettes you smoke doesn't help much, either. Just four cigarettes a day more than doubles your risk of a fatal heart attack.

You may be wondering why this article is titled as it is. Well, according to statistics

from the American Lung Association, young women under the age of twenty - three makeup the fastest growing group of new smokers in the United States. Lung cancer has now overtaken breast cancer as the number one cause of cancer deaths among women. In women, it is also known, that the combination of smoking and birth control pills is fatal in relation to heart attack risk.

Now that you know all about the risks associated with smoking, it's time to talk about how to go about quitting. If you smoke, you may have tried to quit in the past. It is estimated that as many as one - third of all smokers attempt to stop each year. Instead of discouraging yourself, think of an unsuccessful attempt to stop smoking as a learning experience and try again.

Here are some tips to get started: plan some alternative strategies that you can use when you feel the urge for a cigarette - like chewing gum; choose some new techniques for relaxing - like soaking in a warm bath; eat a well - balanced diet, and get plenty of rest. Good luck and remember: within just one year off cigarettes, your risk of heart disease is reduced by fifty percent.



Lady Killer

AMERICAN
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SOCIETY

Features

Off The Record

By Brian Singer

Spring semester, do you know where your sanity is? Just kidding. With the new semester in full swing, and last semester finally over, I realized that Albright College is very repetitive. It seems that students and faculty always seem to do the same things over and over each day. So I thought I would describe a typical day in the typical life of a typical Albright student.

(editorial note: This article is sarcasm. DO NOT TAKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERIOUSLY! So do not send any letters or death threats to the editors of this newspaper. Your gratitude is greatly appreciated.)

When you wake up in the morning and you crawl out of bed 30 minutes before class starts. You promised yourself the night before that you would get up early and go to breakfast; but Mr. Sandman wouldn't let you leave his humble abode. So you hit your snooze alarm ten times and realized you have little time to shower, brush your teeth, get dressed, and listen to Howard Stern in the morning. But you think, "Hey, I have a half-hour, no problemo." You get to the bathroom and there is a line for the shower. No problem, you'll just wear a hat. Then you get back to your room and realize that you don't have any clean clothes because you are boycotting the laundry room because the washers and

dryers went up in price. No sweat; you wear whatever clothes do not smell horribly. By this time you have five minutes until class starts so you scarf down a pop-tart and chug a coke.

Wishing to be late for class, you proceed to run to class. Actually you don't run, you more or less casually walk to class. Hey, you pay 17.5 grand a year to go to this school; you're going to take your own sweet time. Of course, you show up to class five minutes late; but that's okay, your professor showed up ten minutes late.

The class has begun and the professor starts to lecture the same lecture he/she has been using for the past twenty years. Between snoozes you start to notice inconsistencies in the lecture, like, "The Vietnam Conflict will be over in one or two years. Peace man." But that's okay; most of the time you are drifting into space planning your fun-filled weekend in the hopes of breaking the world's record of crushing beer cans against your forehead. Yes, it is finally over and you have one hour until your next class. The smart thing to do would be to get a little bit of studying done. But you are tired, so you decide to go to your dorm room and get some sleep. Hopefully you will make it to your next class. Yeah, right.

The next stop on your daily agenda is to go to the Dining Hall and eat lunch. But before that you must stop by your mailbox.

Before you get there you hope and pray that somebody sent you something. Anything will suffice; a letter, a note, somebody else's letter. You open your mailbox, remove the cobwebs so you can see into the empty space, and see nothing. "Everybody else gets mail," you say to yourself, "but not me. My friends get mail from people they don't even know."

By this time of the day you are starving. Remember, you have only eaten a pop-tart and a coke, and the pop-tart didn't even have the frosting on it. How filling can it really have been? You enter the Dining Hall through the designated entrance and feast your eyes on the usual assortment of food. You have your choice of: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese, deli, and chef's special. (What is "chef's special", anyway?) Eating is always enjoyable on the new vinyl tablecloths purchased at your finer Italian restaurants that have been dyed blue to match the school colors of red and white.

After lunch it's more classes, maybe a lab or two, and if you are daring you may decide to study. Who knows? Then it's back to the Dining Hall for dinner where that infamous chef's special reappears. (Here is a helpful hint from our editor: Don't eat anything that isn't named after somebody.) Dinner can be a lot of fun. Not only does it consist of getting all of the recommended daily vitamins and minerals, but it is a great time to gossip.

That's what dinner is really about. Who's dating who, who broke up with who, how hard are your classes, how much do washers and dryers really cost now?

Dinner's over and it's time to hang out in the Campus Center in your regular spot where you plan the rest of the day. But today you must study. But before you study, you must watch your favorite TV show; especially if the Simpson's are on. Aye caramba! Okay, now it's time to study. Uh-uh. The phone rings and it's your (parents, brother, sister, boyfriend, girlfriend, friend-friend, or the family pet) so you end up spending some time on the phone. Time to study right? Wrong! Now you so are hungry that you decide to order a pizza. And what's pizza without a few friends over to share it with you (as well as chip in a few bucks). When your friends get to your room, you eat and gossip. Of course no studying gets done. After the blackmail session, it's study til you drop. And as if a miracle should happen, you manage to get a little bit of studying in. But is it enough? Of course not. Just as your assigned reading was getting remotely interesting, your roommate stops in and invites you to go on a midnight run to Denny's. Being the swell person that you are, how can you resist? By the time you get back you are just too exhausted to even think about studying. Logical solution: Sleep now, study the night before the test, all night!

To Be Plus or Minus?

By Ginny Roth

Students who just recently received their report cards probably noticed something different next to those little letters that represent their grades. The new addition was either a plus or a minus symbol.

In the 1991-92 academic year at Albright is the first year that a plus/minus system has been initiated. In simplest terms, the plus/minus system allows professors to have a more expansive and accurate way to grade students according to their performance. For example, rather than allowing a 91 and a 97 to be the same grade, as was true in the past, the new system allows only the student who earned the 97 to receive the A whereas the student who received the 91 will receive an A-.

Naturally, grade point averages will be effected by the new system. Those students who before received C's may now receive C-'s, therefore lowering their GPA. However, it could also benefit the student by raising an 87, once a B, to a B plus, thus raising the GPA.

Although, it is true that the decision for the plus/minus system was passed by a majority decision, one professor disagrees with the system in its entirety.

"I don't approve of the system at all," said Communications professor Dr. Achal Mehra. "Dividing grades into five categories is hard enough, sub-categories is ridiculous. It's

hard enough to make that kind of judgement. Grading is a very vague kind of system to begin with."

Because the system is relatively new, it is hard to say just to what extent it is going to change the grade point averages of students. Students, however, do have their opinions about it.

