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Brian Merrit and Jennifer Gallinelli perform Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream." photo by Brian Singer



Christopher Haisfield, William Exaros, and Jennifer Gallinelli in Dominoes next play beginning tonight, April 19. photo by Brian Singer

From the Desk of the President

Although Dr. Ruffer's article usually appears on the departments page, we would like to welcome him back to Albright and the pages to the Albrightian, thus he will appear on the front page this edition.

by Dr. David G. Ruffer

Well, there I was feeling great about being back on campus after a sabbatical leave when my editor reminded me that I had agreed to write a column each week and that it had been a while since I had done so. I, of course, said I would get something to her. After realizing that there was going to be no way I could get out of it, I began to panic. How do you summarize the experiences of a sabbatical leave in any form that people would want to read? In any event, in the context of the "untold wonders" that I have written about previously, here goes.

The memories of the three months are many. The 17 1/2 inches of snow in Madison, Wisconsin and the way the people of that city were able to get traffic moving at a regular pace the next morning. The pride the people of Mitchell, South Dakota have in the Corn Palace and the Murdo, South Dakota and the Buffalo Inn where we ate buffalo meat and heard the rodeo rankings, a regular feature of local radio and television sports. The awesomeness of the Bad Lands and their demonstration of the power of wind and water and the beauty of ruggedness. The spectacular nature of the Great Plains, the home of the great Sioux Nation and Dances with Wolves. The site of the Battle of the Little Big Horn where the Son of the Morning Star and the 7th Cavalry met their demise at

the hands of the Sioux under the brilliant leadership of Gall, Two Moon and Crazy Horse. The wonder of Mount Rushmore, the Columbia River Valley and the spectacular Pacific Coast Highway to San Diego.

Six weeks in San Diego afforded time to write about the nature of college and what we should be like, to organize the Methodist educational institutions around the world into a Federation and spend a wonderful Christmas with our three children. They must hire people to surf because they are there all the time. The great San Diego Zoo, the wonders of Mexico, the international nature of the area, and all the sights and sounds and smells of Southern California made it hard to leave at the close of January.

The drive across the spectacular boulder fields of the Southwest, the LBJ ranch and the beautiful central Texas hill country, Austin, Waco, Beaumont, Macon and Tallahassee provided a view of the Southern border of the United States what contrasted clearly and well with the trip across the North, but demonstrated the oneness of the people of this great country in a way we had not imagined.

Miami Beach provided the backdrop for our February. This immersion in Latin culture, the taste of black beans, yucca and rice, the wonderful art deco buildings, the multinational population, the aging piano player in the local spaghetti house, all provided the stuff to remember.

As we drove up from Miami to Reading we thought of how fortunate we were to have had the opportunity to see this nation as few have, and how great it is to be able to return to this community and its struggles, to understand itself and how it can best work.



Dr. Ruffer, Adele Santos, and Dean Lubot perform the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Center for the Arts. photo by Brian Singer

Festival of the Arts

The dedication Sunday, April 14 of Albright College's \$5.8 million Center for the Arts added an extraordinary element to Arts Festival '91, the fourth such event mounted in recent years to celebrate the arts.

The schedule of performances, exhibitions, lectures, dedicatory concert, arts ball, and reception for alumni in the arts opened Friday, April 12 and will continue through Saturday, April 27.

Most events are open to the public free of charge, except the Domino Players Company production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Albright's Center for the Arts is the result of a most unique collaboration between Philadelphia architect Adele Santos and Mary Miss, a New York sculptor and respected figure in public art. Their collaborative design of the center and the outdoor plaza and surroundings was underwritten in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts' pilot project encouraging such joint

efforts by designers and artists to enhance art in public places.

An exhibition of Miss' photo/drawings, running concurrently during the festival in the Freedman Gallery, will continue through April 28.

The Cecilia Trio, an ensemble of Albright faculty, Rebecca Gass, Oksana Lassowsky, and John Pankratz performed their debut recital in the new Emmett C. Roop Hall. The program included works from Brahms, Dvorak, Farrenc, and Poulenc.

The gala Beaux Arts Ball was held over the weekend and featured a variety of performers and musicians.

The dedication of the Center for the Arts took place on Sunday, April 14 in the Mary Miss sculpture rotunda. The premiere performance of a commissioned piece, "Dedicatory Divertimento," was performed. The three-movement orchestral work by Dr. Roy B. Hinkle of the Albright College Music Department was conducted by Henry Gass.



Sharon Thomas and Saidah Ekulona at SUNY Albany.

Theater Competition

by Erica Renee Ohr

A group of Albright representatives recently competed in the American College Theater Festival at SUNY Albany. Dr. Lynn Morrow supervised the competing teams of Daryl McCullough and Brad Williams, and Saidah Ekulona and Sharon Thomas.

In the preliminary competition there were 140 participants. Saidah Ekulona was the first Albright student to make it to the finals, she was one among 16 finalists.

The competition was very intense, and many of the actors/actresses were already in and/or out of graduate school. Saidah commented on the "tremendous support" and "helpful suggestions" from the judges. The sense of camaraderie amongst the actors was inspirational for Saidah.

Sharon and Saidah were a team and performed a scene from "Top Girls." Saidah's monologue was from "The American Clock" where she played Irene a 40 year old member of the Worker's Alliance.

Saidah feels that she "could not of had a better partner," and "could not have made it without Sharon." She also stated that she can "never thank Lynn enough."

In the fall of 1991, Saidah will be enrolled at the National Theater Institute. Jeff Lentz '85, Brad Williams '91, and William Exaros '91 are all former students of NIT.

Are Kegs Legal? Let's Disperse the Rumors

by Rebecca York

All around campus there has been a whispering of rumors as to what the new "Keg Policy," up at Albright Woods, is going to be. At last, here we have straight from Ed Skoczen. The rumor has been that Kegs would be entirely banned from the apartments, but the official word is much different.

The goal in dealing with the Kegs up at the apartments, according to Ed Skoczen, is to "promote responsibility. It is important to have a responsible use of alcohol." It is not a matter of banning the kegs, but restraining them in a manner to will make everyone comfortable.

Finally, Ed Skoczen informed us, that a "panel" of students consisting of Albright Woods residents, future residents, maybe some R.A.'s, and some other students, will be organized in order to discuss the possibilities, and what will make everyone happy. Ed Skoczen also informed us that as soon as the actual policy is complete he will let us know and we will keep you informed.

Why Do We Scare Managers?

by Roberto Taboada.

What do you want in your life? No, I am not talking about the BMW, or the house in the suburbs, or 3.2 children; I am not asking about the toys; what I am asking is: What is the meaning of your life? What do you expect from your life and you work? Do you want a meaningful work? What is a meaningful work?

Topics like these were raised in the philosophy forum "Ethics and Work" on Thursday, April 11th in the South Lounge.

This experience event presented Dr. Joanne B. Ciulla, who has a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Temple University and is currently a Senior Research Fellow in Legal Studies and Management at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ciulla discussed the meaning of work and leisure in our culture. Wait a moment. A philosopher talking about work? Philosophers don't know anything about work, that's why they study philosophy.

Well, Dr. Ciulla showed us that philosophy gives us an excellent insight into the question of whether work contributes to a meaningful life. She started her presentation by asking whether there are any questions, people have always asked questions about work throughout history.

She said that Aristotle, for example, dreamt of a world where all our tools could work and think for themselves, so all the people could dedicate its life to leisure. She pointed out that today we have the tools that Aristotle dreamt about, but somehow we cannot rejoice about it.

She used some of Aesop's fables to show the way the Greeks felt towards work. In the "Ant and the Grasshopper", for example, she said that we have two models of life: the ant, dedicated, hard working, saving for the winter; we also have the grasshopper, who spends all summer singing without worrying, and has a short and exciting life, until the winter comes.

Dr. Ciulla also discussed the current situation at work. She said that "Management is scared to death by you, people in their twenties", because we, as a generation, expect a lot from work. We want jobs that are interesting and demanding, and we also want to make lots of money; at the same time, we value more our leisure than other generations.

These expectations may probably not be met because of the "baby boomers" that already have most of the exciting jobs. What are we doing to do about this?

Managers scientists have tried to come with new ways to motivate people like us, who have great expectations about our jobs. Dr. Ciulla said that nobody knows for sure what motivates people, but we know what makes them unhappy in the workplace: a real or perceived feeling that he or she is not treated well.

Dr. Ciulla commented that although many things have improved in the workplace, one thing that has not is the question of fairness and justice. She said that we can get a nice white collar job which pays lots of money, but by the same token we can get fired any time.

She said that in the past the rights of workers were protected by unions, but today its power has been diminished, besides the fact that most white collar jobs are not unionized.

Her message is not that one should not work hard, but if you work hard your employer has to treat you with fairness. "The entire history of work", she said, "is the question of fairness."

Finally, she urged us to have jobs that fit into our lifestyles, not lifestyles that fit into our jobs. We should also overcome the feeling, common in our generation, that we cannot make any difference because we feel overpowered by the forces of society. We have a right to a meaningful life, and a meaningful work.

Review of Suzanne Gordon's Lecture "Women and War"

by Rebecca Henry

Suzanne Gordon, in her talk entitled "Women and War," discussed the connection between the ideology that leads to war in America (particularly our most recent war), and the continuing oppression and marginalization of women and family in this country. Her argument, essentially, is that both attitudes are based in the patriarchal value system to which many Americans pay homage. Here, traditional "male" qualities (i.e. power, control) are embraced and traditional "female" qualities (i.e. caring, sharing) are shunned. Thus, we welcome war and eschew social programs.

We call pacifists unpatriotic. We say women are liberated because they act in the traditionally male world, but we ignore the fact that they have, in a sense, been translated into men (people with male values) to do so. What we need, Gordon argues, is a new world that is not defined by male values. We must challenge the present beliefs and power structure and demand that they be converted to allow women to ve women and still be active in the public sphere. When feminine values are recognized as legitimate in the public world, Gordon believes we will be less likely to engage in war and other violent, status-seeking, patriarchal activities.

On the whole, I find Gordon's critique painfully accurate. It boggles my mind to see our government spending millions, perhaps billions of dollars on planes, tanks, bombs and soldiers when we so desperately and so obviously need that money spent on food, housing, medicine and education. It doesn't make sense unless we understand that the government's top priority is power and prestige, not people. This, I think, is an unavoidable truth. What else could explain their eagerness to fight a war in which we had none other than an economic stake, or their resistance to the mingling of "their" sphere--the public--with the private?

To introduce ideals of caring and communicating into the rough-and-tumble world of big business and government would

be to threaten everything big business and government stand for. That threat will not be tolerated. So, we continue to project our "manly" image to ourselves and the rest of the world, so much so that even the women who manage to slip into the system find themselves caught up in the "manliness".

Here I begin to feel a bit uncomfortable with Gordon's terminology. I understand what she means when she talks about "male values and "female" values. But I hesitate to define, indeed to limit all men by images of power and anger and lust and all women by images of sharing and communicating and love. More than limiting, these images are simply inaccurate. Parental leave and child care and birth control and discrimination in the hiring processes are not women's issues, they are societal issues. Feeding the hungry and housing the homeless and caring for the sick and elderly are not feminine concerns, they are community concerns. Peace is not and should not be strictly a female value.

To be fair, I don't think Gordon would argue that it is or that it should be. When what are truly human values are constantly referred to as female values, (and Gordon certainly is not the only person who does this) the result is either that women are unduly glorified, or the human values we want to advocate are, sadly, summarily dismissed as "wimpy" and "soft" (i.e. feminine).

My vision, instead, is of a world in which people can relate to one another as human beings, not as men or as women, but as people. I think we need to eliminate the idea we have of "what it means to be a woman" as much as we need to eliminate our ideas of "what it means to be a man." It is important to give women a consciousness and a sense of pride, but I fear the long-term results of compartmentalizing and defining a vastly complex and diverse group, even if (perhaps especially if) the defining comes from within the group.

Right now women may be more concerned with peace than men; there are innumerable cultural, psychological and economic reasons for that, but to leap from that fact to the assertion that peace is a female value is hasty unthinking, and vastly incorrect.

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ATTENTION ALBRIGHT!!!
The Jacob Awards Ceremony,
the annual awards ceremony honoring outstanding members of the college community, will take place on
April 30 at 7 pm.
Former winners of Jacob Awards include Dr. Annadora Shirk, Dr. Mary Jane Androne, Shirley Weitzel, Jan Waldauer, Dr. Jeffrey Woodward, Michelle Fegley, Cheryl Kintz, Kris Giambalvo, Dan Klyn, Nick Taruzzi, and the Rev. Bill Marlow.
The ceremony will include the traditional birthday cake for Jacob Albright along with other refreshments. Come out and see who this year's winners will be and show your support for Albright.

Gwendolyn Brooks Performs Poetry Reading



Gwendolyn Brooks signing autographs at Kutztown University. photo by Erica Ohr

by Dr. Adele Newson & Erica Renee Ohr

Poet Laureate of Illinois Gwendolyn Brooks read at Kutztown University March 19 as part of the Women's History Month festivities.

The 73-year-old Pulitzer Prize Winner infused her readings of over 13 poems with remarkable energy. Her love and understanding of people were evident in her readings.

Gwendolyn Brooks began her energetic poetry recital by stating that she had intentions of involving the crowd with "love, loss, lunacy, and laceration." Mrs. Brooks was able to fully involve the crowd and share her personal passions and whims that went into each of her poems.

The Georgian Room was filled to capacity with an enraptured audience. In keeping with the audiences expectations Brooks read the much anthologized "The Mother" and "We Real Cool."

Brooks prefaced each reading with enlightening anecdotes that provided insight on the meanings and nature of each poem. Brooks herself explained, "Every poet hopes that the reader gains more from the poem--

that he can attach personal meaning to it."

The vibrancy of her personality came through as she read each of her poems. Her recitation and comments following the readings seemed to allow the reader to get more out of her works. According to Chris Nagle '92, in attendance, "I gained a new perspective of the poem "We Real Cool," after hearing her reading of it. I find that I now like it much better."

Gwendolyn Brooks feels that it is very important for the youth, and not just the youth, to listen and realize the importance when she declared, "you matter."

According to Dr. Adele Newson, Department of English, "Brooks is very dedicated to the young as potential poets and individuals. She actively seeks out young poets and introduces them to publishing opportunities. She also speaks directly to the young, with an understanding of their plights as they seek to develop into functioning adults. This is especially evident in her work "A Little Girl's Peom."

Brooks specifically adressed "To the young who want to die, because suicide is so prevalent" that "death will wait, death has a lot of time." She admitted that she is "very bossy" regarding the issue of suicide because she sees it as a "ridiculous tragedy." She asked that anyone who is considering suicide should "just stay here" and "see what the news is going to be tomorrow," that there is "a lot of time to make mistakes and to correct them."

It is very difficult to convey the love of life which Gwendolyn Brooks possesses. She has won hundreds of awards and honors for her achievements and is looking forward to the reissue of five books of her poetry and one novel, Maude Martha in a volume being published by Third World Publishers this May called Blacks.

Brook's career spans some 45-years. She recieved the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for her collection Annie Allen, becoming the first black person to win the coveted award in any category.

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Death Penalty Education

by Erica Renee Ohr

Recently Amnesty sponsored a lecture in conjunction with their Death Penalty Education Month where Phyllis Pautraut, a national representative of Amnesty spoke.

Amnesty's position is from a moral perspective which includes a three part mandate regarding the issue. "1. To seek the release of prisoners of conscience--those detained solely because of religion, color, sex, ethnic background etc. as long as they have not used or advocated violence. 2. To seek fair and prompt trials for all prisoners. 3. To end torture, cruel and/or inhuman treatment--erradication of the death penalty."

As Phyllis stated, "all share the same human rights." However, despite the United Nations declaration concerning the death penalty, there is still a question of state killing. This issue is divided as is evidenced in the United States diverse policies on the issue.

The "death penalty is justified often in the name of some higher cause," stated Phyllis. Although torture is universally condemned, the countries who support this still use these abhorrent tactics.

Prior to the lecture, the audience viewed the movie "The Next Step", which clearly depicted the brutality of executions and went so far as to show a station from Libya which televised multiple hangings.

The film indicated that there were studies which "show that the death penalty is not a deterrent." And the famous phrase "two wrongs do not make a right" was used.

The film sees the destination as being a world without executions. Fifteen countries have abolished the death penalty in the past two decades.

Phyllis stated that "respect for human life is important to supporting the meaning of life" and that "no one has the right to decide life and death."

More specifically she highlighted the facts that the death penalty is "irreversible, racially biased, costs more than keeping a prisoner for life, and the location of the crime determines the penalty."

Some important questions Phyllis wanted the audience to ask themselves were "What is a humane killing?" and "Who deserves to die, who doesn't?"

She left us with a quote from Sakharov, "Savagery only begets savagery."



Dr. Karen Hicks discusses JOSH.

photo by Jim Seip

Dr. Hicks Debriefs JOSH; Improve Your Sexuality!

by Rebecca York

Wednesday, April 10, Karen Hicks from the Women's Center gave a lecture on Human Sexuality. The signs said "Improve Your Sex... Josh... A Debriefing." This was the first part of a three part series on Human Sexuality in the nineties.

