

## H. S. Seniors to Observe First College Day, April 22

Albright College will welcome several hundred high school seniors on Saturday, April 22, which will be observed as the first College Day for prospective students.

The program, directed by the Albright College Office of Public Relations, will include class visitations, career talks by professors, a general assembly, a meeting with the Deans, dinner and a tour of the campus.

Dr. Milton G. Geil, Professor of Psychology and Director of Albright's Psychological Service Center, will speak on "College and Your Career" in the general assembly at 11 o'clock. At 12:15 p. m. dinner will be served, following which non-Berks County students will be taken on tour of the campus while the local students will attend the 27th annual Berks County Track Meet in the stadium.

At 9 o'clock Reading and Berks County students will tour the campus.

Invitations and reservation cards have been sent to all prospective students outside of Berks County, all senior college preparatory students in Berks County schools, high school principals in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, ministers of the six supporting conferences in the eastern area of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and alumni in New York, Pennsylvania and other areas in the East.

Mr. Lester L. Stabler, Director of the Office of Public Relations, is chairman of the planning committee. Members are Dean Levan P. Smith, Dean Ruth E. Williams, Mr. Newton S. Danford, registrar, and Robert M. White, Student Council president.

Students who wish to volunteer as guides should contact White. Those who wish to invite their friends should submit the names to the Public Relations Office so that registration cards may be obtained.

## Dr. Ferre Challenges Albrightians To Make Campus Spiritual Dynamo

By Phoebe Hunter

Bringing to Albright College one of the keenest theological minds in the country, Dr. Neils F. S. Ferre spoke to various campus audiences during Religious Emphasis Week, which ended yesterday. His discussions ranged from the significance of history to a dynamic interpretation of the Bible.

In a personal interview, Dr. Ferre said, "Every college student by nature of his own being and his being in this world ought to be concerned to find and to do God's will for himself and for the kind of world which we need. This should be a creative and cooperative community where every free person is responsibly concerned with the community and the community is responsibly concerned with each individual and minority, to give each person the fullest possible opportunity for creative well-being and self-expression."

**Cites Lack of Original Thought**

When asked whether he feels that contemporary college students are sufficiently concerned about basic problems and are striving toward the highest goal, Dr. Ferre replied, "Today we are living through a generation of students that have been told so much by the government and other people what to do that they would rather be told what to do than to do their own real thinking and digging."

"There are three remedies for today's widespread sense of frustration and futility," Dr. Ferre noted. "These are personal devotion and integrity, a new kind of family which has so much concern for its children that it would rather live for God so that in turn the children may find a new world, and a new church that finds reality of its real mission and holds the will of God first and is thus willing to live out the will of God in all dimensions of life."

## Tickets for Spring Play to Be Sold Starting Tuesday

Tickets for "Thunder Rock," the Domino Club's spring play to be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, April 13, 14 and 15, will be on sale Tuesday, April 4, Wednesday, April 5, and three days immediately following Easter vacation. Reserved seat tickets may be secured for \$1.00 or activity ticket No. 20.

The three act drama directed by Mrs. Annadora Vesper Shirk will feature a cast of 12, including Jay Shenk, Robert Waldner, John Savidge, Harry Nelson, Richard Stinson, Harry Kousaros, John Reside, Doris Chanin, Yvonne Voigt, Beverly Bressler, Leonard Buxton and Howard Platzker. "Thunder Rock," written by Robert Ardrey, is the story of a man afraid of his world.

The intricate stage set was designed by Charles Burkhardt, a former student, who constructed the lighthouse scene especially for the Domino Club presentation. Stage setting will be in charge of Burkhardt, Buxton and Kousaros; lighting, Platzker; and sound, Kathleen Guenther.

In charge of tickets is Judith Goodman; properties, Ed Yarnell; make-up, Kathryn Miller; and publicity, Patricia Scheerer.

## Sir Hubert Wilkins To Present Fifth Cultural Program

Sir Hubert Wilkins, world-famed traveler and explorer in the polar regions, will be presented as the fifth attraction in the 1949-50 Cultural Program Series on Tuesday, April 18, at 11:10 a. m.