"I like it because I feel it's a more accurate representation of what you deserve," said sophomore Amy Merrell. "It also looks better to parents. In the old system, if you get a B even though you deserved a B plus, they'll say it's almost a C. In the new system you'll receive the B plus and that's almost an A." Sophomore Silvia Piller said, "I think it's fair. Now there's more of a distinction. It used to be if one had an 89, it would show up as an 80."

At a more indifferent level, Dinah Schuster said, "It has its advantages and disadvantages. It can work to your ability, but it's all in the way you look at it. Attendance and class participation can boost you up to a B plus from a B."

Although students were not involved in the decision making for the plus/minus system, it is one nonetheless that was chosen with the best interests of the students in mind. Some students, however, are not so enthusiastic about it. Jonathan Hunter said, "I have yet to see anyone who got a plus. A lot of other schools are doing it, so I guess we had to start sometime."

"T" Notes

Have you ever been in the wrong place at the wrong time? Meaning, have you ever felt like you weren't supposed to have been somewhere, or have seen something? Well, knowing full well that we have all walked into a room at the wrong time or that we were in a place that someone else walked in at the wrong time, my mission for the week was to listen to your stories and anecdotes pertaining to these little mishaps.

Before I get to the nitty-gritty stuff, and believe me there is a lot of nitty-gritty stuff for this question, there are a few stories that I found quite funny. They're the kind of stories that make you feel like an idiot even though you weren't the one that did it. Jim O'Neill said that once he was in the wrong place at the wrong time when him and a friend were dropped off two miles from home on the way back from a party. While taking short cuts through back streets and other people's backyards, his friend set off a car alarm by accident. To ensure that him and his friend would not get caught, they proceeded to take another street that was two streets over from the one where that car alarm had gone off. "When we stopped to think about which way we should go, the cops pulled up and I was arrested. If I had stayed on the other street, I would have never gotten caught." I guess sometimes it's better not to think before doing something.

I think that most of us have been in the museums in Washington D.C. at least once in our lives. The Smithsonian, The Museum of Natural History, The Art Gallery, etc. Well, in all of these museums there are elaborate displays and exhibits. Apparently in the Museum of Natural History, the stairs leading to the ladies room are very elaborate and detailed. One Albright student claimed that the one time that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time when he was in the Museum of Natural History and walked down the stairs and right into the ladies room. "I thought it was another exhibit," he claims. In actuality, he is a peeping Tom that needs to seek therapy as soon as possible.

Now down to the nitty-gritty. Many of the students that I interviewed for this article had some pretty interesting stories to tell about being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Rob Lublin, junior, claimed that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time when he walked into his room and his roommate was "taking care of business" with his girlfriend. Didn't you ever hear of knocking Rob? You could have saved yourself a lot of embarrassment. Another student had a similar story to tell. "I was in my loft passed out from drinking, and my roommate came in with a girl and was hooking up with her on the couch below me. Neither one of them realized that I was there." This could have been a learning experience. Why didn't you take notes?

The stories get even better. One Albright student revealed a time when he could have very easily gotten himself into a lot of trouble. Here is his story. "I was at a party over the summer and met this bad babe. She was kind of promiscuous and enticed me to go upstairs with her. I didn't know that her two large brothers were at the party. I was stuck in her room with her and her two large brothers were looking for me. I weasled my way out of it." I guess that the practice of "safe sex" was definitely in order here, and I mean that in the most literal way possible. h)0*0*0*e is an instance where someone was definitely in the right place at the right time. Jay Smoot, senior, tells of a time when he was in a bar in Florida. "I was in a bar in Florida over spring break where there was a wet T-shirt contest. I went to the bathroom and the girl that won the contest came into the bathroom and changed from her wet T-shirt to her dry T-shirt." Is this a case of you being in the wrong place at the wrong time or her Jay?

Being in the wrong place at the wrong time can sometimes turn out to be interesting, but other times it can turn out to be dangerous to one's health. So, to close this article on a "wrong" note from the wise words of Jim Rutter, "I'm in the wrong life at the wrong time."

Groundhog's Day has come and gone and for those of you who wanted warm weather, I'm sorry to say, the little furry creature saw his shadow. We all know what that means, SIX more weeks of cold!

Leaping Lizards: It's that year again!

By Pam Lovera

As a children's song puts it...

Thirty days has September, April, June
and November

All the rest have thirty-one except one

Poor poor February

Some years it has twenty-eight

But some years it has twenty-nine which
is fine.

Guess what? It's that year again, LEAP YEAR, with the infamous LEAP DAY, the elusive 29th of February. Bet a lot of you reading this only know the basic facts of Leap Year and are dying to know all the juicy details of what and why it is and what we should do about it. Well, I'm here to enlighten you (come, take a leap of faith with your Leaping Lady of Learning).

"It's neat. It's bizarre. Like a hand grenade in your lunch." So says Pat Rands, sophomore. Well Pat, I don't know where you've been doing your dining lately but Leap Year is a "neat" concept.

You see Leap Year has 366 days instead of the usual 365. This is because of Julius Caesar (you know old Julius couldn't make anything simple, that's why all of his pithy sayings are in Latin, so you have to learn a dead language to make educated puns). He had his astromomers set the solar year at 365 days and 6 hours. The extra hours pile up and every four years accumulate enough time between them to make a legitimate day. There goes freshman Karen Marrongelle's suggestion that Leap Year is so cool we should have it more often. (It just wouldn't be the same having a leap half day. We'd end up sleeping all day and staying up all night. Oh, my fault, we're in college, we do that anyway). The lucky year with the extra day was called bissextile (no, get your mind out of the gutter. The year does not go both ways, time can only go in one direction. I learned that in P-Chem). The name Leap Year was started because after the 29th, a date "leaps over" the day of the week where it would be in ordinary years (sorry folks, no horror stories of raining frogs or mass leap-frogging on the 29th).

Helen Ziga, sophomore, wants to know

why it's added to February and not made into a whole new month of its own (Leapuary, Leapember, obviously because it's too silly sounding). While leaping through the library I discovered that the extra day was traditionally added to February because it's the shortest month and would be easy to remember. Before the calander was fixed there was massive confusion as to what date was when. People had taken to adding week and months after a few decades of letting things slide, things would be OK then they'd get all wacky again (Imagine the conversations, "When's your birthday this year." "Saturday, unless someone adds a week or two in"). Thank goodness for old Julius after all.

Speaking of birthdays, Laura Dahlinger, senior, feels "sorry for the poor sods with birthdays on the 29th." Like junior Brian King's father. Do these people age at a quarter of the rate the rest of us do? Does Brian's mom have to deal with two teenagers at once? No, luckily King Henry VIII made February 28th the birthday of the 29th-ians during off years.

The award for the most learned answer to my "What's your opinion of Leap Year" question goes to Greg Wallace. He stated that they were "absolutely necessary or we'd be having Christmas in April." But Greg's taking astronomy, so he had a head start on the rest of us.

