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Two Albright professors leave for better opportunity

by Adrienne Mitchell

Albright College will be missing two of its faculty next semester. Doctors Dan and Sidnie White Crawford will be leaving to take positions at the University of Nebraska. Dr. Sidnie White Crawford will become chair of the Classics Department, (which includes Religious Studies,) and Dr. Dan Crawford will join the Philosophy department. This change presents opportunities for both of the esteemed professors.

Yet, what will this mean for Albright's students and curriculum? The question about whether or not the two will be replaced has been raised. More than likely, that answer will be yes. Dr. Ronald Green, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, says that there will be a national search, and that it is highly likely both openings will receive full time replacements. However, such a substitution must first go through a number of professional channels.

The Albright Experience Program will remain primarily the same despite the departure of Dan Crawford, its director. Although a replacement is as of yet unnamed, the series of

cultural events will continue to be available to Albright and the community next year.

The Religious Studies Department has already hired Mikhail Sergev to teach a special seminar next fall on the religious culture of modern Russia, (before, during, and after the Soviet Union period.) Dr. Sergev has just received his PhD from Temple University, and should prove to be an exciting addition to Albright's curriculum. Also, a one-year, temporary contract has been extended to Alan Humm, who has been teaching at Albright for a few years now

The entire Albright Community regrets the loss of two members of its family. Dr. Carolyn Brooks, Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students said, "I'm very sorry to see them go, but I'm happy to see this opportunity for them. I will miss Sidnie's contribution as chair of the Student Life Committee." Other faculty commented as well. "Dan has really built up the philosophy department," says Dr. William King, Chair of the Religious Studies Department. "He has enhanced the Experience Program, making it both stimulating and ethereal. He is both a good professor and friend."

Security takes action on Wood's parking problem

by Lori Thomas

Recently, people have encountered a problem with the parking in Albright Woods. Students are having difficulty in finding places to park their cars. There are not enough spaces to accommodate all the students who have cars.

Stratton Marmarou, Director of Campus Security, explained that originally, the suggestion was for students who lived in the upper apartments to park on the upper lot and those living in bottom apartments to park in the lower lot. This is causing difficulty because the upper lot, designed for apartments D, E, and F, only has twenty-six spaces for thirty-nine registered cars. The lower lot, which is to serve apartments A, B, and C can hold thirty-six cars. This is not a problem because only thirty-two cars are registered for this area.

Possible suggestions given were for apartments E and D to park on the lower level or for cars to park on the right side of the road. Permission was given for students to park on the right side of the road only. Soon after, students began parking on both sides, which does not allow enough room for emergency vehicles. The fence and railing had also been removed and students were parking on the grass.

There are an additional eight spaces in the entrance to the pumphouse, however, even with these additional spaces, there is still a shortage of nine spaces.

The problem of having an inadequate number of spaces has not occurred for quite a number of years. This problem just began to occur last year and has continued into this year. The cause is increased enrollment. This brought more students and more cars. Another factor is that the laundry area has been transformed into another apartment. This brought four more cars.

Even though certain lots were built for certain apartments in mind, there is no designated parking. Although all cars must be properly registered with security, there is no guarantee to a parking place.

No college can guarantee parking to a student. Many colleges require students to pay up to one hundred dollars for a parking permit, and even these students are not secured a place to park. Those who want a parking place are forced to come early and find one before they are all taken.

Albright is lucky in that the campus is small enough to enable students to park in a spot further away and still be able to walk to

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Volunteers assist residents of Berks' Rainbow Home Albright senior volunteers her time

by Deborah L. Blanshine

The Rainbow Home is "a licensed, not-for-profit personal care facility primarily for persons living with AIDS." The Rainbow Home attempts to provide a cheerful and nurturing environment for its residents. Its mission is to provide quality holistic care to persons in the end stages of AIDS. The staff achieves this goal by providing licensed personal care. This includes the tasks of daily living: dressing, eating, and taking medication. It is the Rainbow Home's belief that "life should be lived with dignity, quality, and respect."

The Rainbow Home of Berks County may accommodate as many as 16 residents at one time. They each have private rooms and are provided daily with home cooked meals.

In order to gain admission into the facility, the residents must meet 30 criteria that the board of directors has determined. Because the Rainbow Home is a personal care facility primarily for AIDS victims, it cannot provide certain levels

of care that may be required for patients requiring ongoing treatment. Thus, the residents who are accepted are in the terminal stages of AIDS.

The Rainbow Home does not require a certain income amount for admission of a patient. The cost is determined by what the resident can afford. No one is turned down because of lack of financing. The home, however, does not receive Medicare or Medicaid. The center runs solely on contributions and grants. Marianne McQuillen, Executive Director, said that if the Rainbow Home did not exist, then the cost of health care would rise in Berks County.

The staff at the Home includes full-time and part-time nurses and many volunteers. Volunteers are needed in almost every capacity. This includes helping with transportation needs, cooking in the kitchen, and being a companion to one of the residents. To become a volunteer at the Rainbow Home one must attend a mandatory training-orientation session. This session lasts about two and a half hours, during which volunteers can review the application form, be introduced to the home, learn facts about AIDS, and learn appropriate behavior. The Confidentiality Clause that is essential to an applicant's agreement is also explained and must be

signed. Thus, a resident may form a secure and personal companionship with a volunteer without being concerned about confidentiality. After acceptance into the program, one may begin volunteering at the Home.

Elizabeth Williams, '97, currently volunteers at the Rainbow Home. She attends a prayer circle there on Sundays, and then she visits with the residents. Elizabeth says that the residents just really need the company. She explains that it is like when you are sick in bed and you want someone to be with you, but for them it is everyday. Elizabeth became interested in working at the home after she wrote a psychology paper about depression and AIDS. At first she said she was nervous about going to the Home, but now it has

become second nature to her. Elizabeth also says that she has been educated in several ways through her experiences, and now she feels more comfortable with the issue of AIDS. Being with people who are dying has given her a new perspective on life, and accordingly, she "appreciates life more."

It is thanks to the caring staff at the Rainbow Home of Berks County, who "is composed of dedicated professionals and trained volunteers who provide needed care and quality supportive services," that a difference is achieved. "They administer to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of residents and their loved ones" and provide a caring atmosphere. The Rainbow Home has provided these services for a variety of people. Residents that have lived at the Rainbow Home come from all walks of life. Their diversity includes religion, gender, sexual orientation, and occupation. Marianne McQuillen strongly emphasized the inability of AIDS to discriminate. AIDS is a disease, which if it does not presently affect everyone, will directly or indirectly touch each of us in the future. Take some action now and help those who need love and understanding. AIDS is a hateful disease and its current victims await your compassion. If you would like to volunteer and assist the Berks Rainbow Home in any capacity, please stop by the Albright Volunteer Center in Selwyn or call x7621 and you will be given the information that you need to get involved. Have a heart, accept the challenge, and fight ignorance.

Life should be lived with dignity, quality, and respect

—from the Rainbow Home of Berks County Pamphlet

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Security enacts changes inside and outside of office

by Abe Antler

If you are interested in what security is doing, Stratton Marmarou, director of security, suggests, "Stop in some time and ask to review the master sheets." The master sheets are the daily logs of what goes on with Albright Security inside the Selwyn Hall office and on and outside of the campus.

If you look stop by the office to look at the master sheets, you will notice that the office has a new "professional" appearance. This is due to renovations that have taken part during the past academic year. The following changes were made to the office: the phones have not only been replaced, but moved to the front of the office; there are now more desks which have also been put up front. In addition, there is brand new equipment such as radios (walkie-talkies), a typewriter, and other necessary electronic devices.

Another change that has been made in Security fairly recently is the hiring of younger people, which had been an issue of concern in the past. However, the new staff members have not completely replaced the veteran members.

Along with these new hires is the addition of emergency phones in various

places throughout campus. These phones have been installed to safeguard the campus and for convenience. Although the logic of having a phone at the bottom of a library when there are already two working ones in the lounge comes into question with some frequency, there is a reason for its presence. The phone is for people who want to call Security for an escort or for those who want a ride home from a friend. The office is less than 200 yards from the library, but for people who are on crutches, these phones become very convenient. Also, the phones were put up in these places by requests from various sources.

Marmarou asks students to approach him at any time with questions, comments, or concerns. "Although we are used to it, I would like students to come in other than just for gripes. We want to talk to you. My door is open any time, and I am here as early as 5 a.m."

Working Security might seem like an easy job, just having to sit down wearing a uniform and watching everything. In actuality though, it is no easy task to be a security officer. There are no breaks at all, not even over holidays, and it requires shifts of 24 hours over a seven day week.

Credit cards spell doom for desperate students

We see them everywhere, enticing students to sign up with their free T-shirts and entering them in raffles. But are credit cards a good idea for every college student to have?

1.1 billion credit cards are in the hands of consumers. 2.7 billion offers were sent out in 1995 with interest rates that exceeded 18 percent. Credit cards are the most profitable business banks have going for them today.

Sophomore Sandra Petrucci signed up for every credit card that set up a booth in Memorial Union her freshman year.

"The only card I got was an AT&T Universal Mastercard," said Petrucci. "I maxed it out by Christmas. And I still haven't paid it off."

Currently, she owes \$1100 on her three credit cards. "anything I wanted I bought. I just put it on the cards," she said. And, she won't be able to pay them off any time soon.

"They're no good. Whatever I bought it's cost me twice as much to pay it off," said Petrucci.

Joan Anderson, a family studies professor, teaches a personal finance class that covers a section on credit cards. "It's an important issue," Anderson said. "People are entranced by the concept of credit."

According to Anderson, credit cards are useful to have but only if they are used on certain things.

"Use credit cards for things that are going to last," said Anderson. Instead of using them for purchasing meals and entertainment, students should use them to buy books. "Use them to buy things that have a long term payoff," she said.

"One of the issues credit card holders should know is most major credit card issuers report information to a credit bureau," Anderson said.

Information about every time a payment

is late or other problems you may have is given to a credit bureau. The strike can stay on the record from two to seven years.

So, when a person with bad credit goes to get a car loan or mortgage loan on a house, the loan officer can either deny the loan or charge a higher interest.

"It will come back to haunt you," Anderson said.

Although Petrucci's credit problems may seem to be average, or even low compared to some, she might have problems in the future if she ever needs a loan.

If people are in credit trouble, Anderson advises them to cut up their cards.

"Paying them back is the painful part," Anderson said. "I think a lot of people buy stuff they can live without. People can get in over their heads."

According to Anderson, the people who are in credit debt are dissaving, "because they will be paying off something they bought or did years ago. Anderson made an example of a friend who is still paying off her wedding, which she charged on her Mastercard, even though she is now four months divorced.

"They are dissaving," said Anderson, about the growing number of those in credit debt. "They have already spent their future."

People who become so far in debt they can't see their way out can take legal action and go bankrupt. According to the American Bankers Association personal bankruptcy is at an all-time high and a projected 1.2 million individuals will declare bankruptcy this year.

Banks don't seem to be worried as they send more and more cards hoping customers won't be able to pay their balances once a month. Banks make more money from the "spread." They borrow from the government at five percent and the average card carries an 18 percent annual charge, the difference is the spread.