The Old Testament says, "Be Fruitful and Multiply," but Josh says "No!" Karen Hicks opened up the discussion by explaining that this was not to be a "Josh Bash," but that she merely wanted to put his presentation in context with other values and beliefs (including religious) on sexuality. Hicks told us that the negative aspects JOSH centered mostly on the fact that he used "guilt and shame to create conflict and anxiety." As stated by Karen Hicks, according to Josh, there is one, and only one, kind of acceptable sexual behavior and that is "married, heterosexual, monogamous, non-deviant, penis-to-vagina intercourse." All other forms are wrong and inappropriate. He made sex out to be very negative by explaining sexual drives as being animal-like and that those of us who succumb to our sexual drives are behaving subhuman. To this Karen Hicks responded that we are sexual beings from birth and sexual behavior is only natural. She even pointed out the little known fact that male fetuses in the womb have been shown to be having erections at very early stages. Sexuality is a human trait, as shown from birth, that should not be considered shameful. The difference that Hicks wanted to emphasize between her own opinions and those of Josh was that sexuality must be treated with responsibility.

Another issue raised by Hicks was the implied chauvinism by Josh when he spoke on non-monogamy. According to Josh, non-monogamy is very wrong because a man who has multiple partners before marriage will be tormented by the images of the other women. This also brought into the discussion different aspects of sexual fantasy lives. The feeling brought about by Josh was that people should not have fantasy lives and they should feel shame and embarrassment if they do. To this, Hicks's response was that "everyone has a sexual fantasy life... it is the safest form of safe sex."

Karen Hicks posed the question, "Do people not have sex because Josh came here and said was bad? Do you think it reduced sexual activity and sexual expression?" To this, the answer was that his scare tactics did not reduce sexual activity, but instead they increased whatever feelings about personal sexuality that cause anxiety due to guilt and fear. Another point that Hicks raised about

Josh and his manner of "education" was that several of his frightening statistics were somewhat inflated.

One concern raised by Hicks and is currently one of the major problems in the United States is sexual ignorance. "We fight to keep it [sex education] out of the schools. Why? The thinking is that if it is taught, then they [kids] are going to want to do it." The feeling is that this kind of education will end up promoting the exact thing we are trying keep from being dangerous. Hicks pointed out that there is no actual data to date that there is an increase in promiscuity due to learning. She once again explained that the importance of sex education is not to promote it, but to teach people how to be and act more responsibly.

Another problem that was highlighted by Karen Hicks was the fact that Josh "couldn't bring himself to talk about AID's." AID's, one of the fastest growing concerns in the United States today, and yet, as Hicks pointed out, Josh did not speak on it. The opinion felt by many was that Josh was making AID's out as being entirely a "gay's disease," when in fact, as Hicks put it, "AID's is an equal opportunity disease."

A major issue that was raised by Hicks was the singularity of sex consisting of "sexual intercourse." The question that was then raised was the possibility of "sexual intercourse" as an alternative. Hicks emphasized the different "avenues of affection" that don't require any actual "intercourse." "Abstinence from intercourse yet still having sexual activities."

Hick's greatest disappointment with Josh's lecture was that he attempted to "shut down the positive forces of sex." He neglected to speak on masturbation or other forms of sexual expression, but tried to instill "regret, shame, and embarrassment." He scared people by saying that condoms don't work, when in fact they are very effective.

"Recreational sex is a fairly new concept... we can now separate procreation with recreation." The importance placed on this is responsibility, as Hicks further explained. People have no need for the incredible fear impelled by Josh if they consider consequences and take the necessary precautions to prevent them.

In closing on a positive note, Karen Hicks said, "I want you to someday look in the mirror and say 'yes' I am a sexual being and 'yes' I have sexual needs."

For further information concerning human sexuality and discussions surrounding Josh and his lecture, there will be two more forums on this subject, so... keep your eyes open and look for them on campus.



Todd Schenk, Rebecca Henry, Dr. Mary Jane Androne, Christopher Nagle, Nicola Laing, and Dr. Judith Geiser at Williamsburg, Virginia.

Reflections on a Conference on Diversity

by Dr. Judith Geiser

On the first weekend in March, I was one of a group from Albright to attend the conference on NELGSA (Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Alliance) which was held at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The group consisted of four students, Nicola Laing, Chris Nagle, Rebecca Henry, and Todd Schenke and two faculty advisors, Mary Jane Androne and myself. We all found the conference extremely worthwhile and I would like to relate some of my impressions.

First, the conference was well-organized, informative and offered an impressive variety of workshops whose topics ranged from spirituality, to literature, to music, to politics to such specific interests as gay and lesbian fraternities and sororities, the problems of minority groups within the gay community, being a gay foster parent, marriage rights for gays and lesbians, living with AIDS and female impersonation as a form of activism.

There were also general sessions with such speakers as Gabriel Rotello, publisher of *Outweek Magazine*, and Dr. Margorie Hill, who is the Gay and Lesbian Liaison to the Mayor of New York City.

What impressed me even more than the organization and the content of the conference, was a certain tone, and energy, which I found there. A number of the presenters were excellent, but the student-participants in the workshops were particularly impressive. In fact, it was sometimes difficult for the presenter to finish the presentation since the participants had so much to say and kept interrupting with questions or comments.

In the literature workshop, for instance, the students not only had long lists of names of books to contribute but also engaged in heated discussions of their readings.

And in the workshop on the North Carolina Senate race between Jesse Helms and Harvey Gantt, many of the students spoke from their own experiences of working in political campaigns. It was obvious that the students attending were there not out of a passing intellectual interest or because attendance at

a conference would look nice on a resume, but out of personal involvement and commitment.

And in a workshop entitled "Homophobia -- The Deadliest Malady," the necessity for this commitment became painfully clear. We listened as the presenter played a tape filled with real examples of radio gay-bashing, hate messages culled from various radio announcers and talk shows. When asked for their reactions to the tape, students spoke emotionally of hearing such messages over and over while they were growing up, of feeling that they must be the only gay of lesbian in their town, of knowing that they would be rejected by their parents if they divulged their secret.

When asked what had happened to them when they had revealed their homosexuality, the students spoke of physical violence which included gun shots, knife wounds, bricks thrown, and damage to cars and other property.

They also spoke of the emotional wounds left by the threatening messages on their answering machines, by their parents' refusal to see or communicate with them, by the laughter of a class at their expense.

Hearing of the oppression which these students have suffered, it was easy to understand the bond which they felt with each other as well as the realization and exhilaration which came from finally being in a supportive group.

The conference also gave me a new understanding of the diversity within the homosexual community. In fact, the bisexuals at the conference planned a special workshop in order to emphasize their special needs and their difference from the gays and lesbians at the conference.

Given the range of interests, of political persuasions, of life styles and of physical appearance, it would have been impossible to characterize the conference participants except to say that they had in common the difficulties of living out an alternative sexual orientation which is often hostile to difference.

I returned to Albright feeling excited about the energy and vitality which could exist in a community where diversity would be welcomed and even valued and feeling inspired by the courage which I had witnessed.

Pro-Choice Groups Take on Pregnancy "Counseling Clinics"

by Hall Wadsworth
(CPS)

A non-medical pregnancy center near the Roosevelt University campus in Illinois is under fire from pro-choice groups who say the facility doesn't tell pregnant women the whole truth.

Similar centers, which opponents worry are little more than anti-abortion propaganda offices, are located near college campuses nationwide.

"There are a lot of these places in college towns," said Elissa McBride, campus coordinator for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), based in

Washington, D.C.

"The only thing they talk about at the centers is why not to have an abortion," asserts Amy Dienesh of the Chicago-area Planned Parenthood Association, which was part of a group that in March asked the Illinois attorney general to probe the Loop Crisis Pregnancy Center (LCPC) near Roosevelt for advertising, allegedly fraudulently, that it is a full-service counseling service.

"The advertisements lead you to believe they will walk you through all the alternatives and they will be complete and accurate," Dienesh claimed.

NEWS FLASHES

International

Moscow (AP) -- Striking workers at the country's largest coal mine returned to work Wednesday after the Russian Federation agreed to take over control of the pits from the national government, their union said. The return to work was the first major crack in a 7-week-old strike that has spread to all major coal fields and curbed production in other industries.

National

Washington (AP) -- The nation's 235,000 rail workers struck major freight carriers Wednesday the 17th in their first strike in nearly a decade, shutting down cargo traffic and upsetting passenger travel around the country. Congress and the Bush administration sought a quick end to the strike, with their talks centering on a cooling off period that would allow a new emergency board to make recommendations for a settlement.

Washington (AP) -- U.S. ground troops entered northern Iraq to find suitable sites for

temporary relief camps for Kurdish refugees the Pentagon announced. The White House brushed aside questions about whether the United States has legal authority to set up sanctuaries in Iraq. The Pentagon said the camps could be providing food and medical aid within two weeks.

New York (AP) -- The Dow Jones Industrial average cracked the elusive 3,000 point barrier Wednesday and climbed to its highest level ever. The key market barometer which measures the performance of 30 big company stocks, has come close on several occasions but never finished the day above the 3,000 level. The Dow Jones average rose 19.55 points at 3,006.44 by 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

New York (AP) -- Henson Associates Inc. filed suit Wednesday against The Walt Disney Co., charging the entertainment conglomerate with illegally using the Muppet characters created by the company's founder the late Jim Henson.

Phi Sigma Sigma Receives Charter

by Susan E. Miers

The Phi Sigma Sigma Pledge Colony received its charter as the Zeta Iota chapter on Saturday, April 13. The following campus women were initiated as the founders of the 127th chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma: Joelle Amari '92, Laura Bobb '91, Ann Calderone '93, Leanne Cuppon '91, Jen DePalantino '91, Debbie Foerster '91, Susie Hall '91, Susan Jaramillo '92, Stacy Lange '92, Lori Long '91, Lynn Matiooli '91, Susan Miers '92, Michelle Miller '91, Michele Moore '92, Rachel Orosz '93, Cheryl Parrish '92, Cathy

Roberts '92, Linda Robinson '93, Teri Schmid '91, Suzanne Scrofino '91, Kate Skender '92, Renee Tozer '91, Heidi Trakat '93, and Lorraine Tuttle '91.

A luncheon was held on Sunday at the Rajah Theatre to celebrate the induction. Over 100 people attended, including the chapter advisor Gail Wright and representatives from Alpha Delta Pi, Albrigh Pan-Hellenic Association, Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Kappa. Keynote speaker was Chris Senseney Esq., Region I Alumni Director who works for the government and is licensed to practice in front of the Supreme Court.

Off the Wire ...

(CPS)

Court Orders Man to Pay Up for Bad Date

Civil Court Judge Beverly Cohen ordered John Sieh, identified as a "law student" in the city, to pay \$161.46 for his half of a September date with Dierdre Fahy that bombed.

Sieh had promised to pay for a hotel room during a weekend in New England while Fahy had agreed to pay for a rental car. It turned out, though, that Fahy had to foot the hotel bill too. Fahy then sued to recover the rental charges.

"He seemed to me to be a very rigid person," Judge Cohen said. "I might have identified with the claimant and thought, 'if I have to spend a weekend with him...'"

Faculty Salaries Nationwide Rise Slightly

College teachers' salaries rose to an average of \$43,720 during the 1990-91 school year, a 5.4 percent increase, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) reported March 28.

At the top end of the scale, full professors made an average of \$56,210 while instructors, at the bottom of the scale, averaged \$26,090, the survey of salaries at 2,210 campuses found. After figuring in inflation, however, the raises were not enough to keep teachers' buying power from declining 0.6 percent, the AAUP added.

Florida Police claim Giant Haul of Fake IDs

Police officers confiscated almost 2,000 fake or borrowed driver's licenses during the first four weeks of the Spring Break season, the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT) claimed March 29.

The confiscations, the largest number for the time period on record, suggested that underage drinkers may be changing from buying bogus IDs to borrowing licenses from older friends.

"This year particularly, I didn't notice that many fake IDs," said ABT Sgt. George Herrera, who has been patrolling Key West this spring. "Most kids were using somebody else's real driver's license."

The Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance, the umbrella group of 40 women's organizations that filed the complaint, says LCPC and others like it distort medical facts about pregnancy and abortion to persuade pregnant women to give birth.

The LCPC's ads, published among other places in the Torch, Roosevelt's student newspaper, do not draw attention to the center's lack of medical certification.

As a result, Torch employees are running a disclaimer above the ads that says "Alternatives to abortion: No Medical Personnel on staff."

Center Director Nancy Watson defends the ads. "Most advertisements don't advertise

what they don't do," Watson said. "We advertise pregnancy testing and counseling. That's what we do." "We don't claim to be a health clinic," Watson said. "Every woman is advised to see a doctor."

Pro-choice advocates say the clinics are a growing problem. Anti-abortion centers have been around for about 10 years, said Patricia Dougherty, head of the Illinois branch of NARAL.

NARAL took action because "the number of centers is really growing," Dougherty said.

The Pro-Choice Alliance lists nine "fake health clinics" in Chicago, 14 in the suburbs and 33 around the state.

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EDITORIAL

It is our hope and expectation that the appropriate people will respond to the questions and comments raised here in the next issue of *The Albrightian*.

The Student Government Association deals with all Student Activity Fees, and their primary responsibility is the allocation of funds to groups and organizations on the Albright campus. That point alone is debatable, however. The issue of a reactionary and rather passive SGA, as opposed to a proactive and progressive one, will have to wait for now. At this particular time, we cannot fail to question the judgement and authority of the Student Government Association in their allocation of funding for "The Bobs."

First of all, it should be recognized that "The Bobs" performed for all students who wished to attend, and that it was an Experience Event. That is a very commendable contribution to the student body and Albright Community. Likewise, it is very commendable that we were told that "The Bobs" are a fantastic, very entertaining, and nationally recognized band (despite the fact that no students on campus seemed to have heard of them).

However, despite those benefits, how can SGA justify spending \$7,000 of STUDENT FUNDS for one event? Did you hear that? \$7,000 for one event! \$7,000 is an exorbitant amount of money for a band at Albright. In fact, that figure is just about half of what SGA allocated CCB for OUR Spring Fever Weekend this year! That is simply outrageous! As we saw in the last issue of *The Albrightian* ("SGA Gets It From Saidah"), valid organizations (including this publication) have been turned away when they have requested money. Is that because there is no money available to be allocated (maybe SGA should respond to that as well)? If so, that is extremely unfortunate since the \$7,000 for "The Bobs" could have been given to organizations in need.

Secondly, the event is open to the community and alumni, as well as students. So once again, why did the students pay \$7,000? The students!

Thirdly, for such an incredible amount of money to have been spent, it would seem that the students should have some type of direct say in the matter. Even a token questionnaire in *The Albrightian* would have sufficed, for even if no one had responded, then SGA could at least have said that they tried. After all, SGA is elected by the students, and exists to represent the students - not the will of the Albright Administration.

Finally, for \$7,000 to have been spent on an event, there should have been a grandiose advertising campaign. The speaker fee for Josh was only \$600 (\$6,400 less than "The Bobs") and look at the promotional advertising campaign that took place. The "advertising campaign" for "The Bobs" was disappointing and minimal at best.

The Next Issue of *The Albrightian* will be out on Friday, May 3, 1990. All Letters to the Editor should be in by Monday, April 29, 1991. Any letters that could be turned in ON DISK (IBM, 3 1/2 inch disk) would be GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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Can I Ask You A Question?

by Jennifer Heins and Peter Vogel

This series, from beginning to end, will continually remind the Albright community of the integral role the individual plays in creating an atmosphere conducive to cross-cultural harmony. A firm but necessary reminder/suggestion cannot hurt... Let's stop focusing on everyone else's ignorance and/or racial contempt, and instead, spend this time examining our own shortcomings. Am I so culturally receptive that I possess no insensitivity toward any particular ethnic group? Do I even have a desire to know? Instead of discovering and healing those prejudices within ourselves, all too often we blame the outer agencies first, "It is the schools' fault; the governments' fault, the 'majorities' fault".

For some, the reasons for not participating in multicultural activities are many. Needless to say, however, one cannot escape the rainbow. Cultural diversity will continue to grow into the 90's, creating a kaleidoscope in every aspect of society; education, employment, social clubs, families, athletics, etc...

We must adapt from the inside out to effectively cross the cultural bridge. This cannot begin until individuals, who collectively determine the degree of cross-cultural harmony, are receptive to both learning about others cultures and by the same token, allowing others to learn from them. Through reciprocity: we can all build on the strength of diversity rather than build walls based on perceived differences. Patience and empathy go hand-in-hand with this everyday challenge. Not uncommon to Albright, as well as other colleges/universities, is the individual who has not been exposed to a culturally pluralistic environment. Perhaps even more common is an individual who has been to a greater degree exposed to other cultures, but knows very little of substance about these groups.

Have you ever wanted to ask someone of a different culture a "personal" question pertaining to their ethnic habits, beliefs, or

styles? For example; Why do some West Indians wear turbans? Is there a cultural significance? Religious? What is it that causes people to feel uncomfortable asking these types of questions? Is it fear that the other person may interpret the question wrongly? Is it the fear that the question may be looked upon as stupid?

Everyone needs to come together to bridge the gap towards cultural diversity! Asking questions that pose a curiosity for the questioner, is one simple answer. Questions were developed for those wanting answers for things not understood. For all people 'minority' and 'majority', these questions need to be asked tactfully and taken in the right perspective. Some questions may seem ignorant to the one being asked, but ignorance does not have to have a negative connotation. Ignorance, combated (this way through asking questions/wanting to know), can lead to mutual understanding and respect.