The ultra unoriginal answer is shared between senior Erik Johnson and Chris "Brokaw" Tegley. "One more day to go to class." Check your calanders guys, the 29th's a Saturday.

Eric Henao, freshman, brought up the all-important Sadie Hawkins aspect of Leap Years. In thirteenth century Scotland a law was passed stating that if any lady asked a gentleman on the 29th to marry her and he didn't, he was fined. A modern day equivalent is a result of the "Li'l Abner" comic strip. A character named Sadie Hawkins gets to ask her beau out on the 29th and the tradition continues today. So ladies, let's get going, our day has arrived.

Thank you for letting me expand your minds by leaps and bounds. And guys, be as brave as senior Dan Hurlbut when he says to the females of Albright "I'm available."

**The Staff of The Albrightian Wants to
welcome you back! Have a good
semester!**

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Dear Kim and Suz,
Thanks for the great time at Silkmill. We love you! —Sisters of Phi Mu

Hey Prewel

Thanks for the rose. It was beautiful, but you still owe me Rice Krispie treats! I'm Waiting!!

"Sucky"

I want you to know how wonderful I think you are and how very happy you make me. Thank You. You're the best!! —Love B. Time

Pat,

Would you like to go upstairs??—Sydney '92

Dav and Lou V,

"Switch," I wasn't there but I'd like to try. Spring '92 have fun in Hawaii, you jerks.

Erik,

Did you get rid of that Ben Gay smell yet?—Steph

Pamuel, You're terrific! —Serolod

Barry,
Let's do it for Interim. Wham!! Wham, Wham.

You Americans as too many questions! Porky's. —Sydney '92

Becky and Wendy,
Enough secrets already! Thanks for the fun! —Steph

Dear J Girls,
Thanks for the anti-V-day party. We love you too! —Love, Sisters of Phi Mu

Rabstein,
I bet that shower feels even better after MDAI —Love, Fleckma

Hiro, Thanks for helping the team. Congratulations. See you in May. —Bucko

Kim,
It was nice to actually "see" you again. Love, Steph

Kim and Pam, Another 33 hrs. I think would do us really good. —Gail

By Kim Hengst

Interim 1992 is now a memory. But let us take a little trek back to January, and review all that was going on. (That is if you have any memories to go back to. Some people are still trying to put the pieces together after that first apartment party).

Those of us who stayed here at Albright found ourselves once again blowing off that one class (it wasn't intentional, but I've never had such a hard time getting up for a ten o'clock class). Beyond that, the apartments in their usual tradition, provided those at Albright with appropriate extracurricular activities.

In a more unique manner, if one found themselves in Mohn Hall on certain evenings they could have participated in a game of "lobby basketball". You may laugh, but the NBA has expressed an interest.

For those who guffaw at the amateur players the girls' and guys' basketball teams provided plenty of excitement. I was impressed to see such an awesome turnout at the home games. They never ceased to keep us at the edge of our seats.

Some very fortunate Albrightians managed

to escape the tundra-like climate of Reading for the month. (Actually Reading isn't classified as tundra. I know this because of studying Meteorology for four weeks, but I digress). Some explorer types spent time in Hawaii, Australia, Panama, or the Bahamas. Now I'd just like to say for the record that it's really great that these people had the wonderful opportunity to study in some exotic locale. I'm really happy that you could have such a great time while involved in the learning process. But I beseech you, please lighten up before coming back here! How depressing it is to be bombarded by the sight of tanned individuals in February.

Many of you went home over Interim to make a buck or two. I can't blame you for choosing this route. But admit it, you missed us here didn't you? I saw more than one homebody back to do some partying over the month.

Well, so much for our trip back in time. It's time to get off at the stop of reality and stress and take the second semester train to the future. How corny was that? Anyway, good luck and keep in mind those Interim memories.

Rape

The Legal Definition

According to the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Section 3121, rape is defined as the following:

"A person commits a felony of the first degree when he engages in sexual intercourse with another person:

1. by forcible compulsion;
2. by threat of forcible compulsion that would prevent resistance by a person of reasonable resolution;
3. who is unconscious;
4. who is so mentally deranged or deficient that such person is incapable of consent."

The crime is punishable by a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment and/or a fine of twenty-five thousand dollars.

The rape of a male is classified in Pennsylvania as "involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse," and is a felony of the first degree, carrying the same punishment as rape of a female.

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Here And There During Interim

Whale Watching In Hawaii

by an Albright Whale-Watcher

For approximately forty-four Albright students, the month of January was anything but ordinary. As participants in the Interim Program, these fortunate few were able to spend four weeks in Maui, Hawaii—a virtual paradise.

The primary purpose of this excursion was to study whale behavior, and especially how that behavior is affected by boat traffic. The month of January is a crucial time for the endangered humpback whales, as it is their mating season. In the past, data collected by Albright students has been used by Dr. Marsha Green to restrict certain types of boats in specific areas (i.e. para-sailing, jet skiing). Surprisingly enough, Albright is the only school to sponsor such a program in Maui during January.

Not only do Albright students collect data at two separate locations, but they also

receive a chance to go out on a twenty foot Zodiac raft and observe the whales up close. Endowed with a special whale research permit (only one of seven in Hawaii), the Albright raft ("Spyhop") has permission to go right up to the whales. In fact, Dave, who is in charge of operating the raft was able to actually swim with the whales!

Being in Hawaii for four weeks provided the students with much leisure time as well. Allow it to be stated that they were able to gain an education both of an academic nature, as well as one of a "different" sort—neither of which is more important than the other. The chance to "island hop" and see things like the North Shore, Pearl Harbor, and the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; travelling the "Road to Hana"; seeing a sunrise at the Haleakala Crater; and snorkeling at the Molokini crater were once-in-a-lifetime experiences. It was a trip that will never be forgotten by anyone who was fortunate enough to go.

Going Down Under

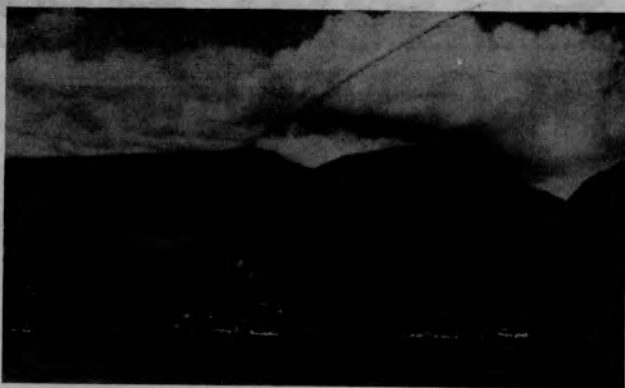
While some students went to Hawaii, and some went to the Bahamas, there were some students who spent interim in Australia and New Zealand. Altogether, they spent seven days in Australia and ten days in New Zealand.