Albrightian Publication and Deadline Dates:

Publication will be on Tuesday:	Deadlines are Friday at noon prior to publication:
April 22	April 18
May 6	May 2

If anyone is interested in writing articles, taking photographs or just being involved in our publication drop a note by the office or speak to any of the editors. We're looking for dedicated individuals to get involved for the remainder of this year and next.

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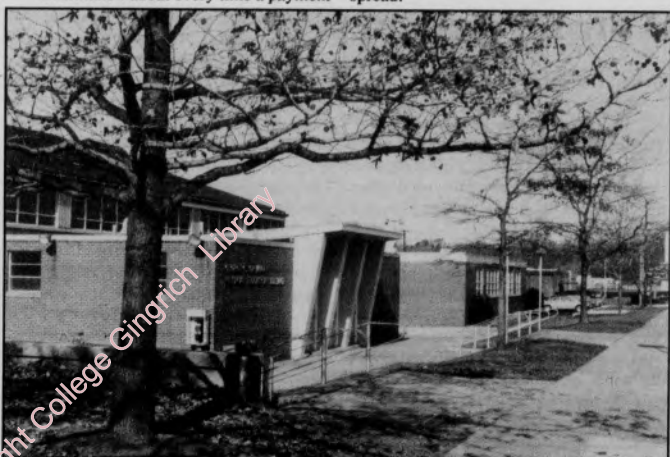
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On the evening of Friday, April 4 the fire alarms went off in the Gym causing a full evacuation. Six fire engines responded to the call. Fans were used to clear some smoke in the building. Check out the April 22 issue for more information.

Let's Talk ...
Carolyn Brooks
 V.P. for Student Services

will be available in Selwyn Hall for students to drop by and talk about any issue on the following days:

Monday, April 14 from noon to 2 pm
 Monday, April 21 from 11 am to 1 pm

NO appointment necessary!

Take a glimpse at those seeking SGA officer positions

The Student Government Association (SGA) is currently holding officer elections in the Campus Center. The student body is eligible to vote during meals today and tomorrow. Since SGA is the organization responsible for representing the interests of the entire student body, it is imperative that everyone cast an informed vote. To aid its readers in this effort, *The Albrightian* provides a synopsis of the candidates' positions and qualifications.

Carissa Kolb is running uncontested for the position of president. Kolb is the current SGA president and a member of various committees including the Student Life Committee and the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. She is also a member of Alpha Delta Pi and an Albright Ambassador.

Kolb believes her interpersonal communication skills including public speaking are a great asset as an SGA officer. She is also well organized and dedicated to leading the student body by listening to concerns and addressing complaints in a professional and timely manner.

During her second term as SGA president, Kolb hopes to continue open lines of communication with students, faculty, and administration. She plans to use the new allocation strategies to allocate money more efficiently, invite administrators to senate meetings, and address all concerns as they are brought up for discussion.

Two candidates, Daniel Bellissimo and Jason Frame, are vying for the position of vice president.

Bellissimo is a communications and history major who participates in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. He is also the rush chair for Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a representative to the Interfraternity Council.

Good communication skills and an ability to express himself well are two of the characteristics that Bellissimo believes would contribute to his effectiveness if elected. From

previous leadership experiences he knows he works well with others. He listens when others speak and is open to different ideas. His initiative will drive him to accomplish goals to meet the demands of the student body.

As an SGA officer Bellissimo will work to get more students involved in SGA, help them to better understand the allocation process, and represent the best interests of the student body.

Bellissimo's opponent, Frame, states that he is very accessible through his involvement in many campus activities. He is the treasurer of the Class of 1998, a freshmen mentor, president of the Albright Ski Society, a Lion Diplomat, and the computer consultant for *The Albrightian*. Frame is also a POP, a BASE big brother, the rush chair of Alpha Chi Rho, a computer center consultant, and an Albright Ambassador.

Frame believes that SGA is the best vehicle through which to make a difference in the quality of the institution. He plans and using his skills including being open to students' opinions and concerns, outspoken at meetings, and persistent with the administration to make the most of his opportunity if elected. He also gained experience as this year's SGA recording secretary.

During his second year as an SGA officer, hopes to contribute hard work and diligence, follow through on student's considerations, and increase the amount of communication between students, administration, and faculty.

The campaign for the position of recording secretary is being waged by Pauline Skiadopoulou and Gabrielle Pezdirc.

Skiadopoulou is a political science and film and video major. She is currently involved on campus as the EPRU representative for rugby, the Roving Reporter for *The Albrightian*, a Lion Diplomat, and the editor of *The Cue*. She is also a POP and a member of RSA and CCB.

She believes her strong communication skills and organization will benefit SGA if she is elected. She also knows a lot of the student body and is very approachable as evidenced by their willingness come up to her and complain.

As a member of SGA, Skiadopoulou looks forward to sitting on committees to have a voice in the issues that effect students the most. She also hopes to put an end to the belief that SGA does nothing for the students while working to get more students involved through committees and open forums.

Pezdirc, the other candidate for recording secretary, is a resident assistant, the vice president of RSA, and the scholarship chair for Alpha Delta Pi. She is also involved with the Newman Association, as an Albright Ambassador, and the newly forming water polo club.

She has gained important communication and leadership skills from her position as an RA which she believes would benefit SGA. Pezdirc is also extremely motivated and is able to prioritize activities and objectives.

Albright is an integral part of her life, and she hopes that if elected she will be able to leave her mark on Albright.

The office of treasurer is being contested by Angelo Sena and Rhiannon Maniscaleo.

A political science and business major, Sena is the head mentor in Krause Hall, RSA's present treasurer and future president, as well as advising the dorm council.

He believes that his position as treasurer of RSA has given him important experience with Albright's financial organization and as head mentor has gained valuable leadership skills. Both of which will serve him well if he was elected as treasurer of SGA.

Sena hopes to inspire students to be part of SGA if elected because their help can make a difference. "Student involvement will make the college more interesting."

Maniscaleo, who is also running for treasurer, is looking for on solid commitment to devote her time to. A first year student, she played field hockey in the fall.

She considers herself responsible and hard working, two traits that will serve her well if elected. As an accounting major she has worked with finances before, both in her high

school accounting classes and as a summer teller at Meridian Bank.

Maniscaleo's goals as treasurer would be to perform her job with responsibility and accuracy and do the best job that she can.

The other uncontested office is corresponding secretary. John M. Saldibar is an Army Reservist (Dental Assistant), Cafe employee, and corresponding secretary for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His other activities include outdoor track, indoor track, and cross country all of which he is team captain of and the student athlete advisory council.

Saldibar believes he possesses many skills that will be of benefit to an officer of SGA including leadership, understanding, determination, self-confidence, and strong will power. He is also hard working, motivated, compassionate, and cooperative.

As an SGA officer, he plans to voice the students' opinions, accomplish all work assigned to him, and setup and fulfill realistic goals.



Parking

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their destination. Many colleges do not have the convenience of such a small campus and therefore students are forced to take shuttles or catch a ride with friends.

Marmarou suggested that students park on the south side of the driveway that leads up to apartment A. At least 25 cars could fit on the right side without a causing a problem for emergency vehicles.

To resolve this problem for next year, there will be a lottery set-up. This will alleviate some of the problems which have been encountered this year. If parking problems do not dissipate, new rules will be made which will be more strict.



Scholarship Update

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, INC: Five scholarships for \$750 each, available for female student who is a Pennsylvania resident and is currently a junior. Must have a Democratic family background or be active in the Democrat party.

DEADLINE: April 20, 1997

THE COLIN U. MILLER AND MARY HAY MILLER CHARITABLE TRUST FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION: scholarships and grants available for students having a 3.0 GPA (or a 4.0 scale). Students must exhibit dedication and excellence in academic achievement and exhibit community involvement.

DEADLINE: May 15, 1997

Pennsylvania Right to Work Defense and Education Foundation, INC: essay contest with awards of \$500, \$200, and \$100 savings bonds.

DEADLINE: April 24, 1997

TREASURY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA: scholarships based on merit for undergraduate, full-time students majoring in Finance, Accounting or Business. Based on original essay. Scholarships of \$2500 and \$1000 for undergraduate students, \$2500 grant for graduate students. Must have a 3.0 GPA.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Reading will award two financial aid grants of \$400 to Berks County students. Must be a Berks County resident, completed one year of study at a Berks county college or university, min. GPA of 3.0, financial need. Preference given to education field candidates.

DEADLINE: April 15, 1997

AICPA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS- up to \$5000 in competitive merit and need-based awards for outstanding students. Must be declared accounting major and have overall and accounting GPA of at least 3.0, and must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student. Must file Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and official college transcript must be submitted.

DEADLINE: July 1, 1997

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Awards- fellowships for graduate study leading to a master's degree in history or political science; master of Arts in teaching (history or social studies); or a related master's degree in education for a concentration in history, government, social studies or political science - awards up to \$24,000.

BERKS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY AUXILIARY - \$600 scholarships to needy students who are preparing for a career in the health field. Must be a Berks County resident and attending or planning to attend a Berks County College.

DEADLINE: April 20, 1997

Please contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information and applications for each of the above scholarships or to find out about others available.



Calendar of Events

April 8 - April 21

Tuesday, April 8

11 a.m. today marks the kickoff of the annual Pi Kappa Phi scaffold sit to benefit PUSH America. It will conclude on Saturday, April 12 at 3 p.m. Support your fellow albrightians in this great cause.



Save a life! Donate blood at the Blood Drive 1-5 p.m. CCSL Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and HSO (Human Services Organization)



SGA E-BOARD ELECTIONS DURING MEALS TODAY AND TOMORROW



Public reading and discussion of AlbrightWorks stories. 4 p.m. Klein Lecture Hall. Experience credit!

Wednesday, April 9



Miss a meal (dinner) to support Pi Kappa Phi's PUSH America fundraiser

Playwright of the Month: Tennessee Williams
7:00 p.m. in Meridian Theater



Poetry Reading by Karla's New Hope poets: Robert Saleys, Edwin Long III, Roy Akyama, Ian Summer and a poetry slam of original student work. 8:00 CCSL

Thursday, April 10



"The Notion of Time" an event to go along with the Timeframes exhibition in Freedman Gallery. Faculty panelists Ron Green, John Inledon and Michelle Mart (PSU-Berks). 4:00 p.m. Klein Lecture Hall Experience Event!

Friday, April 11



AAC sponsors FantASIA Nite at 6 p.m. in the CCML Performances including traditional dances, fashion show, various foods and much more!



Sunday, April 13



MDA's second annual Walk-a-thon 2:00 p.m.
For more info., look at signs around campus.



Monday, April 14



SGA MEMBERS- AT-LARGE ELECTIONS TODAY AND TOMORROW DURING LUNCH



Tuesday, April 15



The Work, Service, and the Liberal Arts branch of the experience program presents "Enriching your Undergraduate Experience through Community Service" Christine Bell and Barbara Bloom speak about Service Learning.



Wednesday, April 16

Philosophy Forum Section Nazi Biomedical Ethics and Public Health Policy Robert Proctor, Penn State University takes a look at abuses of medicine under the Nazi's. Experience Credit!