It is easy for every one of us to overreact towards innocently asked inquiries. This can lead to the reinforcing of negative stereotypes and images. The answer is to STOP - LISTEN (openly) - and be RECEPTIVE to others.

There is an old Native American proverb

*"Oh, Great Spirit,
grant that I may not
criticize my neighbor
until I have walked a
mile in his moccasins"*

Let's stop judging each other for those misunderstandings and miscommunications. How can we, as one people, ignore the fact that we are different and each have a unique beauty of culture and ethnicity to bring into each others lives.

NO ONE can escape the rainbow! Instead grasp your differences as a chance to share, learn, communicate and understand. Share your ETHOS: brought together by our differences. Celebrate diversity!

Skoczen Responds!!!

Dear Editor,

After reading the Editorial from the March 15th issue of the *Albrightian*, I was concerned that the attitude "...alcohol is a keynote feature of a good social life" may be a predominant attitude on the Albright campus. It is my hope that the information suggested in the editorial is representative of the campus as a whole.

The article spoke of the "reality" of the situation. It appears that "reality" has, in my opinion, included some degree of ignorance and misinformation. Let's talk about "reality" in relation to campus alcohol use, not specifically of Albright College. Although some information mentioned is true of the Albright campus, it is also relevant to most campuses across the country.

I need to report initially that approximately 25% of Albright students are of legal drinking age. This tells us that legally the issues revolving around drinking linked with social life does not pertain to 75% of our students. Keeping in mind that this statistic in itself is not a sufficient response for some individuals, I'll continue. When one looks the other way with regard to alcohol use on a college campus and gives into the so-called "reality", one is displaying a great deal of ignorance toward an issue with serious repercussions.

The facts of the matter with regard to alcohol misuse on a college campus, (and it is misused when you need it to be the keynote feature of a good social life) are alarming. Reality is alcoholism, physical assault, rape, sexual assault, vandalism, poor grades, emotional problems, etc. I feel perfectly justified in choosing "what's right" over giving in to "reality".

It's discouraging and scary to read that some individuals feel that alcohol is such a

necessary component to social life. I like to think that Albright students are here because they possess the ability to be creative with ideas for social interactions. I also would like to think that our students are able to prioritize their lives in a manner that alcohol is not so vital to their social existence or any aspect of their lives. I would hope that the editorial is the opinion of the few and I think that it is based on my discussions and interactions with students.

Reinstating prohibition is not the goal-promoting a sense of responsibility with alcohol consumption is a goal. As a professional with a degree in the area of substance and alcohol abuse, it is my intention to educate people about alcohol use. I have seen the damage that alcohol has caused in the lives of individuals. All too often, part of the reason for the damage is because someone close to that person felt they could work through the problem or it was just a phase. The fact is that 1 in 10 people who drink never do get through this "phase".

Instead of using the "T" word in an attempt to manipulate an issue that could cause problems for some individuals, how about putting some serious energy into making yourself aware of the issue in its entirety. Your input would greatly be appreciated in the meetings that take place to address the social life on campus. We need to deal with the issues as they exist within legal and moral limits. Let's try and view the "right" thing as not necessarily the "uncol thing" to do and take some pride and concern in ourselves as individuals.

Sincerely,
Ed Skoczen
Director of Residence Life

Pledge Library Hours Serve to Disturb Others

Dear Editor,

Is Albright College an academic community or an asylum for fraternities and sororities? As a result of my experiences, I must say the latter. Constantly, students concerned with their intellectual advancement must gather their books and leave the library not because they have filled their minds with facts, figures, and sentiments, but because the noisome greeks have entered the building. Every night, "pledges" (or whatever name they are currently being called) assault the first, second, and third floors of the library with their giggles and blatant disregard of those around them. The rationale must be: get these people into the library and they will be forced to do work. Such, however, is not the case. I know it takes time to settle down, but after an hour later the giggles and meaningless gossip of who slept with whom is louder than ever. When I confront such groups with a modest request to take their conversation elsewhere, I am treated with contempt and silently mocked. You see, I am not one of their group, therefore I am below them and not deserving of their respect. No, it is I who must respect their rudeness by silently walking away and finding a spot

(besides the library) which is better suited to intellectual endeavors.

Don't get me wrong. I am not saying to get rid of the fraternities and sororities but merely don't force people who can't properly meet the expectations of the library to study there. The second and third floors of the library are clearly marked "Quiet Study Area". This, however, is a lie which taints the academic aspect of the Albright experience. At 8:00pm, the Campus Center is quieter than the library. Those individuals who wish to engage in social intercourse should gather there, not in the library.

College is a time where men and women are free to develop their own identity. If this is the case, why are fraternities and sororities "forced" to study in the library? If certain individuals in these campus groups choose not to study, then they shouldn't have to do so. It's a shame that, instead, such individuals are found on the floors of the library every giggling and carrying on while those concerned with intellectual pursuits are forced out of a campus facility which was built for them to access and enjoy.

name withheld

"A Greek-male-dominated sitting duck"

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my deep concern and dismay about the recently announced suits of the Student Government Association elections. As a member of the Student Life Committee, which suggested the amendment to the SGA constitution designed to ensure a fair representation of all segments of the Albright community, I was somewhat relieved to find that the proposed amendment was passed by the student body (or at least a majority of the approximately 270 who voted in the amendment) has shown an interest in encouraging a diverse representation through red legislative measures, we actually have to interest whatsoever in demanding equal representation through the simple electoral process already available to us. Of a voter pool including approximately 1800, only about 80 actually cast a ballot. Of the eleven available SGA positions, ten are now held by members of Greek organizations (five of which are members of the same Greek organization), the same ten are held by whites, and seven of those are held by men. As a non-greek and as a woman I do not believe that any specific concerns about this institution did the way in which it operates will be equately represented in this body, which, after all, was supposedly designed to speak for the entire student population.

The question I have to raise is simply "why?". Why weren't more independents, women, people of color, and non-traditional students on the ballot? Were they intimidated by the fact that the political arena in our society at large has been traditionally reserved for white men of power? By the more immediate fact that SGA at Albright has been traditionally reserved for white men of power? Or were they simply disinterested in running for a position that historically has eluded very little power or influence on Albright's campus, beyond allocating funds to various student organizations? Whatever the motivation (or significant lack thereof), I think it signifies a very serious problem with the organization and practical functioning of our student government, as well as the end-state of the student body at large.

SGA has the potential to be the most influential organization on this campus;

theoretically, it has the power to change and initiate the policies and programming that can, in an immediate sense, alter our approach to education and in turn, will affect the way in which we live and interact with one another long after we leave campus. Instead, our student government dutifully doles out money and promises to eradicate the problem of student apathy with increased social programming. Allocating funds is important, social programming is important; but while our "representatives" agonize over how to get more people out to dances (as one can only assume they do after reading their posted applications -- a concern more appropriate to a member of CCB than SGA, one would think), only 25% of the campus out to elections.

As a student completely immersed in curricular and extracurricular activity, I find it immensely frustrating to see so many students take so little interest in the vast array of opportunities and experiences available to them. It seems that a powerful, representative, and creative student government might alleviate some of that apathy; but to be fair, if the student body doesn't demand an SGA of that nature, there is no reason to expect that it will spring up of its own accord. The situation as it stands is a mutually reinforcing apathy -- SGA is seen as ineffective (inactive and non-representative), so potentially effective students, for the most part, don't run or at least don't get elected. Without truly inspiring, energetic candidates, (people who would demand a chance to address their fellow students publicly, or challenge their running-mates to a debate, or even just campaign) there is little incentive to vote -- the result is an SGA that is seen as ineffective, so potentially effective students, for the most part, don't run or don't get elected, and without truly inspiring, energetic candidates...you begin to see the pattern. It's a cycle that leaves us with a Greek-male-dominated sitting duck government rather than the strong and diverse leadership that students concerned with their education in the broadest sense should demand.

It's long past time we broke the pattern. It's time we started making those demands.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Henry

A Thanks from Admissions

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, April 13th, the Admissions Department held its annual Spring Preview. This is a program for prospective students who have been accepted to Albright and it is their last chance to check out the College before they make a decision. The program was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone involved. Thank you, members of the Buildings and Grounds crew, for making the Center for the Arts look as though it has been complete for weeks. Thank you, Faculty members, for generously donating your time, speaking with the families and indulging the Admissions Department by dressing up as famous people and lecturing in character. Thank you, student volunteers, for helping out tremendously in a variety of ways. Thank you, Administrators, for helping us to piece and tie the program together.

We would like to call special attention to all the people that went above and beyond the call of duty. This includes all the students who helped move a large rack of chairs to and from Masters Hall (some of whom had not volunteered for this event, but were just bystanders who saw that we needed a hand). This includes the student who gave a tour in the rain to a family that showed up an hour after the program had ended. This includes the professors who wish to write to the prospective students one last time. It includes our "street corner gangs" who stood in the

cold and damp on street corners and cheered at families as they passed in their cars. It includes the students that coordinated these "street corner gangs" and helped us recruit other students to help with the program.

Many of these people were not asked to do the above-mentioned things -- they simply chose to do them because they are giving individuals. We wish to give special thanks for efforts such as these because these are the actions that make it difficult for prospective students NOT to choose Albright, and more importantly, these are the actions that make a big difference in the kind of place that Albright is.

We can imagine that it may be difficult for everyone to realize the effect that they have had on our prospective students and families, but we assure you, the effect is great. Not all of the students who attended are going to choose Albright as their home for the next four years -- but most will. However, even those students who choose not to attend Albright will recommend the College to other prospective students for years down the road.

Well, enough said. Thank you for making our jobs a little bit easier. Thank you for making us proud to call ourselves members of the Albright community.

Sincerely,
The Admissions Department

Alcohol Responsibility: The Albright Double Standard

Dear Editor,

In light of the events of the past few days, I feel that a few things should be mentioned. This past Saturday, there was a special celebration to honor the completion of the new Arts Center. Saturday night, a festive crowd paid a rather hefty price to come and party at Albright. The main celebration was to be the Beaux Arts Dinner. Before dinner was served, wine was made available at a bar in the Arts building. It seems that several people took advantage of this (and perhaps to a great degree). Leave it to say that by dinner-time, some of the "guests" were basically tipsy. It should be noted that in addition to having too much to drink, a few people acted very rudely to the student waiters and waitresses. As the people sat down for dinner, more wine was served and a few people drank VERY generous quantities. Before the meal was over, several of the guests were sloshed. After dinner, most of the people went back to the Arts Center for dancing and who knows how much more

drinking at the open bar.

I find it very ironic now, to receive a notice in my box today from Dean Vandersall telling us to be responsible in the use of alcohol and to avoid irresponsible behavior. He also said that we should be "considerate of others." Now I realize that Dean Vandersall was not in attendance at the dinner (at least to my knowledge he was not), but I don't care for the double standard being supported by our administration. In fact, there were a few administrators and faculty members who were among those who had too much to drink. I did not see them as setting an example of the standard they place on us, nor did I see Dr. Ruffer stand up and say, "Now let's behave responsibly with our drinking tonight to set an example." I just thank God that nobody got killed driving home that night.

I think it would be interesting to hear an explanation for these things from the leadership of our school. There were many witnesses, so I don't expect that they will deny the facts.

Sincerely,
The Phantom Waiter

From the Editorial Staff...

It is fantastic to see the letter in this week's edition of *The Albrightian* from the Director of Housing, Ed Skoczen. Everything that he says is absolutely true! We need to work together -- students, faculty, and administrators -- to create viable alternatives and solutions. Each and every student must recognize the moral and legal limitations of the law. And it should be pointed out that those limitations apply not only to every student as an individual, but in a broader sense as well to the college as a societal institution. So thank you, Mr. Skoczen for your response.

However, one must question why this response was not provided until April 19, 1991. In fact, one must wonder why a rather controversial and outspoken Editorial was even necessary to provoke a response. It

should be obvious to everyone that something is wrong. Just listen to the students in the Campus Center, in the dorms, or in the Dining Hall. This is an issue that should have been addressed at the start of the year when the Fraternity Houses were taken away. Once again, why not have (and why has there not been) an Open Forum.

It would certainly be ideal to have students come to policy and decision-making meetings. However, it is hard enough to get students to come to a dance in the Campus Center much less a meeting with the administration. Secondly, when and where are these meetings? Could such necessary information be made available in the Campus Center? Despite all of this, an Open Forum is the best bet...but with only a month left, it looks as though the bullet may once again be dodged.

Capital Punishment: Effective Deterrent or Cruel and Inhuman Punishment?

Exploding the Myths of Capital Punishment

by Rebecca Henry

The information in this article was compiled from reports made public by Amnesty International USA.

"I unconditionally oppose capital punishment."

That's a pretty risky, pretty radical statement for a lot of people. It's not quite as easy to say as "Let the sucker fry, he's a menace to society," or even something like "As long as it's only used for mass murderers, or drug dealers, or rapists, it's ok." Unconditional opposition to the death penalty means that there are no exceptions, that even the people we find slimiest and who we think are responsible for the most atrocious crimes will continue to live. How can anyone really support that? There are solid reasons for supporting capital punishment, right? Threats to a peaceful society are just being quietly eliminated, right? Right?

Wrong. The truth is, some of the most common arguments in support of the death penalty are myths. A lot of people are forming hard and fast opinions about capital punishment before they have all the facts, and the result is a society in which violence persists and will continue to persist, regardless of the good intentions of death penalty supporters. The information in this article is designed to deconstruct five of the most common of these myths.

Myth # 1: THE DEATH PENALTY IS PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

According to some death penalty supporters, killing prisoners is the only way to ensure that they will never again commit a crime. Execution certainly incapacitates a person forever. The problem with this argument, however, is that there is no solid statistical evidence that proves that there is a serious problem with repeat offenders in the first place. Judicial errors have resulted in the execution of numerous innocent people. Yet a well-respected study by Thorston Sellin shows that less than 1/3 of 1% of the paroled murderers in the US were subsequently convicted of homicide.

Myth #2: THE DEATH PENALTY DETERS VIOLENT CRIMES

On the surface, the deterrence argument makes sense. Rational people understand links between cause and effect and between crime and punishment. A fear of death also affects the behavior of most reasonable people.

A lot of people are forming hard and fast opinions about capital punishment before they have all the facts....The truth is, some of the most common arguments in support of the death penalty are myths.

The problem is that people who murder are rarely rational at the time they commit the crime. The threat of execution at some future time does not enter the mind of killers acting under the influence of drugs or alcohol, consumed by anger or passion, or panicking while committing another crime.

In fact, there are strong indications that the death penalty increases people's tolerance of violence. According to FBI statistics, the murder rate in states which use the death penalty is twice that of states which do not. And one study shows that in the US an average of two additional homicides were committed in the month after an execution took place.

Myth #3: THE DEATH PENALTY IS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN LIFE

IMPRISONMENT.

Disregarding, for the moment, the ethics of killing in order to save money, the cost of executing a person in the US is actually far higher than the cost of imprisoning him or her for life. Capital cases require unique safeguards against procedural errors, and the necessary two-phased judgement and sentencing trial, automatic state review, post-conviction hearings, and the Supreme Court petitions are extremely costly in terms of both money and human resources. In addition, the costs of maintaining death rows in state prisons, of clemency, and of the execution itself must be added to the price of executions.

In Florida, for example, the tax payers fund the irreversible punishment of death at a cost of over \$3,178,000 per person killed. More than 240 years of imprisonment could be funded for that price.

Myth #4: THE DEATH PENALTY IS ALWAYS ADMINISTERED FAIRLY AND WITHOUT BIAS

By mid-1988, more than 2000 people were imprisoned on death rows in the US. Over 40% of them were black, although only about 12% of the national population is black.

Blacks accused of killing whites are far more likely than any other category of offender to receive a death sentence. Whites have rarely been sentenced to death for killing blacks. In fact, a study in Texas showed that blacks found guilty of killing whites were six times more likely to receive the death penalty than whites convicted of killing whites.

Myth #5: THE DEATH PENALTY IS HUMANE

The most powerful argument against the death penalty is simply that it is cruel, degrading, and inhuman punishment. If hanging a woman by her arms until she experiences excruciating pain is rightly condemned as torture, how does a state justify hanging someone by the neck until dead? If administering 100 volts of electricity to the most sensitive parts of a man's body evokes moral condemnation, how does a state condone the administration of 2000 volts to a human body in order to cause death?

The physical pain caused by electrocution, gassing, hanging, poisoning, or shooting--the 5 methods of execution used in the US--cannot be quantified. Prisoners undergo paralysis of organs and burning of the flesh during electrocution, asphyxiation during gassing, tearing of the spinal cord or asphyxiation during hanging, respiratory paralysis during poisoning, and the destruction of vital organs and the central nervous system during shooting.

A prisoner in Mississippi showed signs of convulsion for eight minutes and repeatedly struck his head against a pole in the execution chamber. The electrocution of a man in Alabama required three charges administered over a 14-minute period. A prisoner in Texas retained consciousness and spoke of the pain he was experiencing during most of the 10 minutes his execution by lethal injection endured. This physical suffering is compounded by the months of documented psychological suffering caused by the foreknowledge of death.