Known widely throughout America, Sir Hubert Wilkins is one of the outstanding international figures of the present generation. Not only has he lived a most colorful and adventurous life but he has to his credit a long series of outstanding achievements. Among these are 25 years of meteorological exploration in the Arctic and Antarctic regions during which he commanded seven different expeditions.

He was the first to discover new lands from the air, first to cross the Arctic Ocean by airplane, first to land on any ocean and, unaided, "walk away," first to fly over the Antarctic, first to fly about the North Pole by moonlight in the depth of winter, first and only explorer to use the submarine under the Arctic ice.

For 20 years, prior to 1941, Sir Hubert Wilkins had visited Europe every year. He reached Paris the day before the Germans came in 1940.

In 1941 he went to the Orient to get the real truth behind the camouflage and propaganda that hid the titanic behind-the-scenes movements taking place there. Hobbies with royalty and powerful military and naval authorities in



Sir Hubert Wilkins

day and with piratical native truck drivers on the Burma Road the next, dashing ahead of the Japanese into Manchukuo and North China, driving through Singapore defenses in an official capacity, added another vivid chapter to a most colorful career.

Since 1941 he has held a full time position as Consultant to the U. S. Government agencies, serving the Army, the Navy, OSS, the Department of Commerce and the Weather Bureau.

## N. S. A. Art Work To Be Exhibited

Albright College will exhibit 40 watercolors, oils and pencil sketches in the National Student Association Art Tour from Sunday, April 2, to Wednesday, April 5.

Twenty-five colleges are represented in the exhibit. The work was originally displayed at the University of Illinois as part of the annual NSA conference in August 1949.

"Old House on Broad Street," painted by Dorothy Valentine of Siena Heights College in Michigan, was a first place winner in the NSA Art Exhibit.

## Dr. G. R. Cressman to Deliver Main F.T.A. Confab Address

Plans have been completed for the first convention of Future Teachers of America clubs of Berks County, to be held on the Albright campus on Saturday, April 15.

Dr. George Cressman, head of the Department of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the West Chester State Teachers College, will bring the keynote address at 10 o'clock. Doctor Cressman is also president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association F.T.A. His theme will be "Teachers Are Important People."



Dr. George Cressman

From 10:45-12:30, group discussions will take place. The first group, for faculty advisers, will consider "Problems in the Organization of F.T.A. Clubs in High Schools," under the direction of Mr. Joseph G. Plank Jr., adviser of the Reading High F.T.A. Club, and Miss Mary Capallo, adviser of the F.T.A. Club at Northwest Junior High School.

The student delegates will consider "Modern Teaching Demands and Modern Methods." Following the showing of a motion picture on this topic, a tour of the campus will be conducted.

**10 Groups to Tour**

Ten different tour groups will inspect Albright's facilities. In the Science Hall, the delegates will be shown the museum, the chemistry and physics laboratories, and an anatomy class in session and Dr. Clarence Horn's experimental work with rats.

The visitors will see a demonstration lesson in the Home Economics Lab facilities. The education department will provide a demonstration of audio-visual aids in operation and a demonstration of radio in education. The Psychological Service Center will display its test scoring machine.

The program will open at 9 o'clock with an organ recital by Mrs. Janice Miller Bretz, Albright senior. The address of welcome will be given at 9:45 a. m. Following this will be the keynote address, the group discussions and the tours.

Purposes of the F.T.A. confab are to interest the high schools of Berks County in forming local F.T.A. groups and to encourage the best-qualified young people to choose teaching as a career. Each high school has been asked to send delegates.

The chairmen of the local committees planning the conference are: registration, Sarah Davenport; guides, Joyce Costenbader; publicity, Mary Swartz and Charlotte Winner; and luncheon, Ella Mae Sheesley.

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Next week the Council will continue with this question on representation.

**Annual Concert  
Thrills Audience**

The Annual Spring Concert, presented by the vocal and instrumental music departments of Albright on Thursday, March 23, in Union Hall, was thoroughly enjoyed. The program was directed by Dr. John Duddy and Mrs. Hans Nix.