While in New Zealand, the students got to see the Maori, which are New Zealand's Aborigines. They also traveled to a nearby

rain forest.

New Zealand had many boiling mud pools that smelled like sulfur and gysers. The gysers were so hot that the people could boil their food in the pools.

During the trip they traveled by plane ten times, needless to say they became very accustomed with customs.



The beautiful mountains and landscape of Maui

photo by Chris Gehring

A Trip To The Bahamas

By Mike Finelli

If you're looking for a vacation filled with sunbathing and relaxation in a luxurious hotel, the San Salvador trip is not for you. However, if you are the type of person that likes to get what you pay for and enjoy experiencing things you've never done before, than this small island might just be what your looking for and with a price tag of \$900 and at most \$150 spending money you can't go wrong.

San Salvador island is a 50 minute charter flight south of Nassau. It has some of the

most beautiful untouched coral reefs in the Bahamas and the course is designed to give students a chance to snorkel everyday. At night you could spend some time at one of the local bars. Beer is expensive at \$3.00 a bottle, but you can get Rum ion 40 oz. bottles for \$12.00. The locals are very friendly and present a worthwhile cultural experience. you'd like to see the Landfall of Christopher Columbus, swim with baracuda, hike through Mangrove Swamps and search for bats in caves then I recommend to you the nine day experience on San Salvador in the Bahamas.

Sign Language Course Broadens Students' Horizons By Examining a Little Known Culture

Imagine a world without sound: no birds singing, no music, and no traffic noise and not being awakened by your neighbor's stereo at 2 a.m. Also imagine what it would be like to be a member of the deaf minority, a culture which has been misunderstood and denied by the majority of people in the world.

Interim 1992 provided a rare opportunity for students to experience a part of deaf culture by learning sign language. The intricate hand motions and facial expressions necessary to convey the proper sign take a lot of time to master, but for students of the American Sign Language class there was an immediate need for at least a minor proficiency.

As students filed in for the first class it was soon evident that the instructor was deaf. Denise Brown, a native of Allentown, has been deaf since contracting meningitis influenza at age one. She is able to make some sounds, but cannot speak because she was prelingually deaf. Her hearing loss is approximately 97 decibels, which would place her in the category of being profoundly deaf. Anyone with a hearing loss of 90 or more decibels is considered profoundly deaf.

Other classifications of hearing loss are severe, 80 to 90 decibels and mild 40 to 70 decibels. Debbie Ashline, a native of Vermont, was also an instructor for the more than 35 students who took the Interim course. Ashline was born deaf due to a rubella epidemic. Brown and Ashline received undergraduate degrees from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Brown received a Masters degree in Deafness Rehabilitation from New York University. Ashline is currently pursuing a M.A. degree in Deaf Education at Western Maryland College.

Both instructors, in their late twenties, developed a good relationship with the students in and out of the classroom. They were always

available to give extra help to anyone who needed it. Ashline and Brown chose to teach the course through a combination of small group activities, games, skits, and general instruction. The games concentrated on developing quick reflexes and expressive body language. One of the most popular games with the morning class was a sign language version of "telephone." New signs would be practiced and learned through the quick exchange of hand motions and visual concentration necessitated by the fast-paced game. "Games with a learning experience underlying them were really successful," said Victoria Mikaelian '93.

When asked what they liked best about the students at Albright, Brown replied, "They don't quit. They are determined to learn." "They are motivated," replied Ashline. Brown and Ashline feel their success in teaching can be attributed to their "day by day" approach. "We prepared for class the next day the night before, rather than a month in advance," stated Brown. "That allowed us to plan the class depending on what the class needed."

The instructors invited some of their deaf friends for a party. Brown and Ashline's friends were surprised at the level the students had reached in less than a month's time. It was challenging and exciting to test out the signing skills learned in class on people who were not used to signing very slowly for the classes' benefits. With a sense of humor, patience and understanding Ashline and Brown made Interim 1992 one of the best learning experiences I have had at Albright. With the amount of interest that was generated from Interim, sign language has become an offering of the evening program as an elective for 1992. "We'll definitely be offering it in the



Albright students learned a new language during Interim

fall," said Jean Calvert, director of the evening program. "Whether or not it goes will depend on enrollment." If enough people sign up for the course to cover the cost of providing it, it will become part of the evening program. Most of the students in the sign language course suggested that sign language should be a language option for full time students. The language is just as difficult as any Spanish courses I have taken at Albright.

American Sign Language truly is another language. The sentence constructions are different from English and another version of

sign, signed English is even more difficult to learn because it most closely approximates English sentence construction.

The next opportunity to take sign language may happen this summer. Registrar David Ballaban said the possibility has been discussed, but plans for the summer session are just getting under way. The office should know if it will offer the course by late March or early April. For more information about sign language courses and clubs contact the Berks County Association for the Hearing Impaired Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Social Service Page

HSO Minutes

by Gail Rabstein

February 13, 1992
6:30 pm
22 Members present

--New Meeting Room?--Alumni Hall-Faculty Club (This is being looked into presently)
--The Rock-athon will be held the weekend of April 3rd and 4th. There will be a twenty dollar minimum sponsor for each chair.
--There are many jobs that have to be taken care of for this event and these people are graciously going to do them:

Chris Carr will be organizing the partners and collecting the names of the rockers. Brenda, Tracy, Laura and Lisa will be asking around for chairs from homes and offices. Teresa Lloyd will be tagging chairs. Denise Brady will be contacting Dave Tanger about food and snacks for the weekend. Kristin Mink will be contacting the Reading

Emergency Center about the Opening and Closing.

Adina Mulikin will be getting the video equipment (TV and VCR) from George Missonis (In the library).

Teresa and Gail will be selecting a few of the finest movies to be seen.

Kristin Renouf will be calling the local pizza places to see about getting a good deal.

I will be talking to the Albrightian, Cristen Beecham will be talking to the Lion Lowdown.

and Carrie Smith will be speaking with WXAC. Anne Gareiss will be making signs for the campus center.

Becky Wolfe will be making sponsor sheets. everyone will be thinking of chair games.

--The Blood Drive will be Monday, March 16th.

--Krista Schoolcraft, Jacqueline Jemee and Lisa Carduff will be helping with that.

--Tentative meetings will be every other Thursday night at 6:30.