The tradition of hooding a person or strapping them down prior to the killing process arises from the need to spare witnesses, including the executioners, the sight of a prisoner's contortions during execution. The victim, therefore, can more easily be viewed as an object rather than as a human being

Proportional Punishment Meted for Heinous Crime

by Andrew Kaplan

There are crimes that are so abominable, that the person or people perpetrating them do not deserve to live. That sounds wrong to some people reading this article, but that is my position. Let me ask you this, what do you call an action like the Holocaust, a Sunday picnic, or even a mistake? No, you call that a crime, a crime that killed 6,000,000 innocent men, women, and children for the disgusting reason that they were different. The architect of the Holocaust, Adolf Eichmann was eventually captured by the Israeli government and executed. There was not any international outcry on the prisoner's behalf.

What do you call people like John Wayne Casey, and Charles Manson? Do you call these people models for which a child can look up to as an example? The fact is that these people committed crimes of such brutality, that just to think about the crimes makes one sick. This is no soap opera, where all the pieces can be picked up, the families of the victims of these murderers can never replace or forget the loved ones they lost. Here is a question that you can think about. Suppose an assailant attacks a member of your family at gunpoint. The person does not want money, they want to either rape or kill your relative for some absurd reason like they look like someone they hate. The person snuffs out the life of your loved one for no apparent reason. So what happens, the outlaw gets captured, gets sentenced, and eventually could be up for parole. Do you think that is fair? I am not advocating capital punishment on all serious crimes. However, there are some times when you have a person who is so evil and/or low, they just do not deserve to live.

Murderers seem to do the dirty work with zeal. Some examples are, a gunman who blasted away at two young lovers because they were enjoying a romantic moment in the park, a California man sodomizing two young girls and then strangulating them with a coat hanger, another man enticing two young boys into homosexual torturers and murderers.

Despite all this, there are those who maintain that execution is cruel and inhumane punishment. Here are some ideas that support capital punishment.

The cost of incarceration is one example. Maintaining a convict each year costs between \$9,000 and \$26,000 a year. Multiply that by the amount of inmates in prison, the cost jumps into the hundreds thousands and millions. The various states sap money from their budgets each year to keep people like John Wayne Casey alive. These convicts are still alive, their victims are not alive.

Death is final, but where there is life, there is hope. Life in prison is less frightening than life outside the walls. Prisoners clearly prefer life over death, even if it was life in prison, there are only a few murderers who

undergoing the type of cruel punishment prohibited by international human rights treaties.

States wishing to condemn cruel and inhuman acts of killing do not serve their purpose by repeating the act of killing. In the words of Albert Camus, "For there to be an equivalence" between criminal homicide and execution, "the death penalty would have to punish a criminal who had warned his victim

are suicidal. If these people are done away with, we are protecting innocent civilians from future murder. Even when prisoners are put on death row, that does not mean they will be executed immediately, or in the foreseeable future. There are prisoners who have been on death row for years, and furthermore, there are prisoners who have died on death row from natural causes. Even with capital punishment, not all prisoners slated for death get their final meal.

People fear death, if there is one thing that will deter a criminal, it is the fear of death. It is not death itself that causes the fear, it is the means that it is carried out. No one knows what death is, but people do know how death is meted out, especially murders. Whether it is torture, or a quick action, the fear is always there. If there is one thing that the death penalty does, or the fear of it does, is to deter people from becoming habitual offenders. There will always be crimes committed, but if there is a way to keep a first offender, from becoming a repeat offender, then the battle is half won.

Opponents of capital punishment argue that the death penalty neither deters nor prevents murders. The logical question that arises is: How is this proved? Many times they cite studies done by psychologists, sociologists, or other behavioral scientists. The studies they cite always state that capital punishment is not a deterrent. What they neglect to mention is all the other studies conducted that support the conclusion that the death penalty deters. To these studies, they counter that murderers are irrational and overcome with the passion of the moment and they are not thinking about the consequences of their actions, hence no deterrent effect. This may be true for manslaughter, third degree murder, and other non-premeditated murders, but what about murders that were consciously planned out? If these people were rational enough to take caution to plan a murder, certainly they think of the consequences. The people who do commit such premeditated murders do not think they will be caught otherwise they would not have killed, but what about the people who have thought about murdering someone, and have not done so for fear of being caught and executed? No doubt, murder has seriously crossed the minds of some people, and they've been deterred by capital punishment.

The deterrent and preventive effects of the death penalty can never be proven or disproven, no matter how "infallible" the supposed study's methods may appear to be. In the end, supporters and opponents of capital punishment use reason and faulty logic to support a position grounded in emotion and "gut" feeling.

That is all I have to say about the subject. Personally I hope I do not have to discuss this again because it is not something pleasant to discuss, even in a newspaper column.

of the date at which he would inflict a horrible death on him and who from that moment onward had confined him at his mercy for months. Such a monster is not encountered in private life."

Editor's note: Amnesty International is very involved in supporting measures to oppose capital punishment worldwide. Anyone interested in such efforts should contact the Albright chapter of Amnesty.

The Social Service Page

Be a Volunteer !!!

This will be a column which will appear in each edition of The Albrightian. The purpose is to serve as a liaison between organizations within the community which need assistance and individuals who are able to devote their time.

The Volunteer Placement Service of Berks County is a clearing house for seventy-seven agencies. These include nursing homes and hospitals.

We have many volunteer positions available that can be matched to your desires, needs, and schedules.

We are located at 701 Center Avenue, our phone number is 373-5455. Please call for any information that you need regarding any of the following positions.

Big Brother/Big Sister need individuals to serve as role models for boys aged 7-15 from single parent families. Mature, responsible men aged 21 and over are needed to spend 3 or 5 hours per week providing freindship and guidance.

Hospice needs voluteers to provide comfort and guidance to Hospice patients and their families. A six week training program will begin in September.

Olivet Boys asks for volunteers to join youngsters in activites such as basketball or

bowling. Assitance with reading, arts and crafts and special interest clubs is also needed.

Threshold is looking for assistance with teaching adult education classes in basic living skills to clients with mental and physical disabilities.

Crime Victim's Center is now recruiting applicants for their rape crisis volunteer training program. Mature, compassionate responsible individuals are being sought to provide crisis and supportive counseling to crime victims over the telephone and in hospitals and police stations. Individuals are also needed during weekday hours to accompany crime victims to court hearings and trials.

Senior Neighborhood Centers is looking for volunteers for St. Marks Senior Center for kitchen help on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings 8-9:30. They are also in need of a volunteer Bingo caller on Thursdays afternoons 1-2:30. The Hamburg Senior Center is in need of a volunteer for clerical work.

Friend, Inc., located in Kutztown is in need of volunteer receptionist/secretary for Monday afternoons from 1-5 and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9-1.

American Red Cross is looking for individuals will not special skills to fill volunteer positions at their Berks Chapter. Receptionists, recordkeepers, drivers, pet therapy helpers, phone callers, and Disaster Action Team members are needed. Training provided.

Berks Aide Health Crisis needs assistance with their Spring 1991 fundraiser. Gifts need to be wrapped May 10-12 and June 14-16.

An EXPERIENCE You Won't Want To Miss

by Kristin L. Mischler

There is a new and exciting project being undertaken by the Human Services Organization this year. It began with an idea that was brainstormed by one of our members, Jennifer Alison, last year. It involves both YOU and ME, and we are hoping that others soon catch on. Getting involved in this project is such a "FEEL GOOD" experience, that I know you'll want to have it again and again and again. It doesn't involve a party, drugs or drinking- all you need is YOU! Choosing to have the experience is entirely up to you. That's right, YOU pick the time, place and day and leave the rest up to us.

By now, if you are still reading this article, you are probably thinking, "What in the world is this girl talking about?" Well, I guess I can let you know, but only if you are willing to have the EXPERIENCE. I promise you, there are no strings attached, but once you try it, I can almost guarantee that you'll be hooked!! Still reading...? O.K. GOOD.

The EXPERIENCE I am talking about is becoming a VOLUNTEER. Now hold on, wait just one minute before you decide to switch to another article. Maybe you don't want to hear about how good you can feel after helping out someone less fortunate than yourself. Some people are notorious for getting so wrapped up in themselves and only what is going on in their immediate surroundings (such as Albright's campus)

that they easily forget about people "OUT THERE" who could really use some help. If you don't believe me, take a look at the thirty-one community agencies and organizations that came onto our campus for the volunteer fair this past November. Each one of them is looking for young, vibrant and

energetic college students who can offer some of their time, talent, compassion and expertise. You may think that you have none of these to offer...WRONG!! Guess again!!

Just one or two hours a week working with a young child who so desperately needs a role model to look up to, or going to visit an elderly person who is shut in his/her home is all it takes. Perhaps you've always had an affinity for working with construction and building things. Why not put some of that man power to good use and give Reading's Habitat for Humanity a hand? Or what about leading tutorial sessions for prison inmates at the Berks County Prison Society? These are just a few of the many volunteer opportunities open to you. Come on and try it!! I mean it, THEY need you and H.S.O. needs you. All it takes is once, and I really believe that you'll be HOOKED!!

Until we get our office set up in the Campus Center next fall, volunteer placement opportunities can be found in the beige bins coming up the stairs near the sub into the Campus Center Lounge. You may also contact Kristin Mischler (box 968), Jen Alison (box 608), Dr. Bowersox (Teel Hall), Virginia Scullion (Career Planning and Placement), Pete Glass (North Hall), Dr. Woodward (English Department) and the Campus Center desk.

So, open your heart and your mind, I promise you it will be an EXPERIENCE you'll never forget!!

Volunteer Placement Manuals are now available in The Master's Commons Room and The Women's Center

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National "Summit" Held to Plan Volunteer Day 1991

(CPS)

Students around the country will show up en masse next November 1 to volunteer for community work.

At least that's the hope of representatives from 14 campuses around the country who met at a recent service organization "Summit."

Under a plan announced the first week of February, the project, called "Into the Streets," will try to match students to community organizations that need help.

"There are a lot of people who want to do something," said Hector Pagan, a Mesa (Arizona) Community College student who attended the summit.

"We need to light the fire," he added.

Pagan and people from schools including Arizona State, Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T universities, Kellogg (Michigan) Community College and Metropolitan state (Colorado) and Berea (Kentucky) colleges gathered in Alexandria, Virginia, in December. There they met with leaders of 43 national organizations and 11 statewide service networks to plan the mass volunteer project

for next school year.

The groups will provide financial and in-kind support for the plan, which they hope eventually will involve several hundred schools, said Todd Savage of the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL), one of the planning groups.

"We want (the project) to be self-supporting," he emphasized. Schools "will be able to use this project as a vehicle "to encourage volunteerism.

Despite enthusiasm about "Into the Streets," coordinating the efforts have not been easy, reported Stanford University junior Mae Lee. While "people are very inspired with the basic idea, there have been logistical problems" in fund-raising and trying to keep the date open, she added.

Surprisingly, one thing that has helped mobilize student volunteers has been the war in the Persian Gulf, savage and Lee agreed.

"Certainly it's on everyone's minds. In some ways it really recommitts a lot of people to the work," Savage said.

"They have taken it as an issue and initiated a lot of programs," Lee explained.

Wanted: Someone to Build a Better World, Join Workcamps

Recruiting Now! Young people to volunteer this summer for international service projects aimed at helping local communities in 21 countries in Europe, Africa, and North America. Whether mapping pollution sources on French rivers or renovating low-income housing in New York City, sharing in international workcamps gives participants the opportunity to gain insight into other cultures while making a contribution to a worthy cause.

Since 1981, the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) has placed thousands of young Americans throughout the world on international workcamps. At these camps, 15-20 volunteers from various countries work together with local community groups while sharing meals, decision-making and recreational activities.

"Workcamps versus other avenues of seeing the world give a person a chance to really "exchange" with the host community," says Jennifer Shipley who worked with handicapped children in Wales. "While I was seeing the country, learning about it and meeting the people there, I was also able to give something back through volunteer work."

International workcamps, established to promote international cooperation and understanding, address such global concerns

as envionemtnal protection, cultural preservation, and the care of children and the elderly. Lasting between two and four weeks, workcamps are offered by CIEE in cooperation with organizations in Yugoslavia, Wales, U.S., U.S.S.R, Turkey, Tunisia, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Morocco, Hungary, Ghana, Germany, France, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Bulgaria, Belgium, and Algeria.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and are encouraged to apply by April 15, 1991. Except for a modest program fee of \$125, there is no expense other than pocket money and transportation costs to the workcamp - and even that expense may be reduced by special student and youth fares available through Council Travel.

Information and applications are available from the Council on International Educational Exchange, International Workcamp Department, 205 E. 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017.

The Council on International Educational Exchange, a not-for-profit organization established in 1947, maintains offices throughout the United States, Europe and Asia from which it develops and administers a wide variety of study, work, and travel programs for American and international students at the secondary, undergraduate, and professional levels.

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Edging Toward Cult Status: The Sisters of Mercy

Sisters of Mercy's 'Vision Thing' Giving Band Cult Status

by Keith Gordon

(CPS) - Stare, for a moment, into the fire. Look pass the flames, to the embers burning ever so brightly, performing the mesmerizing final dance of their short lives as they turn and soar toward their infinite sleep, burning ever toward darkness. That's the dark, somber sound of The Sisters of Mercy.

With the release of "Vision Thing," the band's third album, The Sisters is building upon a cult status that has elevated vocalist Andrew Eldritch, his work, and his offstage antics to near-mythical proportions.

Eldritch, who has a deep, growling, tortured vocal style, is the brains behind The Sisters of Mercy, as well as its founder, songwriter and

constant focal point.

He started it all in 1980 in Leeds, England. "There was a gap," Eldritch explains. "Everybody in London, which is where the whole English music industry is, was promoting at 6th time, very much like they are today, in fact, a rather hideous blend of cocktail and disco music. "Nobody I knew up in Northern England could relate to that," he remembers. "We had our own different thing going."

So Eldritch, along with original guitarist Gary Marx, formed The Sisters of Mercy.

"We had a fuzz bass, a very cheap drum machine, and I used to shout a lot through an echo machine," he recalled. "People really got off on it."

A few months later, "Damage Done," the Sisters' first single, was released on their own Merciful Release label, to instant acceptance.

"We spent the following 10 years trying to keep as much of that ass possible," says Eldritch of the early sound, "while fitting it into song at the same time, which is not easy."

Eldritch originally got into music, he says, "Because it seemed the natural thing to do if you were a punk rocker. Everybody was in a band then. Someone asked me to play on their record, so I did and it just kind of grew from there."

"Long after that," Eldritch continued,

"people started saying, 'Andrew, you're actually quite good at certain elements of this,' and people started encouraging me. That's when we started taking it seriously. That would have been about 1982, when we started realizing the potential power of what we had."

A handful of singles and live performances won the Sisters a small, though loyal European following, prompting Warner Brothers to offer the band worldwide distribution of the band's records in 1984.

The spring of 1985 saw the release of the self-titled Sisters' debut album, which jumped immediately into the U.K. Top 20 album chart, yielding a number of hit singles in the process.

It wouldn't be until two-and-a-half years later, with the 1987 release of the single "This Corrosion," that the Sisters would become known stateside. The alternative music scene happily embraced "The Sisters of Mercy," the album release that followed. The enigmatic "Floodland" came next, selling a respectful 200,000 copies in the U.S. market and providing college radio with two additional hit singles, "Dominion" and "Lucretia My Reflection."

Of "Vision Thing," Eldritch says, "it's loud and it's exciting and it's very funny."

Shooting more than a few poetic arrows at both American and English cultures, "Vision Thing" is a creative reflection of the ills of a world gone awry.

But Eldritch maintains he's not trying to wake people up with his startling lyrics and apocalyptic vision. "I don't think that here's much that you can do. I just make a soundtrack for people who feel the same way that I do."

"I don't think that rock music, certainly not the way that I do it, is in the business of converting people or persuading them of anything that they don't know already. One, I think that that's a conceited thing to do, and secondly, I just don't think that I'm very good at it."

Dances With Wolves: Review

by Eric Evans

If you are one of the two people who have not yet seen this mega Oscar winner, what are you waiting for? Kevin Costner makes his directorial debut in this three hour epic. It's a most impressive debut to say the least. He beat out such notable directors as Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola, to garner the Best Director Oscar for this year. Dances With Wolves also happened to receive the Best Picture Oscar as well.

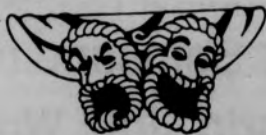
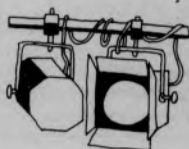
Dances With Wolves is a compelling drama about a civil war soldier who wants to see the frontier, before it's gone. He was brought up to fear and hate Indians, but soon learns that they are as human as the rest of us. He learns of their customs, and he teaches them some things of the white man.

Mary McDonnell and Graham Greene give superb supporting performances. She portrays Stands with a Fist, a white woman who was adopted by the Sioux when she was a girl. She is Kevin Costner's love interest, and helps translate for Costner and his new-found friends.

Graham Greene is a holy man, who is intrigued by Costner, and wishes to learn more about him. Both Greene and McDonnell were nominated for their performances. Costner is given his Sioux name, Dances With Wolves, after being seen playing with a wolf, whom he named White Socks.

Dances With Wolves brilliantly portrays how discrimination has been alive for so many generations. It also shows how humanity can help overcome our fears of things which we do not understand. The climax of the film, and the buffalo scene, will take your breath away.