"The Linden Tree" by Schubert, and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," arranged by Waring, were especially well done by the Men's Glee Club under Dr. Duddy. Highlighting the seven selections by the College Symphony Orchestra under Mr. Nix was "The Young Prince and the Young Princess" from Scheherazade by Rimski-Korsakoff. Following the beautiful "Seraphic Hymn" by Rubinstein, the combined choruses presented an encore, "Russian Picnic." Soloists Ethel Harris and David Bailey did outstanding renditions.

The Women's Glee Club showed excellent shading, timing and enunciation in "The Nightingale and the Cuckoo," by Weelkes, supported by "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed," by Cain.

Two numbers by the College Choir, "Lost in the Night," and "Sunbeams Out of Heaven," by Christiansen, were inspiringly rendered.

M. W.

## Lack of Quorum Blocks S. C. Action

On the day of accepting or rejecting a proposed constitution there were two class presidents, one dayman, no daywomen, two dorm women, two dorm men, four sorority women and five fraternity men present at Student Council. Council opened with a bare quorum and finally adjourned when a quorum was absent. Only the preamble and Article 1 of the proposed Constitution were adopted before Council was thrown into a long discussion over Article II, the last clause, reading, "The Council contingent upon faculty approval shall have the power to refuse an organization to continue as a recognized group." The fraternities and sororities pointed to the fact that they had no representation as organizations, and it was like "taxation without representation" to be open to dismissal and yet have no voice in the Student Senate.

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## Daywomen Choose Nominees for 1951

Vivian McLatchie, president, presented to the Daywomen the nominations for the club's officers at their monthly meeting in the Lower Social Room on Wednesday, March 22. Nominations for president are Marian McGinithen and Shirley Eckenrood; vice-president, Florence DaDamio and Lois Gehris; secretary, Dolores Genetti and Julia Thrax; and treasurer, Betty Martin and Mary Anne Gerhart.

About 50 women, seven of them Daywomen, attended the luncheon at the Crystal Restaurant on Saturday, March 25. At the luncheon, which was for the purpose of raising money for the war orphan supported by the Women's Senate, Miss Alice Blue, representative of the Foster Parent Plan, spoke to the group. A motion picture depicting life in a home in Italy which the Foster Parent Plan supports, was shown.

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## We Take Leave

In this the last issue edition of The Albrightian your editor would like to express a parting word of appreciation to all those who have helped make this a successful year of progress for the newspaper and one of fruitful personal experience. Sincere thanks for a job well done.

The expression of thanks goes to the entire Editorial, Business and Reportorial Staffs, composed of students of all four classes. We especially want to recognize the fifteen seniors who will also be taking their last cue with this edition. On the managing end, are Doris Chanin and David Roland; the editorial staff, Jane Reynolds, Barbara Kast, Gene Friedman and John Werley; the news staff, Beverly Bresler, Patricia Peirce, Walter Hayum and Al Wagner; the sports staff, Marty Rosen, William Hutchinson and Ed Anlian; and not least, cartoonist, Harry Kousaros.

It cannot go without saying that the cooperation of faculty, administration and students with us has been of invaluable aid in producing the weekly news in its completeness.

This year has been one of important events that have molded the thought and bettered the all-round education of Albright students. Strong points and weaknesses have been revealed. We hope that in some small way The Albrightian has contributed in advancing the interests of the students and the college by its weekly efforts. More than anyone we realize that despite the many hours put in we have not reached perfection in this attempt.

We have had a rare privilege in guiding a student-directed college newspaper, for there is influence and power behind the printed page, a responsibility to use it constructively. We in turn are handing that responsibility over to a competent staff headed by Pat Poore and Pete Bohren. We have worked with them and know they are a fine group. Give them your support.

Bob.

## A Better Balance

As we enter the second half of the semester many important subjects will be coming to the forefront for the Albright student body. To name a few: the Student Council constitution, the all-college elections for the Y's, Council, the four classes, and Women's Student Senate, Parents' Weekend, and, of course for the seniors, Commencement.

All this reminds us that getting a college education not only includes the academic phase, but also the extra-curricular. Too many of us limit ourselves to one phase too exclusively to the jeopardy of the other. A careful balance is required for the best results. Common sense should direct everyone in his own "Balancing."