Going The Extra Mile

by Kate Rea
Social Service Editor

As a tour guide for the Admissions office, I never fail to point out just how involved the faculty is with student life. It is easy to just walk away from the job once the day is over but to many faculty, the job is not over when they are done with teaching their classes. A group of Albright faculty and area volunteers began the Blue Spruce Program in 1989. The program seeks to fund needy students for the unforeseen costs of getting an education. The Blue Spruce Foundation was named by its president (an Albright faculty member) Dr. Edward R. Gilbert. It was his brainchild that has now expanded into a very large operation. It is linked with schools such as Kutztown, Alvernia, Reading Area Community College, Penn State Berks, and countless other schools. When I spoke with Dr. Gilbert about the Blue Spruce Foundation he seemed modest with his incredible accomplishment. But when he spoke of how many they had helped I knew that he was very proud of the foundation. He spoke of times when students had only one set of clothes, so he took them down to a local

store to buy them some clothes. Gilbert pointed out that there are many dedicated faculty that share an important component to the Blue Spruce Foundation. Associate Director of Athletics Nancy Jo Greenwalt is a member of the review committee for the foundation. Retired Biology professor Janet L. Gehres is also a member of this committee. The review committee relies solely on the judgement of faculty and administrators in the referral of "needy students of good character" for assistance. The committee considers all reasonable requests. These requests most often are to cover unexpected expenses such as textbook, laboratory costs, uniforms (nursing students) emergency related travel, medical bills and much more. Funding of the organization comes from donations from the community and private donations (many from alumni of Albright).

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Blue Spruce Foundation should contact one of the committee members or send a check to:

The Blue Spruce Foundation
16 E. 36th Street
Reading, PA 19606

Reading Marketing

by Darlene Roth
Reading Marketing Association

The Reading Marketing Association needs volunteers to help out in numerous areas. Those who are interested in clerical tasks can assist the RMA's staff by doing light typing, computer work, answering phones and more. Promotional events also needs individuals to help out at RMA events such as the Mini Grand Prix, Midday Cafes, and Christmas parade.

During holiday seasons, individuals are needed to coordinate a holiday window display contest among retailers, service organizations and professional offices downtown. For those that are creative, RMA needs people to "coordinate the development of attractive displays promoting offerings of Reading for Scenic River Days(July)." This would involve helping with design, photography and coordination of arrangements.

RMA also needs a public relations writer,

someone who is interested in writing information for publicity of events. The association is always in need of basic help such as handing out flyers, tabloids etc. Individuals are needed to hand out these during lunch hours, in the mornings, and in the evenings.

Much help will be needed in preparation for the Grand Prix Race week. Persons are needed to assist by heading a committee to organize events. Volunteers are needed to distribute t-shirts, place signs in stores, and organize a simple store window display contest.

The Reading Marketing Association also needs many volunteers willing to be on their "call" list when they need persons for various types of projects or tasks. If you are unable to help with one thing, they will try you later for something else! For more information about the Reading Marketing association and its purpose, please call the new volunteer coordinator, Cindy Fichthorn at:(376)6424.

Who volunteers

There are some surprises in the following data on who volunteers among the various age groups and among both the employed and nonemployed.



	Volunteer	
Ages 25-34:	44.6%	4.0 hours/week
Ages 35-44:	53.9%	5.3 hours
Ages 45-54:	47.5%	5.8 hours
Ages 55-64:	47.1%	4.7 hours
Ages 65-74:	40.0%	6.0 hours
Ages 75 and over:	28.6%	4.4 hours

Women:	Men:
46.7% 4.7 hours	43.8% 4.8 hours
Self-employed, full-time: 56.1% 4.7 hours	Self-employed, part-time: 59.0% 6.4 hours
Other employed, full-time: 46.4% 4.4 hours	Other employed, part-time: 52.9% 5.7 hours
Not employed: 38.0% 4.7 hours	SOURCE: 1988 Independent Sector survey, <i>Giving and Volunteering in the United States</i>

Spring is in the air! Time to get rid of the winter blues! Volunteer some of your time in a local organization. (Courtesy Modern Maturity Magazine 4/91).

Peer Counselors

by Sherri Lauver

Meet the new Peer Advisors at the Womens' Center. Take a look at the up and coming Womens' Center, located next to the Registrar's building on campus. The Womens' Center provides a wealth of information for both women and men. It celebrates an unbiased awareness and understanding of current health issues. Dr. Joanne, director of the Womens' Center, has invited about twenty students to join her team as peer advisors.

The peer advisors, both men and women, are students on campus trained in specific issues common to college students. The peer advisors are given many hours of training by experts involved in crisis intervention, eating disorders, sexual assault and rape, health concerns, wellness issues, birth control methods, sexually transmitted diseases, and community services.

Many students on campus have already utilized the Womens' Center to obtain information on various birth control methods, community clinics for exams, abortion

counseling and eating disorders. Peer advisors can relate with an empathetic approach, while remaining completely confidential. No peer advisor will speak of any student's concerns with anyone else.

Peer advisors are also available to counsel and conducting informal seminars for student groups in the areas of STD's, birth control, Safer Sex, and Sexual Assault Awareness. Please contact the Womens' Center between twelve noon and five pm daily for information on the sessions.

The peer advisors have also initiated the new telephone hotline at extension 7649. The hotline is open for anyone who needs to talk about a problem confidentially. Evening hours are from 7pm to 12 midnight, Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 3pm. Peer advisors are willing and able to share with and guide students to solutions.

A peer advisor can be a rational and unbiased person, able to put a problem in a new light and help find alternatives. Students need not face their problems alone. Peer advisors are helpers who are listening for a change!

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Entertainment

The 21st Amendment Ollie's Cocktail Lounge

by the faithful companion

Welcome back! By now you may have noticed that Greg Vella is missing from this article, but I promise that it is only temporary. Greg is physically sick. At first I assumed he was faking an illness for attention, but while I was driving him to the hospital he violently puked on the dashboard. I knew something wasn't right. Initially it was thought that there was acute liver damage due to his persistent dedication to this column, but it was discovered that his appendix had to be removed. His last words to me were to continue with the article without him and to try not to mess it up.

So, from strong word of mouth, we went to Ollie's Cocktail Lounge on the corner of Spring and 9th across from McDonalds. Stepping into Ollie's throws you into the early 60's era of bad taste and tacky cocktail lounges. This dark and ageless establishment is owned and operated by a man called George who is an efficient and dependable bartender. The drink prices are amazing (\$1.50 bottled Heineken) and also no cover. Adding to this setting are Ollie's loyal patrons. These people are an odd mixture of misfits and loners that provide a tight chemistry of mutual understanding and acceptance. They're all there for the same purpose.

The main attraction to Ollie's is a hip

and trendy musical duo that travel to the name of Sugar and Spice and play at Ollie's the first weekend of every month. Sugar and Spice may also be referred to as Lew and Dottie. Lew sings lead wearing a dark tuxedo with ruffles that bear an unmistakable likeness to a David Cassidy outfit. Dottie provides sturdy backup vocals with toe tapping music flowing from her Yamaha keyboard. There's chemistry going on here. Together these two bring back the old classics that dominate AM radio and your parents record collection. Dottie and Lew are skilled at working a crowd and encourage customer participation in their acts. Greg has been known to join Lew on stage and rudely butcher Sinatra. There is also an old, well dressed, quiet man that will suddenly burst his way into the act with a rapid musical solo playing the spoons.