JAZZ at Jakes

8:00 p.m. Come listen to an evening of entertainment

Friday, April 18



Opening night for Cloud 9 a funny spoof of the Victorian empire, Churchill mocks every film, play and novel inspired by colonial Africa. 8:00 pm. Other performance dates: April 19, 24, 25, 26 at 8:00 p.m. with a matinee showing on April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 19



ASCD is sponsoring Field Day for local elementary children and children of college personnel. Join us for an afternoon of fun, games and a sing-a-long with Kevin Burns. Registration begins at 1:00. Activities run from 1:30 to 3:30.



Coming April 24 - 27,
SPRING FEVER!

If you want to be sure that your event is included in this calendar, drop a note by the Albrightian office or J. Schestok's campus box. Unfortunately due to space constraints some events are occasionally omitted.



Attention Seniors!

In order to receive your diploma, you are required to meet two graduation requirements. You must meet the academic requirements AND financial obligations. You should be receiving a letter in the mail stating this. In past years, students have ignored the second requirement. It is imperative that you don't ignore correspondence about this. Albright is taking a firm stand requiring that bills be taken care of by May 12.

Free scholarship services provided on the Internet

Need money for college? More than 1 million students have already sought the expertise of the Internet's leading scholarship matchmaking service, fastWEB, to help finance their higher education. More than 20,000 students daily are clicking onto the company's hugely popular Internet search site known as www.fastWEB.com (Financial Aid Search Through the Web), a free, fast, and thorough service that quickly sorts through 180,000 financial aid awards to match students with scholarships appropriate to their individual qualifications or strengths.

"As the cost of education continues to grow at a rate three times inflation, we are delighted that we can help students find a way to fund their educations," said Bob Michelson, president of fastWEB. "In less than a year, usage of our free service has more than quadrupled, indicating that fastWEB is an ideal way for students to get accurate scholarship information within minutes."

Guiding Students Through the Financial Aid Jungle With the cost of college education skyrocketing, the need for financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and fellowships grows increasingly urgent. Yet students who seek financial aid can easily become confused and overwhelmed, unable to find donors appropriate to their situations. Some high-priced "matchmaking services" have even been known to dupe students into paying up to \$1,000 for free information about financial aid.

How fastWEB Works Students log onto the fastWEB home page on the Internet at www.fastWEB.com. The service equips each student with a personalized, password-protected mailbox, and asks a series of questions, including name, major, hobbies, special interests, etc. Within five minutes, the service will scan its database of 180,000 listings to find financial aid outlets that match a student's profile. The service even provides users with a sample letter which can be used to request the scholarship application.

fastWEB recently introduced a new e-mail notification feature that makes the service even more convenient for students. Students automatically receive e-mail updates from fastWEB whenever a new award has been entered into the database that matches their unique criteria. The fastWEB database is updated daily (approximately 500 award listings are added or updated every night). This e-mail notification system serves to supplement the personal mailboxes that fastWEB maintains for each student.

The Service is Working for Students fastWEB has received universal praise from students, whether they've found a \$250 award or funded an entire academic year through scholarship award sources provided from fastWEB. A few of those success stories include William Rivera, who received a \$3,000 scholarship from the state of North Carolina; Steve Applegquist, a student at Loyola University in Chicago, who received two scholarships for his studies in microbiology; accounting student Marilyn Cole, who received a \$500 scholarship from the American Society of Women Accountants; and Grant Barnett, who received a \$2,000 scholarship from the University of California, Davis.

The value of fastWEB's services also has been recognized by the Department of Education, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, FinAid:

The Financial Aid Information Page and nearly 400 of the largest universities and colleges in the United States, many of which have "hyperlinks" from the university's website to fastWEB. The service is also linked to the Department of Education's website.

About fastWEB Founded in 1995, the fastWEB website was the first financial aid service to appear on the Internet. Supported by corporate sponsorship, fastWEB's mission is to provide students with free and easy access to information on scholarships, fellowships, internships, grants and loans from corporations, institutions, philanthropic organizations, foundations, and clubs. Today, fastWEB, based in North Chicago, Ill., remains the largest free scholarship search service, featuring more than 180,000 financial aid opportunities with an average of 20,000 students using the service daily.

To ensure that the service remains user friendly and accessible for students, fastWEB has established an advisory board comprised of financial aid directors from prominent universities throughout the country. The board meets regularly to discuss scholarship search issues and, recently, concluded a three-day planning session held this past January. Financial aid professionals from the following organizations serve as fastWEB's Board of Advisors: Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University, Purdue University, Arizona State University, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Central Connecticut State University and The Financial Aid Page.

For more information on fastWEB, call 1-800-FASTWEB, or visit the website at www.fastWEB.com.

fastWEB's five myths about scholarships

- 1. Myth:** Only geniuses win scholarships.
Reality: Although many scholarships are awarded based on scholastic aptitude, 76% of all scholarships are awarded based on criteria other than grades. Did you play a sport? A musical instrument? Did you work after school?
- 2. Myth:** Since my grades are not good, and I don't have any special talents, there are no scholarships out there for me.
Reality: Even students with average grades and no special interests are eligible for scholarships. Was your father a veteran? What is your ethnicity? Religion? These criteria could also make you eligible for a scholarship.
- 3. Myth:** There are fewer scholarships today than there were in the past.
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- 4. Myth:** Every year, billions of scholarship dollars go unawarded because students do not apply.
Reality: High-priced scholarship matchmaking services often dupe students into paying service fees by claiming they have access to untapped "billions." In reality, only a small number of scholarships go unclaimed.
- 5. Myth:** It's too time consuming, difficult and expensive to apply for scholarships.
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Editorials/Opinions

Violent, inappropriate behavior continues to plague our campus

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, February 25 at approximately 2:30 a.m., I was peacefully sleeping when a phone call woke me up. It was one of my residents warning me, in his own words, "there's sh_t outside my door". I opened my door and looked down at the floor. Sure enough, there was a large piece of human fecal matter resting at the foot of my door. Apparently, it was left for me to step on when I woke up for classes. Needless to say, I immediately disposed of the terrible turd. Although I did not see who left the nasty package for me, my suspicions led to a certain fraternity harassing me at the time with child-like taunts. This incident, in addition to the taunting I had been subjected to, drove me to write about a problem that certainly exists on this campus. It exists on other college campuses and throughout the world in general. The problem I'm referring to is bad male behavior.

I would like to talk about bad male behavior by first presenting a rather lengthy list of incidents I have either observed personally or have known to have happened in my past four years at Albright:

—At dinner, a fraternity pledge beats on the seat of a chair at his table. This beating makes a lot of noise and eventually results in the chair's destruction.

—Another time at dinner, a fraternity pledge puts a pot over a fellow pledge's head and hits it with a spoon several times. This caused a noise disturbing other people in the cafeteria and it certainly could not have been good for the hearing of the individual who had the pot over his head.

—Yet another time at dinner, several fraternity pledges were having a food fight that "got out of hand" to say the least. Glassware and food were flung wildly within the vicinity of the pledges' table. This also caused a noise disturbing other people in the cafeteria. What makes it worse is the pledges didn't even bother to clean up the mess.

—While at the CCB/Alpha Chi Rho sponsored luau held at the beginning of the 1995-1996 school year, a male student hurled a trash can in a kiddie pool.

—Earlier this school year, a large group of males were walking outside at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. One male in the group (who was the older brother of a male student) decided it would be fun to slam his body into the numerous lights situated in front of Mohn Hall. His intent was to break the light bulbs inside of the tall lights with the brute force of his tackling. He did break several light bulbs. The other males in the group cheered his actions.

—A male student urinated into a bush in front of North Hall. He didn't seem to mind if anyone saw him.

—In Crowell Hall, a fraternity pledge pulled his pants down and exposed himself to at least one resident assistant.

—Numerous acts of vandalism, including: opening locked doors without keys, broken mirrors, broken windows, damaged furniture and fecal matter in halls and showers.

—On Halloween night, three residents in Mohn throw eggs at another Mohn resident. This incident occurred in the building. Eggshells and yolk were all over the floor. Residents not even involved in the incident volunteered to clean up the mess.

—During one of the summer sessions, a fraternity member decided to play a cruel practical joke on members of the Herbal Delights conference that stayed here for a week. He "pennied" all the doors of the members, thus locking them in their rooms. It was rumored one member was forced to urinate into a cup due to inability of using a restroom. It was also rumored another member was so panicked over being locked in her room that she nearly had a heart attack.

—Numerous fire alarm pulls.

—Several threats to resident assistants, including death threats.

—During lunch, a fraternity pledge noticed a male and female student sitting at a table his fraternity usually sat at. He lifted up the table, spilling the students' lunches onto themselves and the floor. As he did this, he yelled "This is our table!"

—Numerous fights, especially at the apartment parties.

—At least three fraternity members assaulted a much smaller male student who accidentally damaged a vehicle belonging to one of the assailants. The victim had to be taken to the hospital.

—A male student assaulted a female student by putting her in a strong bear hug, picking her up off the ground and calling her an "ugly bitch".

—At a Mohn R.A. meeting, one of the R.A.'s brought up a complaint made by a female student of a fraternity member physically harassing her. When the R.D. suggested the victim should definitely report the incident, the R.A. mentioned the victim did not want to report. The R.A. stated she understood the victim's unwillingness to act, saying she would not want to have that entire fraternity against her, either.

—At a fraternity/sorority mixer, a fraternity member continuously harassed a sorority member by kissing on her neck and advancing himself onto her. The sorority member made it clear she was not interested, but the fraternity member persisted.

—Earlier this school year, a very serious incident happened. I won't mention what it is because I think I'm not allowed to discuss it. However, if you are well aware of what goes on at this school and if you can see where this list is leading to, you can pretty much guess the incident I'm referring to.

I placed these events in an order that appears to follow a spectrum of severity. The incidents at the top of the list are stupid actions and genuine annoyances. The incidents at the bottom of the list are much more serious. As I mentioned earlier, this list is pretty long. However, I remind the reader these incidents are only those I've actually seen or have known to happen. Thus, this list

is by no means an exhaustive account of the bad male behavior that plagues this school.

I would now like to focus attention on the cause of bad male behavior. When one examines events such as the ones mentioned in the list, one can find three common causes: alcohol, mob mentality/peer pressure and negative male mentality. I will begin my examination of bad male behavior by discussing the effects of alcohol.

Alcohol. Alcohol is a drug, plain and simple. Our society has made it so acceptable that we don't realize the many hazardous effects alcohol can have on a person. Alcohol's main function is as a depressant. In addition to this function, alcohol tends to lower a person's inhibitions. Both men and women who consume large quantities of alcohol will often become more flirtatious and promiscuous. People (especially males) may become more aggressive when drinking alcohol. This behavior happens due to alcohol's negative effect on an individual's judgment. An intoxicated person will do things he/she normally would not do because he/she can't fully comprehend the consequences of their actions. I feel the effects of alcohol readily explain the physical and sexual assaults that have happened on this campus and on other campuses. I say alcohol explains these incidents, but by no means does it excuse them.

Peer pressure/mob mentality. Peer pressure is something that affects an individual all his/her life. Humans are social creatures and we desperately want to feel accepted by our peers. I feel there is nothing wrong with wanting to be accepted. However, I do feel this desire gets out of hand when it alters an individual's mentality into a fragment of a group mentality possessed by the group to which he/she belongs.