If you haven't already guessed, this film is a definite 10. The picture may be three hours long, but it sure doesn't feel like it. Costner does a masterful job at keeping the audience's attention, and not letting go. If you still haven't seen Dances With Wolves, or you want to see it again, hurry over to the Fox Berkshire before Dances With Wolves becomes, shall I say, "history"?



"A Midsummer's Night Dream" in April

Performance dates are April 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27 at 8p.m. and 21 at 2:30 p.m.

by Paul Young

On the days of the Dominoe Players will be performing Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It will be the first extravagant, full-scale theatrical performance in the newly renovated Art Center.

"The play involves four plots which each lend themselves to a different mood," notes thespian Bill Heller, who plays the part of Bottom, one of the tradesmen. As well as having four plots to observe, the audience is also presented with four different levels of society, or character types, which are the nobility, the tradesmen, the young lovers, and the fairies.

"The play provides an overall view of society, from the tradesmen to the court," states assistant director Carl Seiple. Because of this diversity and universality of theme, he

feels that the play will appeal to a varied audience, and encourages students to attend.

According to Bill Sanders, who plays the part of Oberon, the King of the Fairies, "A Midsummer Night's Dream is very universal in that it doesn't date itself and it lends itself to a variety of different time periods. It's easily accessible and very funny," he adds.

An interesting quality of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is that it involves an interplay of the four different types of characters involved. "It shows how the magical world of the fairies influences the real world of the mortals," according to senior Brad Williams, who plays the part of Puck, the main fairy.

"The play is about young love, innocence, and magic," comments senior actor Bill Exaros who plays the part of Demetrius, one of the lovers.

Saidah Euklona, who plays the part of Titania, the queen of the Fairies, feels that, "the play has a magical and mystical quality

and that it stresses the influence of relationships in one's life."

"The magic of the fairies adds an ethereal validity to the play which is central to its development," said Bill Heller. The centrality of magic in the play is further emphasized by Brad Williams, who adds, "Magic is the medium by which it [the play] happens."

The play involves a transition from the civilized world of Athens to the magical world of the forest. This is where the intermingling of magic and reality occurs. "Most of the play is a dream and the actors find themselves trapped between dreams and reality," states Williams. "The play's emphasis is on romantic love, which is something that many people today aspire towards."

Williams also conveyed that "because of the romantic validity of the play, the characters often act foolishly, which contributes to the humor of the play." "It's all about fun," he says.

For many of the actors, this production is their first stage performance. There are three freshman leads, Jen Gallinelli, Melanie Sposato, and Brian Merrit. "As freshmen, we are nervous about the production and we are anticipating a good turn out of students," explained Gallinelli.

"Acting demands a tremendous requirement in terms of time, focus, and concentration, but in spite of this, the entire process has been very rewarding," she adds.

"The cast is very tightly knit. We're like a big family," expressed Sposato. Bill Exaros a veteran actor who has worked extensively with the freshmen, noticed that "the play is not boring Shakespeare, through this production we have made Shakespeare read."

The Science and Health Pages

AIDS: Why Should We Ask The Long-Term Norplant Questions?

by Robin Feldman

This is the first part of a three part series.

Sex. It is everywhere. In magazine ads, on television, on bill boards, on the radio, and in books. The problem with this type of advertisement is that it promotes "one night stands", promiscuity, and unsafe sexual practices. I have rarely seen an ad that promotes safe sex except for videos, and I feel as though there needs to be more publicity about safe sex.

With the growing number of AIDS related cases, I firmly believe that it is everyone's right and necessity to ask questions concerning past sexual histories. What people do not understand is that this disease is not curable, it does not discriminate among sexes, ages, races or religions. AIDS is permanent, and it is deadly. This means that no one has presently lived the disease because it is FATAL.

I strongly feel that one should not be sleeping with someone if he/she is too uncomfortable asking questions about their partners past sex life. This may be hard to do, but when you have sex with someone, you have sex with EVERYONE they have slept with. This means that you are susceptible to all sorts of sexual diseases and even death. This is not to say that making love with someone brings instant death, but if precautions are not taken, AIDS can be caught--and death can be the result.

Questions such as, have you ever had a sexually transmitted disease, have any of your previous partners had an STD, have you

By December 1986, over 28,000 people with AIDS have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). More than half of them (15,757) [have] died, and the mortality rate is almost eighty percent for people in whom AIDS was diagnosed more than ten years ago.

By January 1991, over 164,000 people with AIDS have been reported to the CDC. Now 102,803 of those people have died.

ever had a homosexual affair (if you are heterosexual), and will you wear a condom, are essential questions one should ask before engaging in sexual intercourse, because this information may save your life.

I feel that sex is an act, but when love, emotion, understanding, and feelings are there, it is no longer an act but a union between two persons. The idea of an act no longer appears, but rather an intimate bond two adult (adult not meaning adult according to age, but rather in the way two persons think and act) persons share.

Often we think we will never be the ones to get AIDS but that is not true. The acquired immune deficiency disease first developed in gay men but rapidly spread to heterosexuals and children. The symptoms are called "silent" because they are somewhat of the same symptoms as the flu virus. It starts with "vague", debilitating symptoms including night sweats, sustained fevers, chronic diarrhea, and weight loss. As the disease progresses on, an oral thrush (a type of yeast infection in the mouth), delirium enlarged lymph nodes, and the AIDS - continued on page 12

by Thomas Mooney and Dr. Donald Daniel

Before starting this article, I would like to thank Dave Berkson for helping me look through numerous issues of JAMA for current information on Norplant. I would also like to thank Dr. D. for "spoon feeding" me information willingly and patiently.

Norplant is a new long-term contraception, marketed by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories Inc, Philadelphia. It is considered long-term because it prevents pregnancies for up to five years. The system consists of six flexible, plastic tubular capsules. These capsules contain the progestin, levonorgestrel.

The capsules are inserted subdermally (underneath the skin) on the upper arm of the patient. It is reversible a process, but its removal is usually more complicated than its insertion. The Norplant system has an efficacy rate of 98.9% or an annual pregnancy rate of 1.1%, which indicates a high degree of effectiveness. Pregnancy rates, however, have been seen to increase after the third year of use.

The levonorgestrel leaks out of the six capsules and diffuses into skin tissue and circulatory system. Norplant prevents pregnancy through two main processes: inhibition of ovulation and the thickening of cervical mucus. It has been stated that Norplant contains no estrogens.

As do most forms of this type of contraception, Norplant has some adverse side effects. Thromboembolic (blood clotting) diseases, known or suspected pregnancy, acute

liver disease or tumors and breast cancer. Irregular bleeding is also a common side effect, which may be linked to the lack of estrogen. Past oral contraceptives (i.e. the pill) were often tainted with small amounts of estrogens to reduce the bleeding. This lack of estrogen may be the cause of some concern.

Estrogen, both endogenous and exogenous (received from within the body and externally) in women, are possibly associated with calcium metabolism and retarding the onset of osteoporosis. Estrogen therefore may be acting as a protective agent in the female body. Studies have also shown that there could be a linkage between low estrogen levels and cardiovascular disease. Past studies of menopausal women who, through normal biochemical processes, cease to produce estrogen have linked this in correlation to coronary heart disease. This might be an area of concern for Norplant users.

If Norplant deals strictly with a progestational compound and lacks any amount of estrogen does this create a linkage to possible long-term health problems? What will be the ultimate outcome of the use of Norplant by young girls? Upon looking at Norplant, in a chemical sense, one would assume that estrogens would not be available to the female.

It is obvious that there are still some long-term questions which one can pose about Norplant and its effects. Hopefully, before it becomes commonplace with other forms of contraception, more in-depth studies will be done on Norplant.

Be Aware of Lyme Disease This Summer!

by Dr. Karen A. Campbell

As we enjoy the early signs of spring, the singing birds and budding trees, it seems appropriate to consider some of the other organisms which are also becoming more active at this time of year. In particular, we should be aware of ticks of the genus *Ixodes* which have been identified as harboring and transmitting Lyme disease. Of the three species of "deer ticks" found, *Ixodes dammini* is prevalent in the midwest and in the northeast U.S. as far south as Virginia.

Lyme disease is an infection resulting from a bacterial agent transmitted by the bite of certain species of ticks. Researchers at Yale University were among the first to describe the clinical characteristics of the disease, which was first clearly recognized in the town of Lyme, CT, after which the disease was named.

Lyme disease can start out as an innocent skin rash which, if untreated, can progress to more serious conditions such as arthritis, cardiac or neurological disease. If detected early, the disease can be treated successfully with antibiotics.

Tick bites are not usually painful- the *Ixodes* tick is so small that its bite often goes unnoticed. In most cases the tick simply draws blood for its nourishment and drops off its host. If the tick happens to be infected with the bacteria, however, it may transmit them to the host during the feeding process, and once in the host's body the bacteria multiply. It is important to realize that not all ticks carry the bacteria and that a bite does not always result in Lyme disease.

A typical early symptom of Lyme disease is a slowly expanding red rash, which often starts as a flat or raised area and slowly expands over several days. Many people,

however, overlook this symptom. Other common symptoms of early Lyme disease include fatigue, headache, neck stiffness, jaw discomfort, pain or stiffness in the muscles or joints, slight fever and swollen glands or conjunctivitis. Anyone who has suffered from a tick bite and has any of these symptoms should consult a physician.

The high risk times of the year occur later in the seasons, from May through August. This is when the juvenile ticks are most actively seeking their blood meals in order to have sufficient reserves to reproduce.

Obviously, the most effective prevention is to avoid tick-infested areas. If you do go into woodlands or grasslands, protect yourself by wearing a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, making sure that your socks are over your pant legs (this is not a time to be fashion conscious!). Upon returning, remove all clothing, shower, examine yourself for ticks, and wash clothing immediately.

Check your pets for ticks before they enter the house. Remember that dogs especially pick up other, non-infected species of ticks, so don't panic everytime you discover a tick! Flea and tick collars may help reduce the number of ticks on your pets.

If you find a tick biting you, quick removal will lessen the chance of infection. This is best done by grasping the tick's head with a pair of tweezers and tugging gently, but firmly and repeatedly. It may be useful to save the tick in a covered jar of alcohol and note the location of the bite as well as the date and the place you might have picked up the tick.

There is no reason to let the potential threat of Lyme disease spoil our summer explorations. Lyme disease is now easily recognized and is treatable, so the use of some basic common sense and simple precautions should keep us all safe!

Burnout, Do I Have It?

by Erica Renee Ohr

It was surprising to meet an individual whose original goals were to make a contribution through the exploration of the universe, who now gives workshops on Burnout.

An interesting dichotomy surfaced in a recent interview with Dr. Pamela Clark, Chemistry Department, who has experienced severe burnout and was forced to immerse herself in the inner work necessary to recover.

A former employee of NASA, Dr. Clark was committed to the space program and saw numerous opportunities in space exploration.

She saw it as logical "to have a permanent station on the moon," the feasibility of exploring Mars, and the impending need for explorers. However, these technologically realistic goals were and are being trapped by stagnation. As Dr. Clark put it, "the space program is not a high priority with the country's leaders."

In a recent article published in *The Houston Chronicle* (March 19, 1991), Dr. Clark attributes NASA's troubles to ineffective management hovering over hard working, dedicated employees who want to keep things going.

The redirection of Dr. Clark's energy's stemmed from her personal experience with burnout. Burnout, according to Dr. Clark is very common in the environment she was working in, where there was "a lot of talent and dedication, no leadership, no support, and an agenda which was changing every six months."

"Something essential is missing," related Dr. Clark when asked to define Burnout,

"your motivations do not work any more." Burnout is usually associated with a wave pattern of depression and elation. Dr. Clark began to see where she could make her contribution.

The unreasonable demands she had made upon herself, buying into the system, and playing a role appeared to be symptomatic of "technological environments" and their "unconscious way of looking at the world," which seemed to predispose members to some degree of burnout.

The pivotal point toward recovery for Dr. Clark was the time she spent in Ireland where she was able to "reconnect with ancestors, sort out how I related to Ireland, and validated who I was."

This validation manifested itself in her book *I'm Burnt Out... Now What?* which is currently circulating with publishers.

Spirituality really helped Dr. Clark to recover also.

The associations of the Irish people's struggle for identity and autonomy paralleled her own experiences, as well as the importance of community in Ireland and her need for support - was uncanny. It seemed as if the Irish people were inspirational in the sense that they are "extraordinary survivors."

Upon her return she was asked to speak at the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL). Her topic was not specified and she decided that it was "necessary to share" her experiences "after the process."

Her lecture "hit a core at JPL" and she "did not anticipate the receptivity."

Dr. Clark is a relatively new member to the Albright faculty and gives numerous workshops on burnout.

Organ Donation: A Gift of Life

by Ann-Lisa Kochersperger

Have you ever considered being an organ donor? Seriously considered it? Many people just tune out when the subject of death comes up, especially when it has to do with themselves. But organ donation has more to do with life than death.

Every year, thousands of people benefit from organ and tissue transplants. The organs and tissues that are to be transplanted are: kidneys, corneas, heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, bone, bone marrow and skin. Transplants can greatly improve the length and quality of people's lives.

In order for organs to be donated, the individual must first be declared "brain dead." This term means that the brain is no longer functioning and if the artificial life support systems are removed, all vital body functions stop. When a person is an organ donor, the quality of their hospital treatment does not change at all. The organs are taken only after everything that can be done to save the patient's life has been done and death has been determined according to legal and medical criteria. Organ donation also does not affect funeral or burial arrangements.

Donated organs are distributed through the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). UNOS has a computer registry of people waiting for organ transplants that contains information about blood type, tissue type, size and weight. When an organ becomes

available, the information is entered into the computer and is compared with the patient information. Through UNOS, organs can go to those who match closely to the characteristics and also to those most in need of an organ transplant.

There is a real need for organs. In fact, for every organ or tissue donated, three people are left waiting. Medical technology has greatly increased the chances of survival for patients with organ transplants, but the organs are just not available. This is true because 1) people don't know specifics about being a donor, or 2) they just don't want to think about it.

Anyone 18 years of age or older can become an organ donor by signing the back of their drivers license or by signing a Uniform Donor Card. Anyone under 18 needs a parent or legal guardian's consent.

Being an organ donor can make all the difference to someone's life. It is an important decision to make and each person should seriously consider it. An important fact to remember is to talk about your wishes to be a donor with your family and/or friends. If the situation should ever happen to come up, they will know that you would have wanted, rather than having to decide themselves during the shock of the situation.

If you would like more information, contact your Local National Foundation.

THINK ABOUT IT !!

Native American Sky Legends

The Reding School District Planetarium, located on the grounds of the Reading Public Museum, presents Native American Sky legends, a show about Native American concepts of the sky as seen through their remarkable myths and poetry.

Native American Sky Legends begins with a beautiful myth about the creation of the world and proceeds in successive legends through the creation of the Sun, the stars, the blemishes on the moon, and the rainbow. Some of the legends are profound; some are

humorous. All are deeply touching in the view they give us of the first Americans living with all nature-- living as brothers and sisters with all living things.

The myths told in the program come from sixteen different Native cultures, spread across the breadth of the continent.

A team of distinguished Native Americans, anthropologists, and astronomers have reviewed the script for authenticity. The star show was developed under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Fighting the Most Common Skin Cancers

Squamous cells- flat epithelial cell sheets which cover organisms and organs and line cavities. They are known for their tight adherence to similar adjacent cells.

Melanoma- a dark pigmented tumor on body tissue caused by the dispersion of melanin.

Basal cell- base cells

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Last year, more than 600,000 new cases of skin cancer were diagnosed in the United States, afflicting more people than all other cancers combined. Most of these cancers were basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers. The basal cell layer skin is the deepest layer of the epidermis (the top layer of skin), and basal cell cancer is the most common form of skin cancer. Squamous cells are present in a layer right above the basal layer of skin, and squamous cell cancer, although less common than basal cell cancer, tends to grow faster, and is more likely to metastasize.

The importance of both basal cell and squamous cell cancer is often overshadowed by cutaneous melanomas, which account for 1-2 percent of cancer deaths. Nonetheless, last year alone 2,500 people died from squamous cell cancer and some people suffered the disfigurement that can occur from removal

of basal cell and squamous cell cancers. Perhaps most alarming is the fact that skin cancers are appearing at a younger age.

"Five years ago, it was unusual to see someone under the age of forty who had a basal cell or squamous cell cancer; today, we commonly see people in their twenties with these problems," says Darrell Rigel, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology at NYU Medical School. "Unlike melanoma which may result from one or two painful, blistering sunburns, basal cell and squamous cell cancers seem to be due to chronic sun exposure. Patients with these cancers are usually those who have spent a lifetime in the sun, working outdoors, or just being habitual sunbathers."

It is not surprising, then, that about 85 percent of basal cell and squamous cell cancers are on chronically sun exposed areas such as the head, neck, and back of the hands. In comparison, only 20 percent of melanomas occur on the head, neck and back of the hands.

The good news is that when treated early, more than 95 percent of basal cell and squamous cell cancers are curable. Melanomas, when treated early, also has a high recovery rate. The key to success, and to minimizing potential disfigurement is early diagnosis. "As a general rule, any skin lesion that doesn't heal within four weeks should be looked at by a dermatologist," says Dr. Rigel.

Doctors now recommend yearly total body skin exams by a dermatologist for those with

a history of heavy sun exposure. In addition, everyone should do regular self skin exams as recommended by their dermatologists. Here are some skin cancer warning signs to look for...