The overt tackiness is what makes Ollie's a very special place. One problem is that Ollie's is dying. Last month, Dottie and Lew were canceled due to slow business. But, we had stern assurances from George that they will be back in March. This resulted after a sizable crowd turned up to see Lew and Dottie only to be disappointed by their absence. Ollie's is truly one of those Reading experiences of finding interesting spots in unusual surroundings. We confidently promise a great time at Ollie's and it will brighten your weekend.

Local Movies

Fox Fairgrounds 921-8111

The Great Mouse Detective (G)
The Prince of Tides (R)
Shining Through (R)
Grand Canyon (R)
The Hand That Rocks The Cradle (R)
Father Of The Bride (PG)
Beauty & The Beast (G)
Radio Flyer (PG13)

Fox Berkshire 373-4093

Wayne's World (PG13)
Medicine Man (PG13)
Fried Green Tomatoes (PG13)

Fox East 779-6553

Hook (PG)
Kuffs (PG13)
The Addams Family (PG13)
Rush (R)
Star Trek (PG)

Fox Plaza 921-2026

Final Analysis (R)
JFK (R)

Check local theaters for showtimes

CCB MOVIE EXTRAVAGANZA

February 21
Better Off Dead

February 28
City Slickers

Modern Foreign Language Film Series

February 26

The Tin Drum

(German with English subtitles)
Adapted from the internationally acclaimed novel by Gunter Grass, the film is a visually stunning parable of modern German society in violent transition from the fragile democracy of the Weimer Republic to the Nazi totalitarian state. Its hero, Oscar Matzerath, who refuses to grow up and shatters glass with his scream, is one of the unique characters of our times.

March 4

The Holy Innocents

(Spanish with English subtitles)
Set in the mid-1960's on an estate in northern Spain *The Holy Innocents* focuses on a family of peasants who must contend with whims of the landowners. A gripping tale of class struggle.

Wednesdays, 6:45pm, Kline Hall
Admission is Free

To See Or Not To See: Features

by Ryan McKinney and Eric Evans

Grading System

- A - Orgasmic
- B - Like four beers, makes you feel good, but doesn't get you drunk
- C - If there's nothing better to do
- D - Makes you wanna hurl
- F - Albright's more exciting

Medicine Man

Wouldn't it be great to find the cure for cancer? Wouldn't it suck if you lost it? Well, for Sean Connery in *Medicine Man*, this unlikely turn of events provides a unique plot for the film.

In the movie, Sean Connery plays a scientist who is doing field research on tropical plants in the rainforest to find if they contain medicinal purposes. To aid in his research, he requests an assistant; however, he did not expect a woman (Lorraine Bracco). At first he is appalled at the fact that they had sent him a woman; but, she is quick, and determined to prove herself. The two team up to make a unique and very complimentary pair.

Here's how Skinny sees it:

I found this film to be about average. Sean Connery was fantastic as always; however, Lorraine Bracco's acting was a bit sketchy, and her accent extremely annoying. To give you some idea, imagine being locked in a room for an hour with a screaming child. For all you environmentalists, this film has great stock footage of the beautiful landscape of the rainforest. It's too bad that we're destroying it. Don't get me wrong, this movie wasn't bad, but it was a little slow in some sections. Would I recommend you to see it? If you like Sean Connery, definitely. If not, I advise you to use your own discretion. Here's how Eddie sees it:

I like Sean Connery, but *Medicine Man*

isn't one of his best. The concept for the movie was a good one, but they didn't use it to its potential. The plot is predictable, and the movie drags for about the last forty-five minutes. The landscape is beautiful, even though it was probably done in Studio 24 on a blue screen. There are, however, three good things about this movie: 1) Sean Connery, 2) the comic relationship between Connery and Bracco, and 3) a movie that makes us aware of how important the environment is. Lorraine Bracco would have been good, except for her Brooklyn accent, which became more annoying as the film progressed. This film will make you feel as if you've been injected with demerol, nothing. Sorry Beaks, stick to *Hunt for Red October*. We both feel that *Medicine Man* deserves a C. It's time to put a tag on this one's toe.

Wayne's World...Schwing!

Party on Albright! Mike Meyers and Dana Carvey of Saturday Night Live have brought their excellent talk show to the screen. Wayne and Garth try to find fame, fortune, and babes, while a sleazy producer, played by Rob Lowe (ironic, isn't it?), tries to exploit their show. The film centers itself on the usual Saturday Night Live routine, but with a PG-13 rating, they're able to be almost as nasty as they wanna be.

The film is filled with one-liners and cameos. We decided to tell you all of the cameo appearances...not! Why would you see it if we ruined all of the surprises? Anyway, *Wayne's World* is filled with everything from comedy, excitement, adventure, romance, drama, suspense, intrigue, and violence. Sorry, I was thinking of BK's on a Saturday night. *Wayne's World*, you'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll hurl!

Here's how Eddie sees it:

Why isn't there one good movie that

everyone can enjoy? *Prince of Tides* is too boring, *Beauty and the Beast* is too sappy, and *JFK* is too long (and stars Kevin "I can't act" Costner). *Wayne's World* is just right. Well, close enough...but no lumps. The usual one-liners started to become more tedious, and there was no secure plot. Overall, however, I really enjoyed this film. It's somewhat borderline to *Airplane* and *Naked Gun*. They spoof everything from *LeBrone* and *Shirley*, to *Scooby Doo*. The jokes are well written and well placed in the film. Mike Meyers and Dana Carvey were wonderful as the irrepressible Wayne and Garth. So if you want a good laugh, and the way this semester's going you'll need one, check it out.

Here's how Skinny sees it:

Seeing Dana Carvey and Mike Meyers do the same old, tired skits at Spring Fever Weekend, lowered my expectations for *Wayne's World*. But after seeing the film, all I have to say is, "Party on Wayne and Garth!"

If you're expecting a film with a good plot, this one's not for you. The film is an incorporation of many funny new skits, that made me laugh 'til it hurt. The only thing the film lacked was the all important strong plot to bridge the comedy together. The breaks between the humor weren't altogether bad because they give you time to collect yourself from the last laugh. Along with the *Wayne's World* humor, this film also provided many new spoofs on television staples. I'd like to go more in detail, but you'll enjoy it more if I don't. My only recommendation of things not to see would be the previews, since they use up all the good lines from the movie. It's too bad Dana Carvey didn't come to Albright after the film, so we could see this excellent humor first hand. Don't miss this film! I'm sure you'll laugh as much as we did. We both feel this movie deserved a B. Be sure not to miss out on *Wayne's World* - excellent.