Good examples of such a mentality existing on a college campus are fraternities/sororities. There is a fraternity on this campus that makes their pledges take off all their clothes, put olives in their anuses and race themselves across campus (I believe this activity is referred to as "The Olive Run"). The person who comes in last has to eat all of the olives. One would have to agree the desire to be accepted is clearly dominant in people who would humiliate themselves by running naked

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Experience program critiqued

Dear Editor,

I just received a notice in the mail reminding me that I need to fulfill the experience credit in order to graduate. This prompted me to sit down and think about the whole Experience Program and therefore write this letter.

What is an "experience"? I'm sure that everyone has their own definition. For most people, and experience is an event in your life in which you learn something new about yourself or another subject and of which you have a vivid memory.

Somehow that doesn't pertain to any of the Experience Events that I have been to.

I don't believe that I can remember more than two out of the 16 events that I have attended, and the only reason I do remember those two is because they were so bad.

Have you ever looked around at the audience or students during an event??

Most of the time students are sleeping, doing work or just not paying attention. They are simply there to fulfill a credit and, if they are lucky, they might have chosen a great experience event. It is also not fair to invite people here to speak when they are going to get that type of reaction.

It is rare that you hear there was a worthwhile experience event in which the students participated and were interested. However, when there is an excellent event, usually about something controversial, the student reaction is great. Shouldn't that be the intended result of all experience events?

One has to question the motive behind the scheduling of some of the events and some of the topics that are presented and discussed. It seems that a lot of the events are not meant to appeal to students. This doesn't make any sense since the students are the ones that must attend them.

If this program is going to continue, then the least Albright can do is make it interesting. A possible solution would be to have a group of students that would work with the experience coordinator to provide student input and to help schedule events.

Also, through my own inquisition, I unfortunately found out that experience credit is not awarded to students who have studied abroad.

How is this possible?

Students study and live in a whole different country, see and experience things that will last a lifetime yet that's not comparable to an experience event at Albright?!

Personally, I think my experience abroad by far surpasses any experience event that Albright will ever offer. Albright should be encouraging students to study abroad and expand their minds if they are that worried about the students' "experiencing" new things!

I strongly believe that the Experience Program needs to be reevaluated. Albright needs to recognize if this is worth everyone's time and money.

Sincerely,
Susan Williams
Class of 1997

Jake's Place responds to disgruntled student

Dear Editor,

After reading Mr. Harr's scathing editorial about Jake's Place, I feel it necessary to clear up some misconceptions he has.

Over the years, the student populations that frequented Jake's on Friday and Saturday nights was so small that it was not economically advantageous to keep Jake's open longer than 7 p.m. on those nights.

Jake's Place operates with a permanent staff of four people to cover shifts from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. five days a week. Evenings and weekends consist mainly of student help with only one full time employee.

Jake's students are as reliable as they can be considering classes, meetings, social affairs, sports, plays, and all the other activities that make a college tick, so one can see that there will be days when Jake's comes up short of help.

During the day, but especially over lunch, there are basically two people taking orders

and cooking for countless customers. In order to accommodate the lunch patrons who are standing in line waiting to place their order, we at Jake's have decided not to violate their patience with phone orders. Phone orders will be taken only at night.

It is posted that the grill goes off one hour before closing, so the 10:00 to 10:15 time span is correct.

Deliveries are contingent on access to the Albright van which is owned by food service. If food service needs the van for catering or other affairs, Jake's does without it and delivery is curtailed.

Believe it or not, academics is another reason service is curtailed.

Our student help would like to study, too, especially during exam week, so Jake's closes a little earlier and there is no delivery.

I hope, Mr. Harr, that you see that Jake's employees do bother to work, very hard, in fact.

We take our jobs seriously and try to provide the best service we can with the resources we have.

Sometimes ignorance is bliss, but no this time, Mr. Harr. There is always the suggestion box located at the entrance to Jake's Place if you have further comments.

The workers at Jake's do have our act together, but we still can't cater to each individual student's desires.

Don't forget, all the students at Albright paid that large number that is tuition—some of those students work at Jake's.

Jane Valentino
On behalf of Jake's Place

Thanks for your responses!

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with olives in their butts and it is dangerously dominant in the unfortunate individual who performs the unsanitary task of eating those olives. A person who would degrade himself/herself and put his/her health at risk in order to be accepted by others would certainly have no qualms about being loud, damaging property and harming others for the same acceptance. Peer pressure/mob mentality may be the reason behind a lot of the incidents on the list involving fraternity members.

Mentality. Alcohol and peer pressure are key factors in creating bad male behavior, but what is truly the core behind these actions is the mentality males seem to have. I think a lot of the men who behave badly are caught up in the macho concept. Most of these individuals were probably raised to be athletes. Throughout their whole lives they were taught to be competitive and aggressive by their coaches and their fathers. To most of these men, being strong and tough is what it means to be a man. They don't value such things as intelligence and sensitivity.

A good example of a male having such an attitude is an individual I overheard talking to a female student while standing in line for dinner. Apparently, he was a swimmer and at a meet, one of the officials explained a regulation to him in a tone of voice he did not like. He told the female student how he was disqualified for calling the official a "f_cking c_cksucker".

I think most would agree the intelligent and polite thing to have done in this individual's situation is to not have said anything to the official. Instead, this individual chose the macho way by verbally assaulting the official in an attempt to gain some sort of manly power over him, a power quickly diminished with the individual's disqualification.

The typical macho male is heterosexual and sexually active (or claims to be). He

regards women as sex objects and really does not respect them as people. One can clearly see this type of thinking in the last few incidents on my list. In addition to these incidents, I also recall two statements portraying the way macho males regard women.

The first is from a conversation with a former acquaintance who was telling me about a male student's plan to get a female student drunk in order to have sex with her (which is considered rape, if you didn't already know). The second is from another conversation with another former acquaintance who said he thought the rape scene in the movie "Showgirls" was "cool".

At this point, some readers who are familiar with me and the negative reputation I have been given may think I'm a hypocrite in criticizing these men for their behavior towards women.

I have gained the unfair reputation of being a stalker due to my behavior as a sophomore (technically speaking, I never stalked anyone). At that time, I liked to stare at women I was physically attracted to. I realized this behavior made the women feel uncomfortable, but I persisted because it satisfied me. During my sophomore year, I also made an off-color sexual remark that offended a female student. I am not proud of these actions. They were the result of a strong libido (which isn't necessarily a bad thing to have) coupled with social awkwardness, especially around women.

In spite of these past actions, I feel I have the right to criticize the attitudes macho males have towards women due to two reasons. The first reason is I've changed. I still have a strong libido and I'm still socially awkward, but I don't let these characteristics affect anyone in a negative way. I've learned to respect people's feelings, a feat of macho males are incapable of doing. The second, and more important, reason is, even when I was a sophomore, I would never in my life put a woman in a bear hug and call her an "ugly

bitch". I would never get a woman drunk in order to have sex with her. I would never force myself sexually on a woman. Finally, I found a lot of the scenes in "Showgirls" to be sexually arousing, but the rape scene was definitely not one of them (I found it quite disturbing, actually. A normal person would.)

I mentioned earlier that the macho male is heterosexual. He is also homophobic. I remember such homophobia being blatantly expressed on a T-shirt worn by a male student. The shirt was a play on the Trix cereal slogan: "Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids". This individual's shirt said: "Silly faggot, d_cks are for chicks". I have not heard of any gay-bashing incidents at this school, but as you can see from my example, the fuel is definitely present for such an incident.

I have observed another, rather unsettling feature of the macho male mentality at this school. This feature is a genuine lack of sympathy and consideration for humans in general.

I've always wondered what the point of such cruel pledge activities as "The Olive Run" (described previously) was. If you ask any of the members, they'll probably say these activities strengthens their "brotherhood" or some crap like that.

Maybe it's just me, but I really don't think one has to eat an olive out of another man's ass in order to feel a tight bond with him.

Pledge events such as these are obviously the creation of a cruel and twisted mind, either an individual mind or a group mind. Their only purpose is to amuse other members of the fraternity at the expense of the pledges' dignity. Anyone who sees value in allowing himself to be subjected to such humiliation is a sucker.

To summarize my discussion on the macho male mentality, the individuals who exhibit bad male behavior are generally immature beings.

I describe them as 10-year-old boys trapped in 20-year-old bodies. These

individuals probably viewed growing into manhood in terms of physical acquirments (strength and sexual potency) and legal privileges (getting a driver's license and to be able to drink legally) while ignoring (and thus, arresting) the emotional and personal development that should have accompanied one's journey to adulthood.

What should be done about bad male behavior?

Well, for starters, I feel Residence Life needs to be tougher. Resident assistants need to document any type of bad male behavior they see.

In addition to this, the Residence Life Office needs to offer more severe punishment for such behavior. To elaborate on this sentiment, the individual responsible for incident #10 merely had to apologize to the Herbal Delight conference members.

If I had a say in the manner, he would not have been living in the dorm (or any other dorm) for the rest of the summer.

Women and mature men also need to take action against bad male behavior. If they are victims of it, they must report it. If they witness it, they must report it.

It's perfectly understandable to be afraid of reporting such behavior, but you can't let your fear hold you back. If you do, you let these men get away with their actions and continue their behavior (remember incident #17).

My final call goes out to all those macho males. This editorial has most likely upset you and you should be upset.

However, you should be upset at yourselves and not at me.

It's time for you to grow up and realize your actions affect other people. At the least, you merely force people to clean up after your mess.

At the most, you traumatize people for the rest of their lives.

Sincerely,
Dwight C. Peterson

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Personals



To Ferrelli Butt, Rust, Catalina, y Maria:
Yo necessito un bano--you what? Need a bathroom? Si senior.
Love.
Guess Who?

Bran,
Thanks for always being here and for being such a great friend!
Love Ya,
Di

I think I failed. Yes, I definitely failed. Really bad this time. Yes, failed. Oh God no Please no!!

Rabbit's foot...the fruits of the Devil.

Karen, that's disgusting.

Sarah Ozol--
Congratulations on your n c it e f u l , o r i g i n a l presentation at lovely Sweet Briar College. It was an interesting and enlightening experience. You're a natural, and you'll go very far!
--your travelling companion

I passed the pencil test!! I passed the pencil test!!

Let's here it for 3 weeks to Spring Fever!

You slept where, James? By the trust fall rock?

Sylvia's back for the Spring!

Kara M.,
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
You babysit dogs,
And drink Mountain Dew.
Your Secret Admirer

Bah, Senioritis!!
Who has that? Not us! 3 a.m. and we're as excited as ever to be working. Yea!!
WooHoo!! We'll be pumped till the end.

Krepsi,
Be careful...the "flavor crystals" will knock you on your butt!

Clifford--
Thanks for the ride, thanks for the fun.

I swear I heard sirens! I changed lanes for a reason! -random land change girl

You want good food, go to "Jake's of Mt. Penn"! (232 Carsonia Avenue, Mt. Penn, PA--779-9696)
--Agreeing Reader of the Albrightian Editorials

Random Lane Change Girl--
Where are you going? Move away from merging traffic not into it!
the Pam Van

Here's to Red Bulls at the Pennside Diner and lovely expeditions to the waterfall--
By the way, Jim, what happened to your pants? Did you, say, fall into the river?