## Letter to Ed

Dear Editor:

Maybe you've heard the rumblings around campus that began last Friday night. They were introduced by a powerful silence, that incidentally spoke for itself, following the announcement of the winners of Stunt Night.

Stunt Night programs during the past several years have evolved (so I thought) from "weary and worn comfort station and sex themes" (from The Albrightian, March 9, 1948) to a much higher type of entertainment. Participants gradually came to realize that there were standards to be met if they wished to gain recognition. That is, there were standards until this year. What I'd like to know is just exactly who is to blame for the decision of Friday night. Didn't the Stunt Night chairman explain the rules and standards to the judges (I use the term loosely) or did they think that their own standards were superior? Fine, intelligent, refined people!

And as for the so-called Zeta Omega Epsilon Fraternity—well, I'm glad I went stag. I thought such raucous humor went out with the depression. "Well, they couldn't help it if they won!" Ha! I'm not blaming them for winning. Up until Friday night I had the utmost regard for the Zetas. Granted, there are still a few members of the clan who have respect for mankind, but the majority are still bragging about their "terrific show."

I sincerely hope that in the future other campus organizations do not use this year's cup-winning performance as a model.

And thank you, Miss Parker, Mr. Kobrin, and Mr. Snell. I hope we have faculty judges next year.

**ED'S NOTE:** The above letter was received on Monday as an expression given voice on campus to a disagreement on the merits and standards of judging Stunt Night. It is published here in the interest of bringing into the open this situation rather than permitting it to smolder in students' minds. Replies of the opposing viewpoint will be as gladly printed. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the paper or members of its staff. The author requested that the signature not be published. All correspondence, however, must be signed originally.)

## Open Season On Fools

It's come again, that perennial time to lose one's wits and inaugurate that seasonal madness called spring. Originally begun on the first day of spring, All Fools Day (April Fools Day to you) was the culmination of long festivities designed to recognize men's departure from the sensibility he possesses in winter to the inanity he so very much more enjoys when the birds are singing. Modern man, proud as he is, has deliberately subverted the ancient significance of the first day of April so that his own folly is confined to the practical jokes of irresponsible children or adults who never grew up. But let's be honest only for a moment.

Certainly the universal theme of spring, love (the most flagrant display of folly man has yet enjoyed), exalted and blessed, steals into all hearts when the fair winds blow. Sure, love is in the air! Mary walks along the pavement. John passes in his convertible. Mary smiles coyly. John waves to some friends and slows down. Mary takes the gesture as a presumptuous advance and climbs aboard while the shiny new car is still moving. John doesn't care—that's why he bought it. What happens? John tells Mary he just got a job starting at ten thousand, Mary tells John she just finished the homemaking course at State College—this is it! And what else? More John's and Mary's for a later date or some spring day when ethereal, eternal love pervades man's being.

Spring is here! Out of hibernation man comes to breathe that treacherous air that makes him live again. Gone are the old wives' remedies for colds, rheumatism, etc., etc. Not until sunfiver and heat exhaustion plague the weak flesh must the oracles speak.

How do we men conquer folly's invasion? We go to the golf course where men are men guided by intense concentration and grim determination. Out there where violent and frequent cursing reprimands the inanimate golf ball, where the saucy of a quiet pond is broken by the miscalculated drives of frustrated experts, where thickets, virgin since the autumn, are ruptured by angry searching parties—yes, here there is sensibility say we.

Spring is here! On the campus these idealistic men, the "leaders of tomorrow's world," incorporate new fraternity pledges in colossal displays of juvenility from dusk to dawn. On the streets both sexes flaunt the latest creations hoping to hear the sibilant flattery of others too proud to be sincere—everywhere the sobriety of the former season is lost. Mary's hopelessly deluded till sober winter arrives again. Spring comes, can winter be far behind?"



Yes Sir . . . guaranteed not to lose its luster until April Fool's Day, 1970.



One of the more cheerful members of our student body is Albert Wagner. Hailing from Adamsdale, in the vicinity of Pottsville, Al came to us as a transfer student in his sophomore year.