Concert Connection

Dire Straits
March 2
Spectrum

U2
March 10
Spectrum

Grateful Dead
March 16, 17, 18
Spectrum

Metallica
April 6
Spectrum

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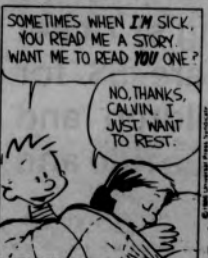
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Quote of the Week

"We lost every week. We lost to schools I never heard of. I think guys used to get together and invent a school just so they could play us. One year we lost to a school called 'We Want U'"

- Bill Cosby, recalling his old football days at Temple University

Baran Hits 1000 pt. Barrier

by an Albrightian sports reporter



Talk about a good month! On February 8th, Rita Baran, one of Albright's best athletes, broke a school record when she started in her 90th game as a Lady Lion basketball player. If that wasn't enough, on February 11th she broke the thousand point barrier, becoming the first guard to do so since the start of the women's program in 1923.

This comes as no surprise because Baran leads the team in scoring (12.9 ppg), three point feild-goals (25), and steals (2.9 a game).

To add some icing to the cake, Baran, on February 19th, became the fifth all-time leading scorer in Albright history overtaking Peggy Paul (1975-79)

Trivia Question

Question: Before Pat Pruitt, who was the last player to score one-thousand points for the men's basketball team?

Answer from last issue: Lionel Hollins and Doug Collins

**Coming Up In Albright Sports...
Men's Basketball**

Albright will be hosting a Northern division semifinal game on Thursday, February 27 at 8 p.m. The Lions will be taking on the Northeast section runner-up. (F.D.U.- Madison or King's) Ticket prices for the game are 5\$ for adults and 2\$ for children and students. This is a league rule and not an Albright policy!

Intramural Basketball**Top Ten Scorers**

1. Brian Scavuzzo 19.0 ppg
2. Randy Axelrod 18.6 ppg
3. Victor Morgan 17.1 ppg
4. Jim McDonald 15.6 ppg
5. Chris Caiazzo 15.0 ppg
6. Chuck Truckermiller 13.8 ppg
7. Pete Hearing 12.2 ppg
8. Jim Vaughan 11.9 ppg
9. Justin Freese 11.4 ppg
10. Matt Ahearn 8.5 ppg

Lion's Clinch Division Championship; Roar into Playoffs

Eight Game Win Streak Propels Albright Past Susquehanna

by Pat Pruitt

The Albright Men's basketball team has had a successful winter, capturing their first outright Middle Atlantic Conference division championship since the 1980-81 season. An eight game winning streak in January vaulted the Lions past Susquehanna, who captured the other playoff spot in the division.

The Lions good fortunes have come as a result of solid team play. Five players average in double figures- senior Pat Pruitt, junior Steve Leming, junior Sean Minnicar, junior Bruce Peacock and freshman Mahlon Hayes. These five players have emerged as the starting unit in the second half of the season. Sophomore center Jim Hoopes leads the Lions in rebounds and is one of the top board men in the entire M.A.C. Dan Trebour has provided

quality minutes in the backcourt as have Gary Kasmer and Doug Boyer. The forward rotation has been helped by promising

The Lions clinched a playoff spot with a come from behind victory against Juniata in Huntingdon on February 1. Ten days later at the Bollman Center, they won the championship against Lycoming. Their final league record is 8-2, and their overall record is 12-11.

Albright will get their first taste of postseason action since the 1986-87 when the playoffs begin on Thursday, February 27. The Lions will play at home in a M.A.C. North semifinal against either F.D.U.-Madison or King's. In the other semifinal, nationally ranked Scranton will host Susquehanna. The two winners will play on Saturday the 29th for the Northern Division Championship.



Jim Hoopes powers it up for two points in Albright's championship-clinching win
photo by Wil Johnson



Steve Leming stepped up his game to help take the Lions to the playoffs for the first time in five years
photo by Wil Johnson

Pruitt Scores 1000th Point



by Mike O'Brien
Sports Editor

As a high school senior, Pat Pruitt was not highly sought after for his basketball talents. In fact, Moravian was the only school to recruit him. Last month, Pruitt had the last laugh. Pat, a senior from Linwood N.J., became the 21st male to score one-thousand points at Albright, and what a better time than to sandwich the feat inside a season that finds the Lions in the playoffs for the first time in 5 years.

Pruitt, the captain of the team, is known more for his intelligence on the court than for his flashy play, and he'll be the first one to tell

you. Recruiters, always looking for the players with the most height, the highest vertical leap and so forth, often overlook the intangible abilities that are not revealed by physical appearance. And Pat is certainly in possession of those intangibles. Accompanying those are his accurate outside shot, good passing skills and his invaluable leadership abilities both on and off of the basketball court which all help to bring out the best of Pat as well as his teammates.

A player once said "Pat is the kind of guy everyone wants to have on his team. He makes everyone better, and his first concern is that of the team."

Ironically for a thousand point scorer, Pat just broke into the starting lineup early in his senior season. Prior to this season, Pat's role made him the Lions' sixth man. Circumstances put him in the starting lineup this year, and Pat has produced. He currently averages slightly over fourteen points a game, most of which come from behind the three point line. Albright Athletics will miss Pat Pruitt—he is the ideal student-athlete and brings a lot of class to the program. Congratulations Pat!



Bruce Peacock is 10th in the MAC in field goal percentage

photo by Wil Johnson

THE SPORTS PAGE

Marabou Still The Team To Beat Finishes Regular Season Unbeaten

by Albrightian Staff Reporter

Although there are only five teams participating in this years intramural basketball season it has been a far cry from a disappointment. Instead of the talent being spread over eight or nine teams it is now condensed into a competitive field which boasts many fine talented players. Four of the teams are nearly equal in talent and the other team (Delta B) has played the role of spoiler all season long almost upsetting their arch rivals Delta A in the season opener. Going into the playoffs which started this past Tuesday there were three teams that advanced to post season play. They include perennial powerhouse Marabou, the suprising and feisty Runnin' Rage, and the first year Cheers team who is hoping to land a huge upset and win the cherished and coveted silver mug.

The class of the league at this point has been Marabou. They finished the regular at 8-0 and have a bye until the championship game that occurred last night. They seem to have an unlimited arsenal of weapons which include speed, outside shooting, and a force in the middle. It is the general consensus in the league that they have a top notch point guard who can both score and dish off assists in Jim "Rizado" Vaughn and outstanding outside shooters who include among many Sean Walsh and Brian Scavuzzo. In addition over the interim break they picked up a legitimate inside and outside scoring and rebounding threat in Mike O'Brien via the free agent market. Marabou also has versatile defensive stoppers in Adam "Boner" Bellencampi and Tony Nucera who are key members in Marabou's multiple defensive schemes. And last but not least who can forget the legendary Jack Shouldis who can not only burn you with a clutch jumper, but also kill you with his quick penetrating drives to the basket. This team is the odds on favorite to win the cup, but...