Karen,
I promise you that Buttie attacked my neck! I HAD to fight him off!

So, I lost my erection last night...

Writers I swear you're gonna kill me! I almost had a nervous breakdown thanks to your lack of effort. I don't need any ammunition to get myself

stressed out. HELP ME!
Passengers of the Pam Van--
Remember to leave plenty of time to find parking when you visit this summer.

Joanne--
Maybe I should go job hunting at a job fair. Who knows I probably won't get the job, but maybe I'll pick up pick-up pointers from you.

Jeannie,
Would you please promise me that you will go to the writing center before you graduate!
-G

Adam,
Would you get the tracking fixed on the "Love Bead" film.
Thanks.

Jaime,
Your crazy insect head routine will be emblazed in my mind forever.
Captain James

Hey! What do you know! Joe bowls!

Three shmuffins, one sub, two sodas, chips, candy, sunglasses...and I paid for

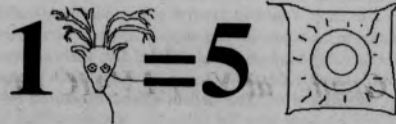
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Features

Student Activism and the Internet:

Students Utilize Internet for Action

by Rick Taketa and William Buck

Internet—the exploding worldwide communication network—is now being put to work to protect and restore the environment. From E-mail list servers to informative web sites to new interactive technologies, environmental activists are sharing ideas and taking action globally.

Internet-based networks distribute information on critical environmental issues to college campuses and communities across the US and around the globe. Activists can obtain immediate knowledge about political activity, share strategic information, and respond to emergencies.

Today, virtually every college student in the country has free access to the Internet, and the Internet has created a new style of sophisticated student activism.

The first major known event organized over the Internet was a nationwide Call for Action against the "Contract for America" in March of 1995, when over 100 campuses organized local protests. Actions such as this were essential in defeating the anti-environmental agenda.

Since then, hundreds of activist Web pages, discussion groups, and lists have sprouted enabling students to coordinate activity quickly and with little costs.

This Spring, the campus based network, Free the Planet!, will unveil an Internet system called EnviroAction (www.essential.org/freetheplanet/home.html) that allows subscribers to send free faxes to decision makers via E-mail. Entering a name and address and clicking "enter" sends an instant personalized fax.

Recent polls suggest that 84% of young people believe that the government does not do enough to protect the environment. EnviroAction gives activists a strong voice on issues such as protecting children's health, saving ancient forests, and stopping the transportation of nuclear waste across urban communities. EnviroAction provides an accessible vehicle for the young people to voice opinions on issues that will affect their future.

"We're taking the Internet past

information distribution and making it a tool for democracy," explains Free The Planet!'s program director Michelle Kucerek. "If

environmental service provider on the planet. Some environmentalist are already warning that the Web could be co-opted by

communication has enabled a new generation of activists to build the Internet as a grassroots tool. The Institute for Global Communications (IGC), founded in 1987, makes Internet technologies available to activists in more than 130 countries. IGC (www.igc.org) is currently working in Bolivia, Costa Rica and Kenya to "empower local, indigenous organizations by transferring expertise and capacity in computer networking. Operation and management... becomes the full responsibility of the local organization and all APC partners are independent organizations that retain full control over their network."

Indigenous people across the globe are also using on line communications to tell their stories in ways previously unattainable.

In Alaska, the Chickaloon tribe is using the internet in their struggle for sovereignty, described as "the ability to live by their own laws and traditions based on respect for all life."

Patricia Wade, Editor-in-Chief of the Chickaloon News, uses the Internet to communicate within her tribe and to decision makers.

"I hope the freedoms on the Internet are protected so that we can continue to give and receive truths not available through generally accepted media channels," said wade. "My hope is that the mainstream focus will shift from one of greed to that of a sacred respect for the Earth and all her inhabitants."

It is traditional within both democratic society and environmental activism to distribute information and voice opinions. In the 1900s and beyond, the Internet will help to achieve both of these goals more efficiently and effectively.

(Note: To join EnviroAction, send an e-mail message to stpenviroaction@edf.org. Rick Taketa is the co-founder and director of Free the Planet!, a national grassroots network of campus environmental groups. William Buck is the project manager for Perception, a San Francisco multimedia firm dedicated to encouraging ideas and action of the Web.)

-National Student News Service

Internet Provides Career Info

Need a job? Then go surfing. Surfing the Net, that is. As college students with free access to the Internet, now is an excellent time to job search and access the wealth of resources on websites.

A large number of companies and job hunters are now looking to websites as the means for recruitment and job seeking. Through the Net, one can post job positions, send resumes, find company information and apply for jobs for free.

StudentCenter.com is one website that can bring job resources to college students and graduate students.

"Our goal was to provide career planning information to college and graduate students in an easy-to-use, convenient format and to provide information that they couldn't easily get elsewhere. We have information about a lot of different aspects of career planning and included in that is information about companies. We have a big database of 35,000 companies," said President of StudentCenter.com, Eve Yohalem.

StudentCenter.com, located at www.studentcenter.com, features interactive help such as the "Career Doctor" which helps students discover the right career based on their skills and interests. Another

column called "Ask Donna" answers students job questions.

Cweb.com is another website that provides job search information. At www.cweb.com, a service called job match is offered, which emails users whenever a new job is posted in their field. Cweb also saves resumes online and sells job search guidance materials such as books, CD-ROMs and videotapes, which can be purchased online.

Jobweb, created by the national association of Colleges and Employers, is the bridge between higher education and the career world, emphasizing entry-level jobs. Jobs in any field can be searched through a key word search at www.jobweb.org. By inputting the location and the job field, the database can find jobs to meet the user's needs. International jobs can also be accessed. Job choices, a new online career magazine, is their new feature, giving current job information and statistics and helpful advice in the format of a magazine.

In addition, the addresses www.americasemployers.com, www.monster.com, and www.career mosaic.com are good places to start the job hunt.

enough students who care subscribe to EnviroAction, the environmental movement will be able to flood polluters and politicians, while delivering a pro-environmental message. Its grassroots power."

The Web allows groups to circumvent expensive advertising avenues like television and print while spreading information to the public. One of the most comprehensive listings of environmental groups can be found at EnviroLink (www.envirolink.org), the largest

polluting companies through advertising and control.

David Brower, the first Executive Director of the Sierra Club and founder of numerous organizations like Friends of the Earth points out "regarding control of what's said: There are bad examples from the past, including present-day media, which is controlled by transnationals, essentially. There is very little that seems to get on without their approval."

The decentralized nature of on-line

Trivia Test

1. What state was Madonna originally from?
2. What was Mrs. Kravits' first name on "Bewitched"?
3. Who was the owner of the New York Mets in 1969 when they won the World Series?
4. What was the name of Robin Williams' house boy in "Birdcage"?
5. What state was "Ethel" (Vivian Vance), supposedly from on "I Love Lucy"?
6. What part of town did "Felix" (Tony Randall) and "Oscar" (Jack Klugman) live in New York City on "The Odd Couple"?
7. Who was Oscar Madison's secretary (character's name and actress) on "The Odd Couple"?
8. What was the name of Grandpa Munster's bat on "The Munsters"?
9. What former "Catwoman" now appears on a famous soap opera?
10. Name the exact address where Archie and Edith Bunker lived.
11. Where was "Rhoda's" character (Valerie Harper) on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" born?
12. What is the most populated city in Florida?
13. What is the most famous attraction in Winter Haven, Florida?
14. What city and state was RuPaul born in?
15. What is Lauren Bacall's nickname?



TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS

1. Michigan; 2. Gladys; 3. Joan Payson; 4. "Ruth"; 5. All My Children; 10. 704 Howser Myrna Turner; 8. "Igor"; 9. Lee Meriwether; Park West; 7. The talented Penny Marshall as Agador Spartacus; 5. New Mexico; 6. Central Ave. Santa Monica; 11. Los Angeles; 12. Cypress Gardens; 14 San Diego, California; 13. Blvd. 11. The Bronx; 12. Jacksonville; 13. Street in Astoria, Queens, right off Northern

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U2's "POP" seems more like a fizz

by Jaime Britigan

There is a regression in the music scene, a return to the land of gas guzzlers and rhinestones. Yes, that's right, the studied cheesiness of the '70s is popping up everywhere. Just check out the new albums from Kula Shaker and the Stone Temple Pilots and the selection at "Fashion Bug" if you doubt me. Who knew that obnoxious shades of orange and green could take over the world?

Right in line with this grand trend, U2 just kicked off their world tour with a concert at a New York K-Mart. So, when I saw the premiere of the "Discotheque" video and heard about the show at America's savings place, the phrase "wow, man" reverberated in my very soul. Apparently, U2 is moving into a realm in which one has to carry off wearing polyester to survive.

When "POP" was released, I picked it up rather nonchalantly, figuring I could probably purchase it without donning fluorescent attire or go-go boots, but that I would definitely have to be more fashionably bold when actually listening to the album.

U2 has always been a sure bet (even after that freakish "Numb" video during the Zooropa period), so I did not think twice about shelling out \$15 for the new disc.

Frankly, the daring scope of the "Discotheque" video set me up for a fall. Admittedly, I had developed certain expectations about "POP"; I felt it would juxtapose the excesses of the '70s with today's cynicism, thus expelling Hootie and the Blowfish from my life in some grand epiphany.

OK, so this dream was a lofty one (Hootie still haunts my nightmares), but I was disappointed nonetheless when "POP" turned out to be...well, boring.

"Boring" doesn't exactly imply "bad" in this case. I'm sure this album will sell extraordinarily well and fans will extol its virtues for years to come. Such is the consequence of being a super group.

Remember how you feel when you hear "With or Without You" or "One"? For me, tunes like these give me a tremendous feeling of justification for adoring music.

U2, known for their sociopolitical messages combined with extravagant performances, seem to be a contradiction in terms. I got this feeling especially after listening to "POP" a few times.

I enjoyed the music, but something is terribly wrong. I began to understand my feelings of dissonance as I realized that U2 have attempted to be American culture.

The sociopolitical messages are still there,

but they are obscured by the electronic glitz dominating most of the 12 tracks. And the messages are seemingly superficial—the lyrics are amateurish.

Possibly I'm misunderstanding the band's intent here. Just as groups like ELO and the Village People touched upon socially-relevant themes barely perceptible beneath the whirling disco instrumentals, U2 seems to scrap their usual depth. The lyrics in "POP" that are intended to be compelling are simply not; they are like bad poetry recited with a backdrop of muzak.

Groups like Led Zepelin and Pink Floyd also flourished in the '70s, and I think it's safe to assert that they managed to address many social issues while at the same time creating moving instrumental accompaniment. Maybe U2 should have taken their example in "POP," as they seemed to do in "Joshua Tree" and "Achtung Baby."

The majority of songs on the album reveal superficiality. "Mofu," for instance, starts out like a Trent Reznor creation, but Bono breaks into song with "Lookin' for to save my soul/Lookin' in the places where no flowers grow/Lookin' for to fill that GOD shaped hole." What is this?