- 1) A persistent non-healing open sore that bleeds, oozes, or crusts.
- 2) A persistent reddish patch or irritated area that may crust, itch, or feel painful.
- 3) A smooth growth with an elevated, rolled border and an indentation in the center, and possibly tiny blood vessels on the surface.
- 4) A shiny nodule that may be translucent and pink, red, or white. People with dark eyes may also develop a black or brown bump called a pigmented basal cell carcinoma.
- 5) A scar-like area, that appears white, yellow or waxy with poorly defined borders.
- 6) A wart-like growth that crusts and occasionally bleeds.
- 7) Any rapidly growing lesion.

People with light colored hair, eyes and skin are the most prone to basal cell and squamous cell cancers but anybody is a potential candidate. In addition, as one moves closer to the equator, risks for skin rise dramatically. Skin cancer is not very common in blacks, however more than two thirds of all skin cancers in blacks are squamous cell cancers. In these cases, it is often suspected that the cancer is due to some factor other than sun exposure since black skin is naturally well protected from the sun. Squamous cell cancer can also result from certain kinds of injury, thermal burns, exposure to X-rays, or chemicals including arsenic and petroleum.

Do you have questions

about your health,
advances in science,

or just generally about the world around you (scientific only)?

Here is your opportunity

to have them answered.

Just drop your questions in *The Albrightian* office's drop box.

Address it - "Science Q&A."

The next issue will reveal the answer according to professors from Albright's Campus and other contacts.

Questions will be due April 7 in order to be answered in the next issue.

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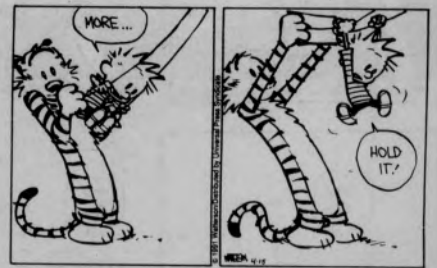


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development of purplish skin sores called Kaposi's Sarcoma may develop.

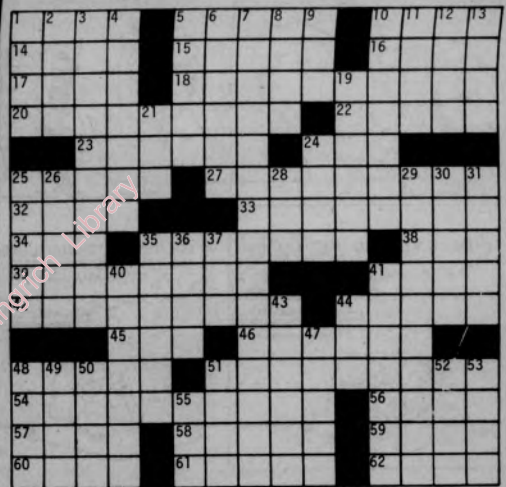
Often a person will be carrying the AIDS virus for years without any symptoms and not realize that as they continue to engage in sexual activity without protection, they are spreading the infectious, deadly disease. This is one of the newest diseases around, and it has been growing rapidly ever since 1981.

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by BILL WATTERSON



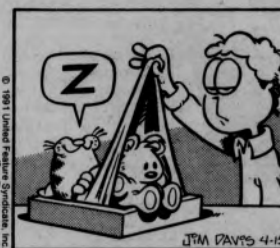
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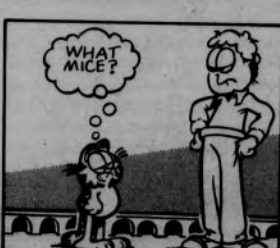
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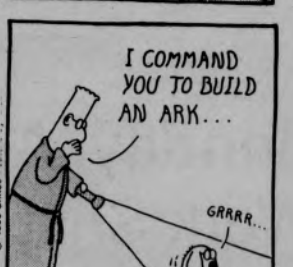
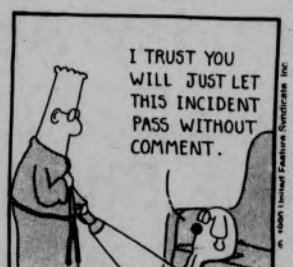
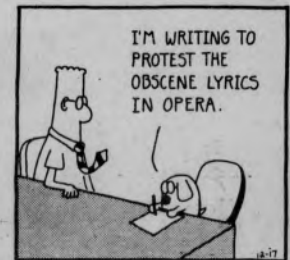
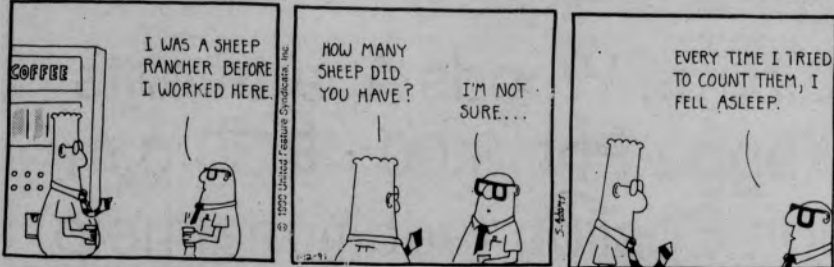
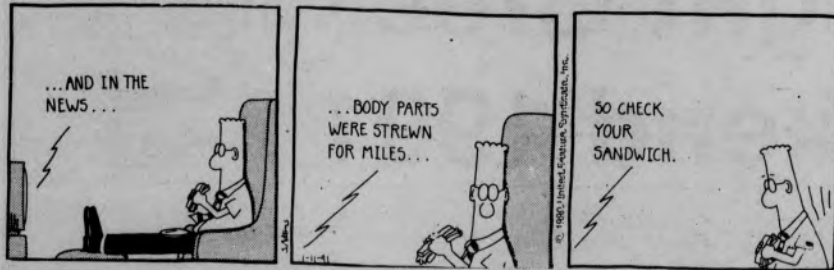
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Albright Greek Weekend 1991

Friday, April 19th

Social Curve 7:00 p.m., Woods Apartments
Work Shift - - Pi Kappa Phi 3:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tau Kappa Epsilon (additional help)

Saturday, April 20th

Contests in the Afternoon at the Apartments
DJ's (WXAC) 7:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Work Shift - - Delta Sigma Phi or Alpha Chi
Rho 12:00 - 7:00
Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Mu
7:00 - 2:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 21st

Bar - B - Q 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Work Shift - - Alpha Chi Rho or Delta Sigma
Phi 12:00 - 7:00

Monday, April 22nd

Work Shift - -Pi Lambda Phi in the
Afternoon

Albright College Gingrich Library

Statewide Career Day

New Jersey

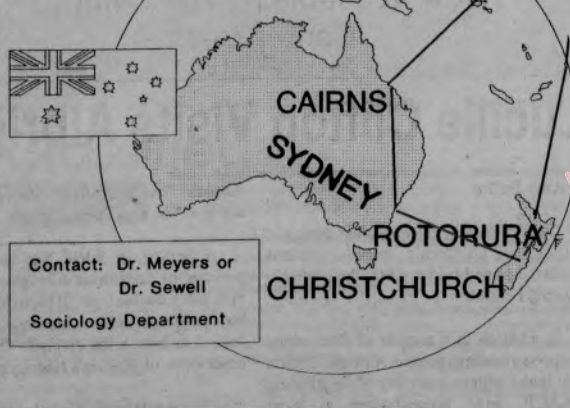
New Jersey jobs for New Jersey residents is the theme for what has become the largest college recruitment program in the state. Sponsored by the Rutgers-New Brunswick Career Services office and the NJ State Chamber of Commerce, the NJ Collegiate Career Day will take place on Friday, May 31, 1991 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rutgers University Brower Commons and the Rutgers Student Center on College Avenue, New Brunswick campus.

This semi-annual event provides employment opportunities to graduates of NJ colleges and universities and NJ residents who have attended school in other states. Candidates wishing to relocate to NJ are also welcome to attend. We expect 90-100 companies to participate and discuss opportunities for liberal arts, business, science, and technical majors.

Our response from past employer participants has been positive and enthusiastic. They have been very impressed with the caliber and diversity of candidates. Representatives from major corporations as well as rapidly growing smaller companies will discuss both current and future openings.

Any senior, graduate student or recent graduate looking for employment in NJ should not miss this opportunity. Underclassmen are also welcome. If planning on attending, be prepared to interview and bring plenty of resumes. Brochures have been sent to your Career Planning and Placement office, including directions and a list of companies that have attended the program in previous years. If you need additional information, call Janet Bernardin at (908) 932-8105 or 7997. We invite you to join us and "Come Home to New Jersey - Your Future Is Waiting."

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The Next Issue of *The Albrightian*
will be distributed on Friday, May 3,
1990.

All information and articles should
be submitted no later than Monday,
April 29, 1990

From the Lion Lowdown

An Announcement for All We are pleased to announce the renaming of Albright's Campus Center Theatre which will be hereafter be known as the Meridian Theater. The new designation follows a very generous gift to our Heritage... Albright capital campaign by Meridian Bancorp and its selection of the theatre as that element of the Center for the Arts to which its name would be attached.

Energy Cents Albright College has been informed that the electrical rate which it pays will be increased by approximately 8-1/2 percent. Each member of the Albright community can assist in minimizing the adverse impact of this large rate increase by methodically turning off lights in unoccupied spaces. Please remember to turn off the lights as you leave residence hall rooms, offices, classrooms, and restrooms.

Mark Your Calendar for the Albright College Arts Festival '91 which is taking place April 2-28. For those students who still need Experience credits, please note that quite a few items on the schedule are Experience events.

Mary Miss Exhibition Open at Freedman Gallery "Mary Miss: Photo/Drawings" opened April 2 and continues on view at the Freedman Gallery through April 28. Mary Miss, an internationally recognized figure in public art, has collaborated with architect Adele Santos in the design of the outdoor plaza for the Center of the Arts. Organized by Janice Schiffman, the exhibition includes photo-collages that Miss completed while she was Rouse Visiting Artist at the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1990.

Summer Housing Available to Student Private room with bath in home in Exeter Township. Off street parking, washer/dryer and kitchen privileges. Summer rental \$275 per month. Call ext. 7526 for contact phone number.

Students Plan Now - Summer Storage Available Stor & Lock, a self storage facility at 2200 North Fifth Street is offering Albright students a "Vacation Special" from May 11 to September 11 - 5x5' \$80, 5x8' \$120, or 5x10' \$135. Subject to availability and a refundable security deposit required. Posters will be placed on campus and in the dorm areas.

African American Scholar to Speak at RACC Dr. Molefi Kete Asante will present a lecture on "Afrocentricity and the Crisis in Education" at Reading Area Community College on Thursday, April 25. Dr. Asante, professor and chairperson, department of African American Studies at Temple University, will speak at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in the Berks and Penn rooms. The lecture is free and open to the public. To reserve your tickets, or for more information, please contact the Dean of Students at RACC 372-4721.

March of Dimes Walk America The March of Dimes Association would like Albright College to have a team in the March of Dimes Walk America on Sunday, April 28 starting at Boscov's North. Anyone interested can pick up sponsor sheets at the Campus Center Desk.

To Graduating Seniors Please return your commencement bio information to the Public Information Office in Sherman Cottage ASAP.

Congratulations

To The New Organization
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The Asian American Council

If interested, please contact Box #934 or Box
#1146

The purpose of the AAC is to promote the awareness of the Asian culture to the student body of Albright, and to develop a vehicle for Asian students to fully experience the benefits of campus life.

Report from the Academic Dean Eugene Lubot

PLUS/MINUS GRADING

Beginning in the fall semester, 1991 Albright College will institute a plus/minus grading system as approved by the faculty at its March meeting. GPA equivalents will be as follows: A=4.00, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3.00, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2.00, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1.00, F=0.00. We will retain the existing 2.00 GPA requirement, overall and in the Area of Concentration, as the minimum for graduation. Please take note that this means that a C- average (equal to a 1.67), overall or in the Area of Concentration, is not sufficient for graduation. However, in an individual Q/NQ course quality work will be defined as C- or better.

The college has been talking about a plus/minus system for a couple of years. Last year it was one of the topics of an Open Forum. In the fall semester student opinion was sought as part of an SGA survey. Approximately 60% of students responding indicated that they favored a plus/minus system. The plus/minus system is very common in American colleges and universities, and the system adopted at Albright is the common garden variety one used at most colleges and universities with plus/minus grading. The argument in favor of plus/minus grading is that it gives faculty members more flexibility in evaluating student performance and that this results in more fairness and accuracy. For example, with a plus/minus system a distinction could be made between students whose averages were 81 and 88 where under our current system both would theoretically receive a B. On the other side, there are those who say that the plus/minus system might reduce grade point averages for excellent students because they might receive an A- where they currently receive an A. There also might be problems for weaker students because a C- average would be below graduation requirements whereas today a C- performance would earn a C. These issues were all taken into consideration, and in the end the faculty voted quite decisively to approve a plus/minus system for Albright, to go into effect in the fall. Please direct any questions to Dean Lubot.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AREA OF CONCENTRATION

I am pleased to announce that beginning in the fall Albright will offer a new Area of Concentration in Environmental Science, directed by Dr. Susan Munch of the Biology Department. This interdisciplinary concentration is designed for students preparing for careers in environmental science or resource management. Course requirements come from the Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics, Philosophy, and Political Science departments. More information and specific requirements can be obtained from Dr. Munch.

Upcoming Experiences

April 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Theater. William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Wednesday, April 24, 7-8:30 p.m., CCSL
Presentation on *The Fourth Dimension*

This evening of mathematics will feature a cartoon called Flatland addressing the concept of "dimension" and student presentations on such topics as an explanation of why time is a faulty representative of the fourth dimension, a description of a four-dimensional cube, illustration of the uses of higher dimensions in the sciences, and fractals (fractional dimensions). This presentation will be interesting to anyone who enjoys thinking about mathematical concepts; specialized background will not be needed.

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m., Chapel Auditorium
Spring Choir Concert

Wednesday, May 8, 8:15 p.m., Center for the Arts, Room 235 (Old Freedman Gallery).

Film: *Ceddo* by Ousmane Sembene

This 1977 film by Africa's best known filmmaker is an exciting political thriller in which the kidnapping of a beautiful princess is used to explore the confrontation between opposing forces in the face of Moslem expansion. Described as a "national epic," this masterpiece evokes many facets of the African experiences.

May 16, 17, 18 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 at 2:30 p.m., Center for the Arts Theater, *Beckett 111*

Organizations. . . Advertise Now!

You know all those hot pink calendars that are all over the campus? Well, in the fall there will be many more of them around and now is the time for you to plan your fall events so they will be included. Those calendars have been proven to be read and remembered! Please get a schedule of your programming events (with dates) to the Campus Center Desk by May 10 and the free publicity is yours!

Job Opportunity!

Night Manager Applications Are Now Available At The Campus Center Desk.

Lucille Clifton Visits Albright

by Amy Butler

Lucille Clifton, distinguished poet and author of children's books, visited Reading, March 11-15 as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

In addition to a number of discussions and poetry readings given at Albright, Clifton also spoke with an assembly of the Reading NAACP, gave presentations at local elementary schools, and appeared on BCTV's Human Relations Hour.

Clifton has to her credit some twenty children's books, numerous poetry volumes, a memoir, and short stories. Her volume, *Two-Headed Woman* was a Pulitzer Prize nominee and won the Juniper Prize. Other awards include a Pulitzer Prize Citation and the Discovery Award.

Jeff Woodward, chair of the English Department, called her visit an overwhelming

success. "our community was enriched by her visit," he explained.

According to Adele Newson, assistant professor of English at Albright, "Clifton's visit was a double treat. It brought to a close our celebration of black history month and it helped to launch the college's festivities in observance of Women's History month."

Clifton celebrates life in her poetry. Her subjects include the international community of children, native Americans, the folly of censorship, and the historical violation of women.

During a few of her discussions at Albright, she emphasized the importance of diversity in both content and style, stating "Art is about risk-taking." Clifton also encouraged students to read poetry from authors of all ages and backgrounds. She stated, "American poetry is of many colors, genders, and moods."

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Thursday	9:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 3:00	6:30 - 8:00
Friday	9:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 2:00 (by appointment)	
	12:00 - 1:00 Mon. - Fri. by appt. with Mrs. Hummel		

The Writing Center is located in Masters 104. Drop in or call for an appointment (ext. 7809).

Which Is Better: To be male or to be female?

Who has things easier in the morning rush-men or women? Many people feel that it is men who have an easier time in the morning getting themselves to look halfway decent. "Women have to put on makeup and curl their hair, I doubt if many men can say they do that," says one person that I talked to. Another feels that "it is easier for men in the morning because they generally have shorter hair than women--which takes less time for them to dry!"

A majority of people also feel that it is easier for a man to pick out which clothes to wear in the morning. This could be because men are not as picky about what they look like. I talked to someone who disagreed with this, saying "I know plenty of guys who are more picky about what to wear--like my dad. He only likes to wear certain colors and his ties must "accent" these colors."

Some of the most commonly mentioned things that the women who I talked to said were about the prices of certain items. For example a man's shirt may cost \$25.00 but a woman's that looks exactly the same (except

that the buttons go the other way) may be up to \$10.00 more expensive than the comparable one. Also try finding a hair salon that cuts women's hair for less than \$10.00, yet barbers are charging this price!