Runnin' Rage may have something to say about that. This team has arguably one of the most dangerous players in intramural history in Victor "Dr. J" Morgan. He can not only dunk with either hand, but can kill you with long jumper or a monstrous block shot. But Vic is not a one man wreckin' crew he is joined by all upstairs guards Pete Hearing and Justin Freese known for not only their great ball handling, but also for their ability to raise their level of play in big games. One would be silly to forget about the ever

dangerous Sean Carney who is a legitimate outside threat from any spot on the parquet rubber floor. But for them to advance to the finals they must get past...

Cheers squad who is primed for an upset. This team--a collection of free agents and castoffs are playing there best basketball of the season as the playoffs are set to get underway. They are led by a fierce rebounding, defensive, and scoring threat in Chuck "The Truck" Trucker Miller. He is joined by feisty guards Troy Kuhn and Randy Axelrod who work well together on defense and the fast break. Down low at forward are steady rebounders in Troy Price and Thomas Yanno and off the bench for added scoring punch is Dave Zamichelli who has been known to fill the nets at alarming rates. Who knows this team may be drinking from the silver cup of victory come Thursday night.

Missing the playoffs is the Delta A team. Although they were 3-5 they were competitive in virtually every game during the regular season. They have a one-two scoring punch that is as potent as any team in the league in Jim McDonald and Chris Caiazzo. McDonald is automatic from the outside and Caiazzo is overwhelming on the inside as well as the offensive and defensive glass. The top three teams are probably breathing a sigh of relief right now knowing that they will not have to deal with team come playoff time.

Who knows with a few breaks here and there the Delta B team could have made the playoffs. Although they finished at 0-8 they almost pulled off a huge upset in the first game of the season when they battled the A team down to the wire before succumbing to their long time nemesis. Joe Delzingaro and Tony Maccarone have been a standout for them all season long scoring on long jumpers and drives and playing ferocious full court defense. Next year this team promises to be very tough.

These are your college intramural basketball teams. A very talented and competitive group who promises to bring you an exciting and memorable playoff performance. By Friday one of these teams will be crowned the champs of Albright College intramural basketball. Will it be annual powerhouse Marabou? Or will it be those optimistic upstarts from Cheers? Or could it be the Runnin' Rage? All this reporter can say is that whatever happens this has been a great season and I am already looking forward to next season.

Spring Previews will be appearing in the next issue of *The Albrightian*. Anyone interested in writing, please contact Mike O'Brien at Box 1112

A Message From S.G.A

Dear Student:

As you are well aware this is a period of great change at Albright. Along with this change comes a great deal of responsibility. People are needed to represent the student body by expressing concerns to administration, faculty, and trustees. The Student Government Association is the group that is responsible for this task. It is composed of:

- ten members at large
- one day student representative
- one resident student representative
- one non-traditional (over 25 years old) student representative
- one minority student representative
- one international student representative

Representatives will be expected to communicate with the student associations for whom they are representing. We are asking you to get involved in the direction Albright moves in the next school year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Student Government Association, applications will be available at the Campus Center Desk on February 24. Applications are due March 6. Pictures will be taken March 7. Elections will be March 16 and 17. This election is for all 15 members of the Student Government Association.

If you have any Questions, please see any Student Government Association member or contact box 54.

Sincerely,
The Student Government Association

Eggo Speaks Out!!!!

by Scott Fitzpatrick

In 1980, the Philadelphia 76'ers trailed the Los Angeles Lakers three games to two. The Lakers came to Philadelphia seeking a World Title and played pickup game six without their legend Kareem, Abdul Jabbar. Most Sixer fans felt despondent and reassured that this series was heading back to L.A. At tip off, Caldwell Jones easily outduked Earvin Johnson and passed the ball to Maurice Cheeks. Of course this was a formality, "Magic," would return to his point guard position thought the Spectrum, Philadelphia, and the rest of the Nation. However, "Magic" stayed at center and played every position on the floor. He led the fast break, drilled the jumper, cleaned the glass, blocked shots, penetrated, posted up, and had a hook shot of his own. At games end, "Magic" left Philadelphia in tears and the Nation in awe. For the next eleven years, Magic took his show to the Garden, the Stadium, the Mecca, The Salt Palace, the Omni, the Hemisphere, Madison Square Garden, the Spectrum, the Great Western Forum, and many others. On Sunday February sixteenth, Magic Johnson's immortal number thirty - two was retired at the Forum in Los Angeles.

February sixteenth is a day that N.B.A. fans will remember. The greatest player to ever throw on an N.B.A. uniform stepped onto the Forum floor for one last time. As he walked across the hardwood, he was not dribbling a ball, whipping an imaginative pass, tossing in a three pointer, or draining a patented running hook shot. Magic Johnson was simply being honored and glorified for bringing so much creativity, excitement,

competition, and flair to the game of basketball. They were all there from Larry Bird to Jerry West. Tears were certainly shed not only by Magic, Kareem, and Worthy, but by the fans as well. Earvin Johnson deserved this moment and honor. February sixteenth was a day that belonged to Earvin Magic Johnson and the millions of people that he touched. Regardless of what has transpired, basketball, America, and the world will miss this legend.

Shifting from Los Angeles to Albertville, the Olympics have been stupendous. Two events have amazed this journalist. The first occurred in the Giant Slalom. Alberto Tomba emphatically stated that he would win this event and he dusted the field. Italy's Don Juan, Playboy, and folk hero skied last and posted a stellar time for victory. His cocky and arrogant attitude entertains and lightens the competitive side to the Olympics. Alberto Tomba simply had fun and his smile picked up the spirits to all who watched.

While Tomba did the expected, the United States Olympic Hockey team has once again shocked the world. Like Jim Craig in 1980, Ray LeBlanc has set up a "brick wall" in front of the goal. LeBlanc is not the only hero and reason that the U.S.A. has advanced to the semi-finals. This team is together and has tremendous talent which hockey experts overlooked. Team U.S.A. is skating, stickhandling, and shooting on par and sometimes even better than their European counterparts. Match that with abusive checking and an insane Captain (Donatelli) and a gold is in reach. Watch out for up and coming Americans like Lachance, McInnis, Donato, and Young to make an impact in the N.H.L.

Intramural Standings

1. Marabou (8-0)
2. Runnin' Rage (5-3)
3. Cheers (4-4)
4. Delta A (3-5)
5. Delta B (0-8)