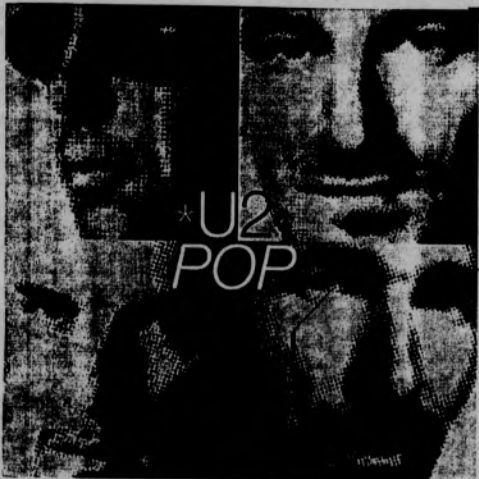
Oddly enough, the song sounds great; but I can't get past this lyric problem. Ostensibly, "Mofu" is an industrial tribute to Freud and becomes "Bubble poppin' sugar droppin' rock and roll," as Bono himself croons.

The basic problem with the album lies in its disjointedness. If someone with no knowledge of U2's history were to listen to "POP," they would probably think it's a rookie attempt. The Edge's driving guitar is just barely perceptible, and the exploration of American culture falls flat.

"Last Night on Earth" and "Gone" are two of the album's highlights, but I probably feel this way because they are reminiscent of the U2 of old.

I will conclude by asserting that "POP" is listenable but not groundbreaking. The changes that U2 have made in their style are reflective of recent changes in American culture. America seems to have a penchant for mindless fun ("Xena: Warrior Princess" anyone?); but by attempting to capture the essence of this attitude change, "POP" is simply mindless, and not very fun.

I realize that you'll probably decide to purchase the album regardless of what you've heard about, just because it's U2. Here's a suggestion: Watch "Xena," instead. The show is more stimulating, and the dialogue is intentionally true.



OUTLET ANNOUNCES GALA OPENING OF NEW THEATER

ALLENTOWN - The Theater Outlet announces the long-awaited Gala Opening of its new 9th Street theatre in downtown Allentown on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 in conjunction with the Allentown Downtown Improvement District Authority (ADIDA). The evening also marks the Opening Night of the Lehigh Valley debut of Tony Kushner's "A Bright Room Called Day", directed by Outlet Artistic Director George Miller.

The Outlet left their facility of five years at Allentown's Phoenix Square in June, 1996 following an incident of vandalism and equipment theft. Due to Phoenix Square's inability to guarantee better security, the Outlet began a search for a new home with the help of Mayor Heydt, ADIDA, and Allentown Arts Commission. While the search continued, the Outlet opened the 1996-1997 season in residence at J. I. Rodale Theater (PA Stage), and is producing there through March. In January, 1997 a six year lease was signed with CoreStates Bank for the former Meridian Bank at 29 N. 9th Street, and renovations began to transform the building into a theater.

The Outlet's new air-conditioned facility features a 99-seat black box theatre, comfortable lobby, dressing rooms, a classroom/conference room and extensive office space is significantly larger than the Phoenix Square facility; seating has increased from 65 to 99 with room for expansion. This choice reaffirms the Outlet's commitment to downtown Allentown.

The VIP Gala Opening on April 16 will begin at 7 p.m. with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by the Honorable Mayor William Heydt, followed by remarks from ADIDA, CoreStates Bank representatives, and City and County officials. The Guest List for the evening reflects many community members who have helped the Outlet through this period of transition following the burglary, from donors and volunteers to corporate sponsors and government officials. After the performance of "A Bright Room Called Day", corporate sponsor The Allentown Hilton is hosting the Gala Opening Reception in their newly revamped restaurant, PIP'S.

Theatre Outlet will honor corporate sponsors, CellularOne, CoreStates Bank, Allentown Beverages and the Allentown Hilton, and extend their special gratitude to the Amaranth Foundation, Harry C. Trexler Trust, the City of Allentown, the Beech Street Foundation, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for their financial support during this time of challenge and growth.

Theatre Outlet will celebrate the public Opening Night of "A Bright Room Called Day" on Thursday April 17 at 8 p.m. The performance will be followed by a catered public reception in the lobby of the new theatre. Media and press representatives are welcome at all performances, including the Gala Opening on April 16.

"A Bright Room Called Day" runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday performances are followed by the Post-Play Talkback Series, an opportunity for the audience to discuss the play with the directors and actors.

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$6 for students and seniors. Reservations may be made by calling the Outlet's new box office at (610)820-9270. The new Theatre Outlet is located at 29 North Ninth St. in downtown Allentown, between Hamilton and Linden Streets.

Call Theatre Outlet executive director Kate Scuffie at (610)820-9270 or (610)820-5884 for more information.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CCM Cafe's are always Mondays at 8 p.m., always \$5, and usually BYOB. Gourmet coffees and pastries available. Tickets available at the door, or can be reserved by calling the Outlet at (610)820-9270.

APRIL 28: "Slavs" by Tony Kushner. A reading of Tony Kushner's newest play, part of a Valley celebration of Kushner's work—"A Bright Room Called Day" at Theatre Outlet (April 16-May 4), and "Angels in America" at Civic Theater (April 11-26).

MAY 5: CINCO DE MAYO PARTY. Party-goers can help create a giant mural, dance to the hot sounds of Mike Krisukas, Dot Calm, and The Relentless Pickle Boat Band, and sample the delicious foods from Allentown's own La Fama Restaurant. Remember, wear the red, white and green!

MAY 12: "ALL THE YOUNG POETS" READING AND WORKSHOP. Poets Melody Zilber and Eva Nzinga Moorhead read from their own powerful poetry, followed by a poetry critique workshop and reading geared for young poets from ages 15-25.

MAY 19: THE ENIGMA PLAYERS— "Murder in the Koshier Kitchen." The outrageously funny evening of camp and satire! Directed by the inimitable Jerry Schmidt.

JUNE 2: HURRY DOWN SUNSHINE in concert. Lehigh Valley favorites Hurry Down Sunshine with a dance—concert of rockin' originals and old favorites...All ages concert; no BYOB.

JUNE 9: DOING DELANCEY with Duane Vaden. Poet, playwright, and performer Duane Vaden will read from his chapbook "Doing Delancy", followed by an audience talkback and workshop on poetry and performance with Vaden, also the founder of Allentown's Street Theatre Alliance.

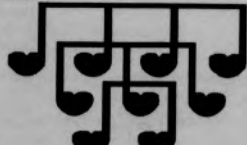
JUNE 16: SPRING PLOWING with Deborah German. Valley performer and writer Deb German in an autobiographical one-woman show touching on sensuality, myth-making and breaking, and spirituality.

JUNE 23: THE VALLEY DANCES (AND DANCES). A serendipitous showcase of Lehigh Valley choreographers and dancers from all disciplines and types of dance. Guest Artists to be announced.

JUNE 30: SLIGHTLY RIPE in concert. Hot new Valley band playing all originals features Sean Blackburn, Bryan Kersner, Mark Piedmonte-Silvov and guest musicians. All ages, no BYOB.

JULY 7: "Coser y Cantar" - A one act tale. Actors Rachel Berrenguer and Betsy Echeverria present this bilingual performance of Cuban playwright Dolores Prida's newest one-act play. Special additional Outlet performances: Friday, July 11 & Saturday, July 12 at 8 p.m. Post-play Talkbacks follow each performance.

JULY 21: STREET THEATRE ALLIANCE CARNIVALE. Allentown's Street Theatre Alliance performs in this street theatre carnivale of giant puppets, big head masks, stiltwalking—and audience participation! Performance will also spotlight the creations and performances of the week-long (July 15-20) mask and puppet making workshop at the Outlet.



Seniors: 40 more days of bliss

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You may have difficulty this week reaching financial agreements with business partners. A situation regarding a child could concern you later in the week. A friend is a source of encouragement and inspiration over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You'll get conflicting information in business this week, and it won't be until the week comes to an end that you'll achieve a clear perception of what your next steps should be. A trusted adviser could come into play in this situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Couples may not have as much time as they'd like to be alone this week, yet romance is favored. A worrisome business matter is happily resolved by week's end. Financial prospects improve.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You could meet with some extra expenditures this week, and it's a poor time in general to reach financial agreements with others. Creativity and romance, though, are highlighted over the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22): Minor details at every turn seem to impede your progress on the job this week. Try not to let this discourage you. Good news or a visitor from afar brightens up your weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22): A business delay early in the week is bad enough. Don't let it cause you to slacken your efforts for the rest of the week. Do what you

can under the circumstances. Accent financial planning over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22): Changes or mix-ups in social plans are likely this week. You could feel a child doesn't see your view point, so make more of an effort. The weekend brings you new insights into financial matters.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): You don't get as much time for yourself as you'd like or need this week. Interruptions are par for the course. A partner gives you a fresh perspective on a concern over the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21): Things could easily fall into disarray at home base this week. There just seems to be too much to do and not enough time to do it. Partners, though, are in rapport.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19): Social life may not quite live up to your expectations, and you could end this week disappointed in a friend. However, creative thinking leads to a major business triumph.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18): You may have too many irons in the fire where business is concerned this week. Simplify. Do one thing at a time, but do it well. The weekend brings a burst of creative energy.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20): Work priorities could signal the relation of a travel plan. A mix-up in communications may occur with a relative. Time alone this weekend leads to inspired thought.

All New Internet Poetry Contest

Now Poets Have Two Ways to Enter!
Poetry enters the 21st century with a brand new Internet poetry contest, www.poetry.com! All poets, published or unpublished, are encouraged to submit their poems for a chance to win more than 48,000 in cash and prizes. The deadline for the new North American Open Amateur Poetry Contest is April 30, 1997.

The contest is open to everyone, and entry is FREE. Beginners are especially

encouraged to compete for over 250 prizes. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hard bound anthology. To enter, go to www.poetry.com. Or mail ONE original poem, no more than 20 lines, any subject and any style, to: The National Library of Poetry, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 19811, Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282. The poet's name and street address should appear. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 1997. A new contest opens May 1, 1997.

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 - 20 Collar style
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 - 35 Friends and neighbors
 - 37 Pier
 - 38 Makes music for the fun of it
 - 39 One of HOMES
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 - 43 Partition
 - 44 Barn denizens
 - 46 Existed
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SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: Hayley told Mateo she'd slept with Tanner and she's canceling the wedding. Tanner denied to Mateo that he's at fault, and blamed Hayley. While Dimitri saw Sonya as a means of reconciling with Erica, Edmund told Jack he's suspicious of the fast adoption. Jake decided to return to medical school and told Liza to choose between him and Adam. Brooke found a lead to Pierce's long-lost daughter in Central America. *Wait To See:* Frederick has something to tell Maria.