The men that I talked to feel that it is easier for them to bargain on items such as deals on trade-ins for a new car, simply because auto dealers tend to think that men know more about cars. However, one person that I talked to said, "My mom is very shrewd when it comes to getting "her price" on a trade in."

The most compatible answer between men and women in which I received had to do with underage drinking. People felt that it was much easier for underage women to get into bars than underage men. "I get so mad sometimes when my girlfriend doesn't get carded (she's nineteen) and I do (I'm twenty-two)!"

So do men really have it easier than women? Maybe in some aspects, but in others I think that women have an advantage. Which is better? I guess it depends on your point of view (and if you're old enough to get served!).



Sex, Slides and Films

How you learned the "facts of life"

by Susan E. Miers

"The birds and bees," "the facts of life," "you know..."--these are all ways of side-stepping the true terminology of "sex education". One way or another, everyone finds out about their sexuality, whether it is from their parents, friends, or school.

A recent unscientific poll of sunbathers on Kelchner Field and other campus residents about how they found out about the "facts of life" yielded the following insightful data.

One former student of an all girls Catholic high school, the Academy of the Holy Angels, offered one of her memories about learning "the facts," "During my sophomore year, Sister Jeanine [black and gray greasy hair, thick-rimmed glasses, very overweight, in her 50s] showed us slides of the male and the female reproductive systems. She went through the female system very slowly and roughly, when it came to male she went through it 'click, click, click' and it was just a blur of scrotum, erect penis, and ejaculation."

Most of those polled said their parents told them at least something, but a few were told nothing. "My parents actually tell their children about sex varies. A student whose father is a physician chose to show her a film. Some parents just give their child a book and tell him or her to come to them if they have any questions. "My mother told me the facts and gave me a book," said one of the sunbathers, "then I snuck into my sister's drawers looking for any stuff that had to do with sex."

A junior whose mother explained the logistics of intercourse when she was about eight or nine responded, "Eeww, that's gross. I don't believe you." The age when those polled found out or were told about sex was as young as third or fourth grade and as old as

tenth grade. In her eighth grade home economics class "Jane" learned about the facts of life from Mrs. Kaufman who would tell the class stories about her and her husband.

The most confusing information seems to come from friends and schoolmates who supposedly "knew" about those things. Such uninformed claims as "you can get pregnant from kissing", and "babies grow in your stomach" are a few that come from these sources that "know". Sometimes friends are the first or only sources a youngster has for sexual knowledge.

Even when friends have accurate information, understanding it is another matter. Friends attempted to explain a certain sexual position and even drew a picture on the back of a school bus seat, but she still didn't understand it, said one sophomore. When children know what really happens with sex it can still be confusing because most "sex talk" of children and teens employs slang words that parents do not know or don't pass on to their children. "My mother and dad gave me 'life' textbooks and explained everything, but I was still clueless about the slang words," recalled one freshman.

Those who were interviewed said they will be honest with their children and make sure they know "the facts" when they are young. Some will follow in the footsteps of their parents, and have "mother-daughter" and "father-son" nights when they decide to tell their children.

On a more serious note, in this day and age when there are far too many teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, its important that children learn the facts of life early and accurately. Today's college students are the parents of tomorrow.

*Name has been changed to preserve anonymity.

Top Ten Reasons Why Albright's Tuition Was Increased

by: Brian "Fox" Singer and Phil Walsh

- 10) The school has decided to purchase a circular track.
- 9) Hand-Dryers are now going to be installed in all of the bathrooms.
- 8) Morton Downey Jr. wants to come back.
- 7) The showers in the dorms will now have hot water.
- 6) A new coffee machine is needed in the faculty lounge.
- 5) A domed football stadium is going to be built.
- 4) Real meat is going to be used in the dining hall.
- 3) The president of the college's gambling debts have gotten out of hand.
- 2) The school doctor plans on getting his medical degree.
- 1) "Bureaucratic mentality is the only constant in the universe."

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PERSONALS

To all Albright Students,

Don't you find it very interesting that even Kate Greenfield can't stay awake during the experience! If you were at the experience "Unstrung Heroes" you know what I mean. --The Back Row

Yo Stael After 2 years I've finally sent you a personal! AJS (of course)

Max--I think the soda machine in the lounge is possessed.--Fox

Yo Stael That was short and this is shorter but to the point: Je'taimel '2* --AJS

Trish--It is definitely a triple jeopardy answer. Thanks for the help.--Brian

Hey Phil, Welcome back from Ma Gable's House for the sick...of the mind and body!--Your Neighbor

Dr. Chuck, I know you can't read this, but here's a personal for old times sake. Boot to the head.--The Personal Gang

Hey Syd, Can I open your lettuce, man? --Al

THE STALKER HAS BEEN REVEALED!

Steph, Which direction are you bending Saturday? Maybe NW? --Sue

Monica, Claudia, Beth, and Penny thanks for a great two weekends!!!!

WAY TO GO PHI SKI! Zeta kta is here to stay. Congratulations new sisters.

Kimberly, To a great, wonderful person and all around duette: Only twenty-four hours to sisterhood! Hang in there.

To the second floor Mohn crew-- Revenge is sweet!--Guess who?

Suave _____ (You fill in the blank...)

This is me Axelrod after seventeen beer. --T

Gail and Jen--How Awesome--T

T. P.B. Yeah legs!--Gail

The ceiling is too low.--Tom

Tom--You give new meaning to the word suave....

Renee--I'm glad I'm getting the chance to know you better. Will you go to Temple with me for our first date?--Dan

Chip--Awright--Gail

Troy--Thanks for those great personals. You need to go out with us more often.--Gail

Jen--You need to get into saying Awright a little more often!--Gail

Dan--Thanks for giving me a reason to eat in the cafeteria. I hope we can get together soon and do something other than study.--Renee

Joelle--Thanks for the dinner and all the great presents. I can't wait to be your sister. P.S. I'll be living in your apartment--Love Rebecca

To Sai- Thanks for all your support. It's nice to know that you are always there.--Love Rebecca

Teresa--6 more weeks of psych Bio.

To Joelle, Sai, Sunny's big and Saphire, Steph's big and Saphire, and Stacey's big and Saphire, and Sue Meirs--Here's just a reminder--Saturday, You know what to do, where to do it, and who to do it with. So let's just figure out a good time. A toast to sisterhood!--Rebecca

Congratulations Chris Wright for becoming President of Lion Diplomats

Troy--Gee Can we watch "Jaws" or "Airplane?"--Gail

Gee Guys WHO is going to marry Lorretta?

Steph--Pull out bed--Rebecca

Who is going to Temple tonight? Not the guys from second floor Mohn....

Good luck Greeks! May the BEST Greeks win.

Rebecca-- Everything will work out no matter how it looks now!--Gail

RAY--Congratulations Tomorrow on becoming a Phi Sig Sister.--Me

Lee and Ron--You guys are great!--Yaaaal--Love ya-Sarah

Bri--What's up? I miss you dork.--Sarah

T--When are we going to Dairy Queen?

Top Ten Ways To Get your Scope

by: Teresa Lloyd and Gail Rabstein

- 10) Send him/her a personal.
- 9) Send something to his/her mailbox with your name on it make them search you out to give it to you.
- 8) Change your major to his/hers, so what if it's Bio-Chem and yours is English.
- 7) Just happen to pass out as he/she is walking by, remember no one else can be around at the time.
- 6) Take up a new hobby (his/hers), what does it matter if their hobby is cliff diving and yours is reading.
- 5) Skip class to go to meals to see him/her.
- 4) Drop your books when you know there is no way around them unless he/she helps you pick them up.
- 3) Change roommates with his/hers.
- 2) Drop your tray of delicious cafeteria pasta into his/her lap; So what if it stains, it's a lifetime memory.
- 1) Schedule your life around his/hers.

Today In History

Sixty-four years ago today, April 19th, the actress Mae West was found guilty of indecency. She was given a ten-day sentence and a five hundred dollar fine, for the indecency of her latest Broadway production, "Sex." The police viewed the opening and could not fault it. But after a year's run, it was subject to Miss West's Lewd improvisations. The court ordered the show closed on February 5th.
Taken from The Chronical of the 20th Century.

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Spend An All-Nighter With Amy!

"I feel Like I'm the only person on campus that is awake."

by Amy Merrell

Editor's Note: By request of the author, this article has not been proofed.

"Gosh, I still have that to do." How many times do you find yourself saying that. No matter what it is, a paper that you haven't read the book for yet or an Albrightian article that was due two days ago, many college students find themselves procrastinating to the point where in order to get everything done they have to pull all-nighters.

Let's start by defining an all-nighter. First of all, no one plans to pull an all-nighter. It is what happens when you look at the clock at midnight and realize you haven't started studying for that big test at 9 AM, the one that is all essays.

So you the reader can get the full effect of an all-nighter, I will personally stay up and give you an account of the night into the morning. No, I am not sacrificing myself for the good of the newspaper, I just put everything off until the last minute. Shock.

I decided at 11:15 Sunday night that I had to stay up and get caught up on all the work that I put off over the weekend. At 11:30, after being discouraged by how much work I had to do, I went to my big sister's room. We talked, and talked, and talked until quarter of two. Then she kicked me out so I could get started. Thanks Sai.

2:00- I'm back in my room. I've decided

as long as I'm up I'll do some laundry. There are many reasons for doing your laundry while pulling an all-nighter. First, while putting off your work, you probably also put off doing your laundry; and now you have no clean underwear to wear tomorrow. Second reason: no one else is stupid enough to be doing their laundry this late. The laundry room is empty. You can use all three dryers at once! the laundry room is also a quiet place to study, where you won't disturb your roommate who already went to bed. And lastly, if you need clean underwear, you have a reason to stay up (if the need for good grades just doesn't motivate you anymore).

2:25- Crowell is having a fire drill. At least I'm not the only person up.

2:35-Crowell is having another fire drill. Suck's for them. Sorry guys.

2:56- I'm getting to the hard part. The infamous 3 o'clock mark. Most people I talked to said that they can't stay up past three, or if they make it to three they'll be fine. Will they be fine? It's obvious that no sleep is not good for anyone. Hopefully, people don't do this all the time. I know I don't plan on doing this again for awhile.

3:07- I made it past three! I'm getting really tired. I really need clean underwear though. I'm getting distracted now. I want to call someone, but who is it? I feel like I'm the only person on campus who is awake. I'm sure tomorrow I'll find at least one person I know who will have stayed up too. They should have something special on campus for the people who pull all-nighters. Maybe a place where we could all go and keep each other

Looking for Your Significant Other: a quest for brains and bods!

by: Teresa Lloyd

Two strangers spot each other from across a loud smoke-filled room. Their eyes meet and lock. Could this possibly be true love, or are you missing the season preview of the "Simpson's" to waste your time getting to know this pathetic person beside you.

Finding your "significant other" is a dilemma that everyone faces almost daily throughout their young lives. The problem seems to be that everyone is looking for the same "significant other." Men are looking for a cross between Cindy Crawford and Heather Locklear, while women are looking for a cross between Tom Cruise and Richard Gere. Let's face it. Guys, Heather Locklear is married to Tommie Lee and ladies, Tom Cruise is about to marry some chic from Australia. So in lieu of this heartbreaking situation with Tom Cruise and Heather Locklear, I have asked many people what they want in their "significant other."

Among the females I talked to, most were concerned with qualities such as "sensitivity" and "intelligence." Renee Keysock, freshman, is looking for a man that is "good-looking, sensitive, smart, and responsible."

Then there are those women with a more untamed, wild side to them that are looking for a man that is a "very well-endowed male who operates a dentist's drill by day and dances on tables by night" according to some of the wild women on third floor Krause.

Men, on the other hand, surprised me. They weren't interested in only a tight mini skirt with a pair of nice legs to go with it. Most of the males I talked to were interested in qualities like "intelligence", "compassion", and "understanding". According to Dan Slocum, sophomore, he would like his "significant other" to be "attractive, as well as be able to hold an intellectual conversation."

Shawn Firesteine, junior, wants his "significant other" to be "Compassionate and

understanding as well as outgoing, witty, and sensitive."

As for Bill Klein, junior, his dream mate is a woman that has "strawberry-red hair with green eyes. She has to have an Irish accent and be an animal lover. She has to be timid, but able to hold a decent conversation: not stupid."

What about money? Is it important for your "significant other" to have a lot of money? Jenny, a junior, claims that her "significant other" should be "wealthy enough to make me happy. He'd want to pick up and go to Florida for a weekend if I want to." Romance? It is important according to Sue Keyser, junior; "I want someone who is romantic, very personable and easy to talk to. He has to be intellectually as well as physically stimulating."

What about those that seem to want everything in their mate? According to Amy Butler, junior, her "significant other" has "intense blue eyes, but he has to be taller than I am. It's good if he's exotic looking, but very charming with a great sense of humor. He has to be very sociable and self confident with some sort of an accent." Did she leave anything out? I can't think of anything.

Malcolm Reider, junior, claims that his "significant other" would be "friendly, outgoing, and sensitive."

Frank Ceraula, senior, is simple and to the point when he states the qualities of his ideal mate. "She has to be sensitive as well as funny and be very intelligent. She has to have brown hair and brown eyes."

So, as you can see many people have different ideas about who their "significant other" is and what they are going to be like. But just remember that your "significant other" is out there somewhere just waiting for you to find them. So the next time you catch someone looking at you from across the crowded cafeteria or during your Psychology lecture, remember, you haven't found them, yet.

up and give each other support. We could call it A.A.A.A.: all-nighters anonymous at Albright.

3:25- I'm going to take a break now. I need to clear my head.

3:41- There are other people awake! I found two people in the lounge studying for an IP test. They've been shooting the breeze and haven't studied that much at all. I guess A.A.A.A. wouldn't be that effective. We'd just all sit around and socialize. My laundry is all done. I have clean underwear, do I need to stay up any longer? This is the part where I try to figure out how much trouble I'll get into if I don't do my work. Conclusion: a lot.

I just finished my second soda. This seems like a good time to run down a list of supplies one might need while pulling an all-nighter. Caffeine is a must. Coffee, tea, and soda (Mountain Dew is the best) are all good sources. Food is something else you'll want to have. Anything to munch on will do. I recommend candy bars or anything with sugar for a quick boost of energy. Vivaran is usually associated with all-nighters, but I personally don't recommend it. It does weird things to you.

4:00- Seeing how this article wasn't the only thing I had to do, I'm going to read for awhile.

7:00- Oops! the sun is up now. I must have fallen asleep while reading Kamus. I guess I'm not capable of pulling an honest all-nighter. If you have pulled all-nighters, more power to you.

By writing this article I'm not capable of pulling an honest all-nighter. It is a fact that

they do happen at college. Probably before you graduate you will pull or try to pull one. Just one question to leave you with: are all-nighters all that successful? I have asked that my article not be corrected so that you can see how incoherent one's thinking can be on a little amount of sleep. You'll just have to take my word for it that I normally think clearly. Well, that's it for me. I'm going to bed.

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Albright batting has been lacking this year.

photo by Roland Christy



Likewise, the Lion pitching has left something to be desired.

photo by Roland Christy

Pitching & Hitting; Thorns in Lion's Paw.

by Pat Pruitt

It has been a long and arduous spring for the boys on the diamond as the Lion baseball team is off to a rather dismal 4-14-1 start, 0-4 in the MAC. If it were not for three wins in Florida over Spring Break, the record would be even worse. The Lion problems seem to be in a variety of places. Their pitching has been inconsistent which has made their earned run average an abysmal 7.52. The ace of the staff, Rich Menseck, has had some good outings which included a shutout of Bethel in Florida and a complete game win against Wilkes. Menseck has been the winning pitcher in three of the Lion four wins. The Lions need to improve drastically on the hill if they want to salvage a somewhat successful season.

The fielding behind the pitchers has not been stellar either. The Lions have committed 49 errors in 19 games which figures out to about 2.5 a game. That is not a horrible statistic, but improvement in the field would help bail

the pitching out of some bad innings.

At the plate, the Lions have been, in a word, fairly inept. Their team batting average is a lowly .247, and they have scored three or less runs in twelve of their games. Talented freshman Tom Quinn leads the team with a respectable .375 average. Junior Joe Aschenbrand and lone senior Harlan Udell also have averages above .300.