Al, quick to make many friends both on and off campus, was claimed by the Kappa Upsilon Phi Fraternity as one of their own, and, for the past year, has been their capable and energetic Arechon. He also claims membership in the informal "Friday Night Club" and the "Coffee at Leah's" group.

Besides being capable and versatile, his contagious sense of humor and his personality are sure to distinguish him in any group. Before studies began to claim most of his time, Al could be heard producing classical sounds on the keyboard of the Selwyn Hall piano almost every evening. Canasta and bridge with Ruth now occupy most of his free time. Yes, consistent to dislike for ruthless people, Al tells us that he'll never be Ruth-less.

The Albrightian kept him chained to a desk as News Editor for two years, but don't let him kid you—he loved it. Of course, that was before a dog by the name of "Bark" proclaimed him as its master. Since this boxer has grown up, however, the situation has changed, and the dog now rules him.

Since Al has a biology major and a chemistry minor, it's only natural that he belongs to both Skull and Bones and the Alchemists. His future hopes of becoming a dentist were reassured when he received his letter of acceptance from the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania. A certain stone house owned by a local dentist has been constant inspiration! Though we know you don't need it, Al, we wish you the best of luck towards a happy, successful future, both in dentistry and life.

## No Hablo Ingles

Practicing a foreign language, such as Spanish, in the classroom for 50 minutes three times a week is an artificial experience which, however good the students may be, does not afford an opportunity for normal expression and fluency. Many colleges and universities which are large enough to be able to afford it have foreign language houses where the students work, eat, sleep, dream, and get into mischief in Spanish or French or Italian.

For lack of the ideal, the field trip by the Spanish 9 class to the Spanish speaking section of New York is a poor substitute, but we hope it will add something to our knowledge and experience in the language, as well as understanding of how other people of different cultural background live.

Each of us will stay at the home of a Spanish speaking family, and the families will be urged to refrain from using English. We will have breakfast on Saturday and Sunday at these homes.

We shall leave Reading at 11:05 a. m. on Friday, March 31, and arrive in New York at 4:05 p. m. After dinner in a Spanish restaurant, the evening will be spent at a Spanish movie. Saturday morning starting at 9 a. m. we shall visit the Casa Hispanica at Columbia University, the various social agencies which do welfare work for the Spanish speaking people in New York, and some of the settlement houses. Next on the schedule is shopping in the Spanish sector of Manhattan, and the so-called "Marqueta," where one can find all the delicacies of the tropics, from "Yerba mate," Argentinian tea, to "eneuridos," a combination of the hottest peppers in the world soaked in vinegar, for those who like to burn as they eat. After dinner in another Spanish restaurant, we will be given a chance to do anything we may choose. The only provision is that we must keep up the traditional Spanish custom of arriving home before the milkman.

Sunday morning will find us in a Spanish speaking church, La Primera Iglesia Bautista Espanola de Manhattan. After another Spanish dinner, we shall start back for Reading at 2:05 in the afternoon.

## Home Ec Notes

Dr. Clifford R. Adams, professor of psychology at Pennsylvania State College, will present a talk entitled, "Marriage at the Crossroads," at the annual Home Economics banquet, which will be held in the Albright College Dining Hall, Thursday, April 13, at 6:45 p. m.

Dr. Adams was educated at Wake Forest College and received several other degrees at North Carolina University, North Carolina State College, University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and Pennsylvania State College.

Among his many writings, Dr. Adams has distinguished himself as author or co-author of several personality tests and professional articles on guidance and personnel administration. He is also a writer of many popular articles on mate selection, marriage and family relations, which have appeared in American Magazine, Reader's Digest, Woman's Home Companion and Ladies' Home Journal.

Dr. Adams' topic is a challenging one and will be of particular interest to college administrators and students. His talk will include: the personal problem of marriage in terms of its importance in human relationships; the role of education in preparation for marriage; and the preventive and remedial measures in relation to marital difficulties.

The general chairman for the affair is Janet Coombs Reeser, and reservation chairman, Mary Bremner. Invitations are open to all home economics teachers and guidance counselors in Berks County, and students at Albright College.