ANOTHER WORLD: Joe didn't tell Paula about the bag of money he found. Later, he got a call warning him to make Grant take the fall for killing Gabe. Vicky heard a coffeehouse musician call Bobby by another name. Felicia tried to change her image to prove to John she can fit into the rural life. Vicky learned Bobby lied about the trip to Texas (where she planned to explore his past) had been canceled. Carl assured Joe he'll help him. Joe later spent money wildly knowing Jake was watching him. *Wait To See:* Josie makes a discovery about Eddie Carlino.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: David tricked Mark into making a revealing comment. Disguised as a priest, Jack (Michael Park) visited Lily. Later, Lily was hurt trying to keep Molly from being caught in an escape attempt and taken to the hospital. Kirk was attacked after a visit to Emily. Holden made a discovery near the pond. Meanwhile, Luke wandered off in that direction. *Wait To See:* Connor ignores Mark's warnings about David.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Taylor told Thome she was in Forrester's to see Grant because Brooke was worried about him. Thome then left, saying he had something to do. Grant was shot and claimed Ridge did it. Enrique tried to get out of having his fingerprints taken. Ridge was released on bail and, ignoring a restraining order, he burst into Grant's hospital room and demanded he retract his accusation. *Wait To See:* Hunter Jones (Tristan Rogers) arrives.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: John and Kristen took the baby home. Later, Kristen confided to Vivian her concern about Susan and the breast-feeding situation. Bo defused the bomb Max planted at Alice's house and considered ending his undercover work to protect his family. Realizing she had to keep Susan from telling John about the baby, Kristen hired her as the child's nanny. At the Titan Benefit, Bo (on King's orders) arrived with Billie and saw Hope with Marco. *Wait To See:* Kristen faces another "Susan" test.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: As Bobbie recovered from the warehouse fire, Tony felt closer to her. Meanwhile, Carly left to visit her

adoptive mother in Florida, but not before Luke had a talk with her. Later, Luke told Tony he suspected a Katherine/Stefan romance developing. The new money in Felicia's bank account prompted Mac's suspicions of Kevin. Jax offered to help Brenda fight her drug dependency. Meanwhile, Emily was introduced to heroin. *Wait To See:* Sonny targets Dorman.


GUIDING LIGHT: Vanessa thought about returning to her family. Josh came to see Reva, unaware she was with Annie and had decided to back away from Josh because she now knew Annie was her sister. Buzz tried to expose Jeffrey's scam, while Jeffrey tried to persuade Jenna to return to him. Billy was stunned by Reva's advances. *Wait To See:* Amanda has a score to settle, which is unsettling to Roger.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: After being arraigned, Asa lashed out at Clint and Kevin. Max arrived with a surprise guest, Guy Armitage, Ian's father. Guy later offered Max a chance to save a business deal in Canada he claimed Ian screwed up. Tea made Javier a promise, and in return he agreed to testify for Antonio. Alex tried to seduce Asa in jail to keep him from testifying against her. *Wait To See:* A new man enters Dorian's life.

SUNSET BEACH: Rae told Wei-Lee about the scam with Casey. Tiffany stopped Gregory from having Spike taken to the pound. An angry Gregory was confronted by Sean who suddenly collapsed. Eddie told Annie he can clear both their names. Paula was stunned when a bellhop identified Elaine as being at the hotel when Del died. Sean was found to have a subdural hematoma and faced surgery. Eddie overheard Elaine at the Deschanel grave admit to killing Del. Tiffany told Sean about possible complications of craniotomy surgery, and he decided to leave the hospital. *Wait To See:* Annie could be making a dangerous decision.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Sharon and Nick's dejection turned to joy when they learned their son had been resuscitated. Meanwhile, Grace tried to persuade Mildred that Sharon and Nick could give Cassie a good life. Chris taped her conversation with Phyllis (which proved Phyllis had lied about Chris not wanting to end their differences) and told Danny to hold onto it, that it could prove useful some day. Meanwhile, Phyllis became increasingly agitated over Sasha's call. Hope faced a sudden medical emergency. *Wait To See:* Jack and Diane face a crisis in their relationship.

Fun Things to Do in an Elevator



10. Make race car noises when anyone gets on or off.
9. Blow your nose and offer to show the contents of the tissue to the other passengers.
8. Grimace painfully while smacking your forehead and muttering: "Shut up damn it! All of you just shut up!"
7. Whistle the first seven notes of "It's a Small World" incessantly.
6. Sell Girl Scout cookies.
5. On the long ride, sway side to side with the naturally frequency of the elevator.
4. Shave.
3. Crack open your briefcase or purse, and while peering inside say, "Got enough air in there?"
2. Offer nametags to everyone getting in - wear yours upside-down.
1. Stand silent and motionless in a corner, facing the wall, without getting off.

Albright Traditions

May 1, 1992

Beware of Senioritis!

This article is on "Senioritis". As one would suspect, I am a senior with a possibly fatal case of the dreaded disease. As the ultimate example of this, the deadline for this article is within the next two hours, I am writing it dead cold with three people looking over my shoulder asking when it is going to be done. Typical senioritis behavior.

Senioritis is not found in the dictionary, instead it is found on college campuses, striking the hardest when the weather gets nice (anything above 0 degrees counts as nice). Mostly, it affects those persons who are actually leaving campus, never to return (except for Homecoming and the infamous Spring Fever Weekend) though it has been known to catch mature juniors unaware (or maybe they are aware, who can tell, they are only juniors—who can be expected to know if they think, ha-ha senior humor).

There are a few obvious symptoms to tell if you have senioritis. Do you think that Friday morning classes are optional due to the recently adopted "Hangover Rule"? Do you believe that Friday afternoon classes are optional because the party must begin at 2:30 sharp? Do you believe that Monday morning classes do not exist at all? Are the spines of your books unbroken? Do your notebooks have only directions to off campus parties and Kamikaze recipes? Do you find that all your conversations with other seniors deal with amusing incidences that happened freshman year? Do you honestly believe that it is possible to write a fifteen page paper in one night? Do you believe that the paper will be

readable? Do the words "Temple run" make saliva collect in your mouth? Have you done any work this semester? This year? Do you plan to? Did you calculate the lowest grade you can get on every final so you can scrape by with a C? Do you know off hand the number of days until graduation? Do all the local bartenders know you by name? Have you pulled more desperation all nighters lately than all combined the past three years, including nights when you just stayed up until 1 a.m.? Do you find yourself saying, "Oh, I have plenty of time to get that in," when it is due in two hours? Do you believe that hookups from now until the end of the semester do not count in the general scheme of things? Do you believe that it is a moral obligation to hook up with the person you have been scoping since sophomore year, totally secretly? Did you start off the year by saying, "I'm a senior, nothing really counts this year"? Do you still find yourself saying that now? Do you really mean it? Do you care what happens next year with your life, or are you just happy to live in an area without two slime infested ponds?

Senioritis is a nasty/nifty, painless/heart-wrenching disease that hits everyone at one point in their life, some more severely than others. There is one sure cure, a dose of real life, in the conveniently packaged, easy to swallow form of graduation. I myself would rather live forever in my self-perpetuating haze of missed deadlines, barely studied for tests, continual all-nighters, and endless good memories being made. Who needs the real world when you have Albright.

March 5, 1982

MDA Dance Marathon Exceeds \$6,000 Goal

It was Sunday, February 28 and only four hours and fifteen minutes remained in Albright's third annual Muscular Dystrophy Association dance marathon. This seemed like a short time to acquire the \$1,500 needed to reach the goal of \$6,000. In the end, the Albright community rallied around the flag to raise the final tally to \$6,613, \$1,000 higher than last year's total.

This comeback seems incredible at first glance, almost dishonest, but a number of last minute donations did the job. Foremost of these was the Campus Christian Fellowship. The student body support was well expressed as CCF was able to donate \$500. Zeta's spaghetti dinner pulled in a sizable \$150 and the last minute popularity of the ice cream booth (a source of dinner for some students) also contributed to the final surge.

Naturally, the biggest contributors to the MDA cause were the dancers and the 23 booths set up in the South Lounge. According to Marathon Coordinator Jeanne McAllister, the yearly event is really growing. This year 98 dancers participated (bringing in a sum of \$2,500) compared with 18 dancers two years ago at the first marathon. Ninety-two of the participants were able to finish the 48-hour ordeal. Laurie Hopkins and Mary Henik won first place honors, raising \$324.01 among friends and neighbors at home. The number of campus organization booths has also grown significantly in the last three years. Coordinating so many efforts is one of the most difficult parts of the marathon, McAllister stated, but it was well worth it considering the booths amassed \$3,000.

Based on last year's cost, SGA allocated \$1,200 to be used in obtaining material and

providing publicity. Committees were formed to comb the Reading area, seeking donations of food and drink for the dancers during their breaks. Because there were so many of them, and they have seven breaks a day, donated supplies were insufficient for this task. Some food was bought and Mr. Jackson who was awarded at the closing ceremonies for his help, filled the remaining nutrient gaps.

Bluestone's All You Can Eat, while contributing to its own publicity, was also a major influence on the success of the marathon. Wayne Logue, owner, sponsored a couple in the dance, as well as providing T-shirts and visors for the committee heads. He also arranged for the use of soda dispensers and the donation of soda to fill them from the Coca-Cola Company.

Being a senior, McAllister's main concern in organizing this year's marathon was insuring its smooth operation for next year. The chief goal in this area was gaining independence from off campus sources. Glenn Ashton headed the technical committee composed mostly of underclassmen. According to McAllister, he was responsible for starting plans to purchase a sound system for the Campus Center. This alleviated the difficulty of finding dealers who would donate expensive equipment. Luckily, West Hi-fi and Ciotti Sound Systems agreed to donate equipment for this year's festivities.

In order to dispense with the need to bring in a disc-jockey, student DJs were used successfully this year. The DJs were mostly underclassmen and McAllister expressed hope that this precedent will carry over into the future.

April 23, 1982

"Lets Get Physical" Spring Fever Weekend

It's the weekend we've all been waiting for. Once again, Spring Fever Weekend at Albright has arrived with enough activities to boggle your mind. The theme of this year's Campus Center Board-sponsored events is "Let's Get Physical." The weekend's happenings got underway last night with the concert performance of "Crystal Ship," a New Jersey-based band which specializes in the music of the Doors.

Today's activities begin at 3:30 p.m. with the Almost Anything Goes competition of six member teams. Featured among the games are an 11 legged race, water balloon toss, and a tug of war. At 5:00, there will be a barbecue on Kelchner field with music provided by Tome Williams until 7:00. Later in the evening, "Beav Geste" will perform at an outdoor dance on the steps of the Campus Center. During the evening, limbo, twist, and dance couple contests will take place, along with the contest for the most original dance interpretation of "Physical." Records will be awarded to the winners.

A great deal of tomorrow's activities will take place on Science field. Volleyball nets will be set up for informal competitions. Italian ices, soft pretzels, and soda will be provided for free to students. From 1:00 to 3:00, a road rally will take place. Cars of students compete against each other in a "treasure hunt on wheels." The prize for the winning car load is a \$25 certificate from Pizza Hut. From 3:00 to 5:00, John Hain, a popular coffee house performer, will entertain in the steps of Science Hall. At 7:30, there will be a Jazzercise demonstration with audience participation at the "Bay of Pigs." The evening will be completed by a dance with music provided by "Fresh," a New Jersey band which plays Top 40 songs. In keeping with the "Physical" theme, students should wear their favorite sports clothing to the dance.

Sunday's activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with the start of Gamma Sigma's March of Dimes Walkathon. Coed softball, sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association begins at 10:00. Afternoon happenings included a Frisbee contest at 1:30 and a concert from 3:30 to 7:30 at the Bay of Pigs with the band "Friends." Finally, the weekend's fun will end at the bay with the movie "Sunning" starring Michael Douglass, at 9:00.

The full schedule of events for Spring Fever Weekend was planned by sophomore CCB members Maureen Cahill, Michelle Stock, and Marsha Yeoman.

April 29, 1988

Spring Fever Washed Out, But Not Wiped Out

Even though mother nature didn't smile upon Reading this past weekend, Albright's Spring Fever Weekend held up through the wind and rain. The "Beach Blanket Blowout" started out as a huge success on Thursday night with Jello Wrestling in the Bay. With Steve Topp and Russ Fell commenting at ringside (in quite the spring fever attire), and Nick Yanussi as referee, the show was off and the fun began for all. The event was followed later that night by the Flaming Caucasians in the Campus Center, who played their music and kept the dance floor lively.

Friday's events ran into some real problems. The scheduled A Phi O started out on the right track, but after the first few acts, the sound system had problems and eventually broke down. The event had to be cancelled and rescheduled for the next night.

Unfortunately on Saturday the clouds and rain dampened the Spring Fever spirit, and the afternoon's event (the Alumni Olympics and the Road Rally) had to be called off. But the weather didn't spoil the day for everyone, as a spontaneous game of coed football took place on Science Field - players were soggy but had lots of fun. The evening's events were much more encouraging for everyone. The rescheduled airbands ran fairly smoothly, with a minor sound difficulty towards the end. Winners for the best airband, as well as Greek Act, were Sigma Kappa with their version of "Push It." After it was all over, it was off to the carnival at the apartments. CCB did an excellent job setting up the tent and booths, and the event was very well attended. Even though a gust of wind blew out the power for a few minutes, people stayed for the games and food. The prices were a bargain and the prizes were fun-the finger-puppets were a hit. Late in the evening, the carnival turned into a dance, and the DJs didn't really want to leave. Between the people who wandered back from the apartment parties and those who never left, the carnival accumulated a large crowd, and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities.

Sunday's band in the Bay, Playground, had to be moved indoors because of the threatening clouds. Even though the students could not experience the open air merriment of the traditional day, the band was excellent and the A Phi O Little Sisters "pied" people indoors. Those who came to listen were definitely entertained. The weekend wound down with the movie "The Lost Boys" in the Campus Center.



ALBRIGHT TRIVIA

What year was the first official Spring Fever Weekend? Can you name the theme for that year?

~Question courtesy of Michelle Carrara

Sports

Upcoming Sporting Events

Men's Tennis		Golf		
4/8	Wilkes	H 3:00	4/9 Del Val/PSU-Berks	H 1:00
4/10	Muhlenberg	A 3:30	4/11 Moravian Invitational	A 1:00
4/12	Lebanon Valley	H 1:00	4/15 Ursinus/Swarthmore	H 1:00
4/15	King's	H 3:00	4/17 Moravia/Muhlenberg	H 1:00
4/16	Moravian	H 3:00	4/21 FDU-Madison/Del Val	A 1:00
4/19	Elizabethtown	A 1:00		
4/21	Ursinus	H 3:30		
Baseball		Softball		
4/8	Susquehanna (2)	A 1:00	4/8 Susquehanna (2)	H 3:00
4/9	William Patterson	H 3:00	4/10 Elizabethtown (2)	A 3:00
4/12	Lebanon Valley (2)	H 1:00	4/12 Lebanon Valley (2)	A 1:00
4/15	College of NJ	A 3:30	4/14 Swarthmore	H 4:00
4/16	Moravian (2)	H 1:00	4/15 Ursinus	A 4:00
4/17	Drew	A 3:30		
4/19	Elizabethtown (2)	A 1:00		
		Men's & Women's Outdoor Track		
		4/12	Messiah Invitational	A 8:45
		4/16	York/Villa Julie	H 3:30
		4/19	Delaware Valley	A 1:00

Outdoor track team opens season, 1st place medals won

by Maggie Ward

The men's and women's outdoor track team opened their season Saturday, April 5, at the Juniata College Invitational. The Albright Lions were one of six teams in the field of competition. The other participating schools included Lycoming, Messiah, Susquehanna, the University of Pitt at Johnstown, and Juniata.

Although both the men and women were competing with less than a complete team, with several top athletes absent, impressive individual places were secured. First place medals were won by junior Kristy Hering in the 800m with a time of 2:35 and junior Maggie Ward in the 1500m with a time of 5:08.

Those who placed second include junior Lauren Summa in the 200m, sophomore Skye Tandy in the shot put, first-year student Sarah Webb in the high jump, junior Gia Pham in the triple jump, and sophomore Jai-T Randall who fell just short of first in the discus with a throw of 134.7 feet.

All other athletes competing for Albright showed equally impressive efforts, with many participating in several different events.

Because of the team's record high numbers, many have high hopes for a successful season. In addition, a new sprint coach has been hired to further assist the athletes. The Albright Lions look to improve their record Saturday, April 12, when they travel to Messiah for the Messiah Invitational.

**Albright Day at Reading Municipal Stadium
April 26! Reading Phillies vs. Norwich at
1:00 followed by Albright Lions vs. Widener.
Watch for details!!**

Baseball team sweeps Juniata

Chris Rickards hits his fifth home run of the season

by Dana Peterson

The men's baseball team is currently 3-1 in the league, sweeping league opponent Juniata in a doubleheader April 5.

After scoring two runs early in the first game, Albright lost their lead when Juniata found their bats. By the start of the fifth inning prospects were looking dim for the Lions, who were trailing 2-5. Then, with bases loaded, junior Chris Rickards stepped to the plate to hit a grand slam, his fifth home run of the season, clinching the win for the Lions. Junior Joe Brody followed in Rickard's footsteps, registering his first home run of the season. Junior Jason Thompson got the win, his third of the season.

Junior Marc Liberman pitched five strong innings in the second game to lead his team to a 5-0 shutout. This was also Liberman's third win of the season.

The Lions' first loss in league play came on April 3 when the men split with Messiah. However, the men do not feel that this loss will hinder their chances of securing another league title.

"We have split with Messiah the last couple years," said junior co-captain Kurt Krebs. "That was the only loss we had in the league last year before we clinched the title."

In addition to these recent key victories, Albright was able to pick up five wins while in Florida, one of which came against Division I

Lafayette. However, with these wins came three tough losses.

"We should have beat every team out there [in Florida], but we didn't," said Krebs. "But we learned that we can't step on the field and expect to win. We need to hit, field, and pitch, and if we fail in one of these areas we are in for a long day."

According to Krebs, many individuals on the team were struggling on and off throughout the week in Florida and few were playing up to their full potential. However, he feels that although it took time for players to get into their groove, things are now coming together strong for the Lions.

Krebs, who was named Most Valuable Player of the league and All-League Short Stop last year, has definitely found his "groove" again this year. Krebs leads the team with ten stolen bases and a batting average of .560.

The Lions have tough competition ahead of them this week. Tuesday, April 8, the men travel to Susquehanna for a doubleheader. Then, the following day, the Lions host William Patterson, the defending national champions, who are currently ranked number two in the nation.

Albright was able to tie William Patterson last season; this year they are hoping for a win. If the men continue hitting the ball as they have been and keeping errors down to a minimum, they should have no problem rising to the challenge of their future competition.

Softball team clinches their first victory while in Florida

by Kurt Krebs

Albright scored early and often Wednesday, April 26, pounding Merchant Marine Academy pitching for a quick ten spot. The game, which was part of the women's spring training schedule in Fort Myers, Florida, ended after only five innings, as the eight run rule had to be invoked. Senior co-captain Gena Groner sealed the victory with a two run triple in the bottom of the fifth.

Groner has keyed a solid hitting lineup which has continued to put runs on the board. Coach Clement Meccia expected hitting to be the strong point of this year's club, and his prediction has come true. Within the eight games played in Florida, the Lady Lions averaged over five runs and nearly 10 hits per game. While the pitching and defense have struggled with inconsistency, the hitters put the ball in play and create scoring opportunities.

An added bonus for coach Meccia is the balance with which his lineup has produced their hits. Every player, from the top of the lineup to the bottom, has contributed offensively this season. The sparkplug for this lineup is senior co-captain Sharon Christensen. Christensen struggled early in the season after a move to the leadoff spot. Dissatisfied with her performance at the plate, Sharon spent extra time working on her swing in the cage after practice. In a recent doubleheader against Juniata, Sharon went

3 for 3 in one game, and homered in the other. This is a perfect example of the willingness of this year's team to put in the extra time and effort in order to improve themselves.

In another move to strengthen the team, sophomore Jen Moll has been added to the pitching rotation where she joins freshman Abbey Draper. The pair have complementary styles which will give other teams two entirely different looks. Draper is the hard pitcher who can throw balls past hitters, while Moll is the control pitcher who relies on hitting spots and letting the defense play behind her.

Albright's defense, which has struggled at times this season, also has shown flashes of greatness. Anchored by Groner and senior co-captain Chrissy Rizzo, Albright is working toward a level of consistent play that will enable them to pull out the late inning rallies that fell just short. Despite the losses, the lessons learned in Florida should make Albright a better team when the league season opens. Come out and support the Lions as they host Susquehanna in a league doubleheader on Tuesday, starting at 3:00.

A combination of inexperience and some bad breaks cost Albright two games that they feel they should have won. Even though they fell behind late in those games Albright never gave up. In both games the women mounted rallies that fell just short. Despite the losses, the lessons learned in Florida should make Albright a better team when the league season opens. Come out and support the Lions as they host Susquehanna in a league doubleheader on Tuesday, starting at 3:00.

⌘ Intramurals ⌘

Congratulations to
Who Dat for defeating Sig Ep A, 49-45,
in intramural basketball.

Now get ready for intramural softball.
Games begin TODAY on Science Field:
4:00 **Goonies vs. Black Sox**
5:00 **Zax vs. Sig Ep A**
6:00 **Girls Scouts vs. SAE**

Men's tennis team prepares for match against Leb Val

by Gina Roselli

The men's tennis team is having an exciting start to their season. The men are hoping that their talent and dedication will help them meet their high expectations and goals.

Wednesday, April 2, the men suffered a tough loss at the hands of Messiah College, 6-3. Messiah is a top MAC competitor in Albright's division. The other leading competitor in the division is Lebanon Valley College, whom the Lions face April 12.

"We are anticipating the game against Lebanon Valley," said first-year student German Gomez. He explained that this game will be a key factor in determining if the Lions will be competing in the MAC Championship at the end of the season.

The men had an easy 9-0 victory against Allentown on April 3. The tennis program at Allentown is relatively new. Gomez said that this was a contributing factor to the easy win on Thursday.

During spring break, the men traveled to Bermuda for five enjoyable days. They

practiced every day that they were there and had the opportunity to play against the lower ranked players of the Bermuda Davis Cup team. The Davis Cup, an annual tournament, consists of highly skilled players from various international countries.

The men have been working hard in practices to prepare themselves for the tough matches ahead of them. After warm-ups each player works on the aspect of his game which needs the most improvement, whether it be ground strokes or serves.

"Each player can take the practice to whatever level he wants, but everyone pushes themselves hard," said Gomez.

The team's goal, according to Gomez, is to make the MAC championships. This team has the skills to play at a high level. Gomez's individual goal during his first year with the team is to play a few games and get a couple of wins for himself and for the team.

As the talented men continue through this season, there are high hopes that their goals will be met and that they will be victorious and successful.