It has not been all bad though this season. The Lions gave national powerhouse Elizabethtown all they wanted a couple of weeks ago. They also beat Cortland State, a team that Coach Schiavo said was very talented earlier in the year. One more win would better their win total from last year. This is a very attainable goal, and with only one senior, the Lions will be very competitive next year. Upcoming Home Games:

Sat. 4/20
Wed. 5/1
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Softball Stumbling at 1 and 7

by Pang Yang

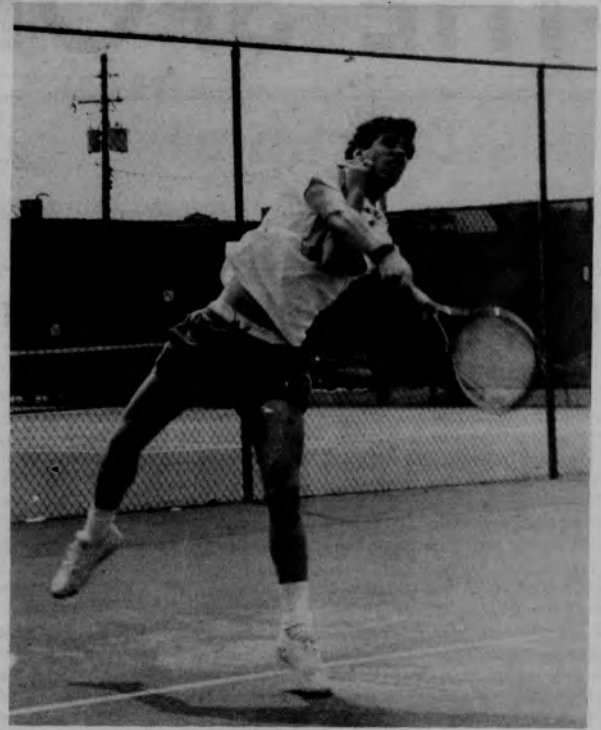
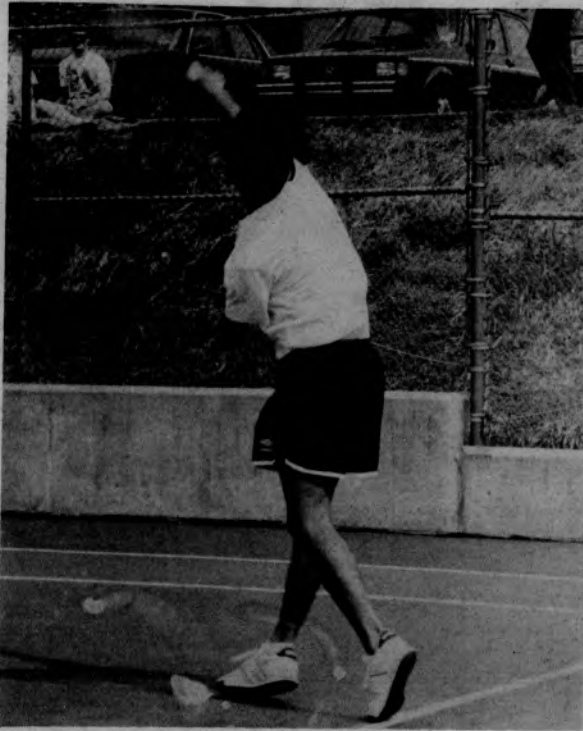
With only a few weeks left of softball, the Lady Lions have had a rough season. Presently, their record is one and seven. One big factor that can explain why they are not doing as well as they had hoped is the small size of the team. Many times, they barely have enough players to fill the positions. In addition, players are not stationed in one position because of the lack in numbers. The game against Gettysburg, in which they won seven to six, was the only game that every team member was present for.

The softball team's last game was a double-header against Dickinson. In the first game, the lady lions really stumbled, with the score 11-1 in favor of Dickinson. Likewise, the second game was 11-4 in favor of the Devils. In addition to losing the game, the Lady Lions suffered another loss. Christine Pochick,

right fielder, sprained her ankle sliding into second base. It is doubtful that she will be able to play in the next game.

Coach Fausnaught shows some disappointment basically because he feels that he has a good team with a lot of talented players, but everyone just needs to work together. According to Rita Baran, co-captain along with Margaret Roques, "we definitely need to improve in our fielding and hitting - especially, fielding. We lack much needed support from everyone."

Because of the miniscule number of people who turned out for the team and because of the lack of support, the future of an Albright Softball team is "up in the air." For those who enjoy the game and those who have been loyal supporters, this is very distressing news. But unless something is done, Albright may not see a softball team in the near future.



John Gilbert, the #1 singles player for the Lions with the serve.

photo by Guy Ruffer

Junior Andrew Dreslin is looking to finish up strong.

photo by Guy Ruffer

A Tale of Two Seasons

by Joe Forrester

The agonies of defeats. The thrills of victories. Those two phrases, in that order, perfectly describe the season that the men's tennis team has had so far. This year really has been "a tale of two seasons." The first three matches represent the first, and worst, season. Of the nine players that remain on the team, seven of them are gaining their first taste of college tennis. This overall inexperience really showed early as we lost consecutive matches to Messiah, Elizabethtown, and Gettysburg. Being very inexperienced and decimated by last year's graduation does not make for a successful formula against league powerhouses from E-Town and Gettysburg. These two clubs shut us out 9-0; while against Messiah, only John "I'll Rub You the Right Way" Gilbert and Bill Trevena were able to win their singles matches in a 7-2 loss.

However, since these losses, our season has performed a complete turnaround. This recovery process began with a gutsy 5-4 win against Widener. Winning for Albright in the singles matches were again Gilbert and Trevena, with a key three set win by Dave Watkins at #4. This left the score at 3-3 after the singles matches, meaning the team who won two out of the three doubles matches would win the entire match. Gilbert and Trevena paired to win at #1 doubles, but Watkins and Andy Dreslin were beaten at #2. Thus, the match rested on the shoulders of Dave "Dr." Scholl and Joe "Petrified" Forrester

at #3 doubles. I'm glad to say Dave and I pulled it out, winning the second set in a tie-breaker 8-6.

Our next match was against a game Wilkes squad. Although the final score was Albright 7-Wilkes 2, the match was much more difficult than that as several matches were closely decided. Winners for Albright in singles included Gilbert, Trevena, Watkins, Ron "Cold" Bruh, and Pete "Coop-a-Loop" Cooper. The wins by Bruh and Cooper were the first of their short college careers. At doubles, Gilbert and Trevena and Forrester and Scholl garnered wins. Our next victim was an extremely weak Lycoming squad, which we trounced 8-1. Gaining his first win of the year at singles in this match was Andy Dreslin.

Next I would like to divulge some team statistics. John Gilbert, Bill Trevena, and Dave Watkins at #1, #2, and #4 singles, and Joe Forrester and Dave Scholl at #3 doubles are all riding three match winning streaks. Ron Bruh and Pete Cooper at #5 and #6 singles, and Gilbert and Trevena at #1 doubles are on a two match win streaks.

Our next match is this Saturday at Muhlenburg, where we get the chance to go above .500 for the first time since our opening match. Finally, student and faculty attendance at our home matches has averaged at a very low five people per match. We would appreciate your support in our final home matches of the year (and in the careers of four of us) on April 23rd and 24th, against Moravian and Ursinus respectively. We thank you for your support.

On the Right Track (and field)

by Ginny Roth

The Albright Track and Field team kicked off their season with a rather shaky start at their first home meet against Ursinus. By just a matter of a few points, the visitors were able to squeeze by the Lions.

Obviously, weather won't be a factor in the outcome of our meets. This past Saturday the Lions competed in their first tri-meet of

the season against Delaware Valley and Lebanon Valley. Despite the cold and rainy weather, the team defeated both teams thanks to outstanding performances by Julia Kay in the mile, Michelle Moore the 400m dash and in the 440m relay team.

With only two weeks to go in the season, the squad promises to have a successful finish and is looking forward to a win against Dickinson and Juniata tomorrow.

Three States Take on the NCAA

(CPS) - State politicians joined the college sports reform movement in recent weeks. Legislators in at least three states, some angry about the way the powerful National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has treated schools in their districts, introduced bills that would excuse campuses from following some NCAA rules. Supporters of bills in Nebraska, Nevada and Colorado say certain NCAA rules abuse college athletes and coaches.

"They don't really do their jobs very well," Nevada Sen. John Vergiels said of the NCAA officials.

Most recently, on March 1, Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson signed a law that would let Nebraska colleges give athletes more aid than just sports scholarships.

The NCAA limits how much aid students can get from other grants if they accept athletic scholarships.

The new law could leave Nebraska schools that violate the NCAA aid rule shut out of the NCAA telecasts, revenues and even games with other NCAA member schools. Reformers hope that the NCAA will lift the limits on helping athletes before the law goes into effect on June 1, 1992.

When he signed the bill into law, Nelson expressed "fervent hope that this voluntary national organization will do the right thing and allow needy and academically talented young Americans to do all the student aid for which they qualify."

At the same time, Nevada's senate is debating a bill that would require the NCAA to hold hearings and act quickly when investigating whether a school has broken NCAA rules.

Many states were upset with the way the NCAA handled its investigation of the University of Las Vegas (UNLV) men's basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian and his team.

Last year the NCAA's committee on infractions barred Tarkanian's team from the Division I championship as a penalty for alleged recruiting violations going on since 1977.

After hearing new evidence in October, the committee postponed the punishment, barring the team from the 1992 championship tournament.

"If Jerry broke any rules then he ought to be penalized like anyone else," said Nevada's Sen. Vergiels, who introduced the bill. "But the NCAA denies any sort of Due Process," he continues. "Due process" of course, would force the NCAA to make public any evidence of wrongdoing it might have, and to let the accused have a chance to defend themselves with evidence of their own.

Vergiels is especially upset that the NCAA investigators are not required to record their conversations with coaches and players.

"They do a terrible, immoral thing by refusing to have a record," he said. Last year Illinois lawmakers also proposed, but did not pass, a bill that would have forced the NCAA to use courtroom-style rules of evidence when investigating recruiting violations at the state's colleges.

In February, the Colorado Senate killed and then revived a bill to pay stipends to student athletes at state universities.

Currently, the NCAA allows schools to pay only for athletes' tuition, room and board. Athletes are not allowed to hold part-time jobs during the school year.

Objectors to the bills in each of the states note that the NCAA could respond by placing sanctions on schools that comply with the state laws.

Schools can lose their NCAA eligibility if they play against schools that don't follow the organization's rules, warned NCAA spokesman Jim Marchiony.

Nevada's Vergiels said that there is no question that the NCAA must comply with the state laws.

THE SPORTS PAGE

Let's Talk Sports

with Christopher Gehring
Editor in Chief

Tarq and the Battle of the Basement

Contrary to public opinion, I am NOT going to write my column on those awesome, NCAA Champion Duke Blue Devils. Just because they did what everyone said was impossible; just because they brought the NCAA Championship back to where it belongs (for the first time since '83); just because they sent Tarq, Johnson, Augmon, and co. packing; just because they were the #1 team in college basketball this past season; and just because they are going to be even better next year (greetings, Mr. Parks) which makes them strong contenders to repeat, I'm still not going to write my article on Coach K, Mr. Hurley, Christian Laettner, and Grant Hill. I think that the rings on their fingers and the fact that they all silenced their critics is enough. Congratulations to one of the classiest, cleanest, and most respectable programs in all of college sports!

Once again, it is time for a plug. Make sure you tune in every Sunday night from 8-10 p.m. on Albright College Radio (91.3 WXAC fm). If you think it isn't worth your time, you are dead wrong. James is still as funny as ever, and likewise, DeLuca remains his controversial self. And let us not forget Jason Weisholtz - - who thinks that Don Mattingly belongs in the 7th spot in the Yankees lineup; the Atlanta Braves will win the N.L. West, and that the Seattle Mariners would be in first place if they played anywhere but in the A.L. West. As you can imagine, it is a VERY interesting show. And don't forget, everyone who calls in with a legitimate question

or comment receives Reading Phillies tickets.

Hopefully in the next issue, I will be able to talk about the Major League Baseball season in more depth, but due to time and space constraints, my comments will be limited in content and scope. In fact, I think that I will just be making some predictions.

N.L. East Champion - Dawson, Sandberg, Maddux, George Bell and the Chicago Cubs will prevail over the young but dangerous Montreal Expos. One of the best races in the '91 season will also take place in this division - - the battle of the basement between the Phillies and the the Cards. N.L. West Champion - Will "the Thrill" and co. will knock off the defending World Champs and then lose in seven games to the Cubs for the right to go to the World Series.

In the N.L. West, the A's are an obvious pick, but I am going to dare to be different and pick K.C. Last year was certainly an aberration, and the Royals have the necessary talent to be a contender in any division. And after all, it is Saberhagen's year. In the East, my heart is with Baltimore. I think that in the weak eastern division, they cannot be ruled out as contenders, but I look for Toronto to emerge from this division (even though they traded one of the most dangerous hitters in the game to San Diego). Then, it is K.C. advancing to the World Series...but only to fall to the Cubs. Crazy, maybe so - - but then again, how many people predicted that UNLV would lose to Duke, much less to anyone?

The Playoffs; Hockey's Second Season

by Randy Axelrod

Can anyone tell me what the point of the NHL regular season is? I mean, it does not seem to matter what kind of season you have as long as you make the playoffs! What difference does it make if you have the best record because you are very likely to go down in the first round to a far inferior opponent. Just ask the Chicago Blackhawks who boasted the best regular season record. They were handled rather easily by the feeble Minnesota Northstars who finished an appalling 38 points behind them in the standings. The playoff format of the NHL is pretty much of a joke, which leaves the regular season virtually meaningless. The top four teams in each division, regardless of their record make the playoffs. If the fifth place team is 10-62-8 and the fourth place team is 11-61-8 then the fourth place team makes the playoffs and have a shot at winning the Stanley Cup. Aurgh!!!!

Although this format may seem exciting to the fans it is really a treacherous marketing ploy by the league to get a higher revenue from the additional games. Unfortunately it takes away the interest of the regular season and it devalues the integrity of the National Hockey League.

Quiz Question: When will the Rangers win their next Stanley Cup?

There is also another absurdity about the playoff system. They are called divisional

playoffs. A team cannot advance to the Conference finals unless they win two tough and drawn out series within their division. These always leave good teams vulnerable to upset from mediocre clubs because their usually an intense rivalry between them and because they have played so many times during the "first" season that the lesser team has had a great amount of time to study them and exploit their weaknesses. Another reason the divisional system is ridiculous is because usually there are as many as three excellent clubs within a division like the Smythe, which flaunts Los Angeles, Edmonton, and Calgary and there are other divisions like the Patrick that contains mediocre teams from top to bottom. Therefore in a division like the Smythe, one excellent team is fated to lose in the first round and another is similarly fated to fall in the second round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. But in the run-of-the-mill Patrick a .500 team like the Washington Capitals have a legitimate shot at going to the semi-finals of the playoffs without even recording a major upset.

Hockey is a very exciting and intense sport, but it is devastated by the media and the owners who attempt to maximize their profits by adding the "second" season and devaluing the now meaningless "first" season.

Quiz Answer: Either when pigs fly or when Vanilla Ice is recognized as a better songwriter than John Lennon.

Coming up in Albright Sports...

Baseball

Sat 4/20 Susq. H 1:00
Tue 4/23 Urelnus. A 3:00
Wed 4/24 Muhlenberg. A 7:30
Sat 4/27 Messiah. A 1:00
Wed 5/1 G-burg H 3:00
Thu 5/2 Scranton H 4:00

Sat 5/4 MAC's

Golf

Mon 4/22 Susq. invite. A 1:00
Tue 4/23 Ursinus/Moravian. H 1:00
4/27-28 MAC's-Shawnee A

Track

Sat 4/20 Dickinson/Junlata A 1:00
Fri 4/26 Penn Relays
Sat 4/27 Dickinson Invite A 1:00
5/3-4 MAC's G-burg

Softball

Sat 4/20 F&M H 11:00
Tue 4/23 Moravian. A 2:30
Thu 4/25 Ursinus A 2:30
Sat 4/27 Widener A 12:00

Sat 5/4 MAC's

Mens' Tennis

Sat 4/20 Junlata A 1:00
Tue 4/23 Moravian H 3:00
Wed 4/24 Ursinus H 3:00
Tue 4/30 Scranton A 3:00
4/26-27 Team MAC's
5/3-4 Individual MAC's

Womens' Tennis

Tue 4/23 Dickinson A 3:00
Wed 4/24 Drew A 3:00
Fri 4/26 Susq. H 3:00
4/26-27 Team MAC's
5/3-4 Individual MAC's

Reading Rugby: Check it Out

by David "Bucko" Lambert

Rugby at Albright? Impossible? Not totally. The Reading Rugby Football Club has been around since 1978. Although never recruiting hard at Albright, over the years they have had several Albright students participate on the team. However, up until now they have never gotten the dedication and numbers from Albright students.

Reading Rugby Football Club (Reading R.F.C.) is a member of the United States Rugby Union - Eastern Rugby Union and is currently playing Division II in the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union. The main season runs from September to late November with playoffs at the end of divisional play. They also play games from late March until May and tournaments during the summer months. It is almost a year-round sport.

The team practices twice a week during the regular season and they have two games every Saturday. Only in tournaments, like the one Reading hosted last week, are games played over a two to three day span. A regular game is two continuous 40 minute halves. There are 15 players on each team. From there on in, the rules get very complicated. The best way to learn about the game is to come to a game, watch, ask questions, or play. The latter being the best way to learn, believe it or not (just ask Tim "Slug" Ayers). The game is not for the light-hearted. Its rough and physical. There is no equipment protection aside from the customary mouthpiece (which is only optional).

As far as Reading R.F.C.'s foothold at Albright goes, right now there are currently 4

Albright students playing for the team Theodoro "Theo" Quinones, Tim "Slug" Ayers, Mike "Doc" Dougherty and Dave "Bucko" Lambert. In the fall season Huw Price and "Bucko" played, with freshman Caleb Smith joining later in the season. "Doc", who played for Blackthorn R.F.C. in high school outside of Philadelphia, joined up this spring season and has given the team a lot of good young strength and experience at second-row. "Theo" who never played before debuted his rugby career at Doylestown on March 16. However, his true prowess a prop was shown in the 6th Annual April Fool's Classic hosted by Reading R.F.C. on April 6 & 7. "Bucko" who has played for almost two years is the platoon leader of the team playing three different positions (second-row, wing or flank forward, and wing). The most recent addition to the team is "Slug" who played tough in his first game, against a Division I A-side Rugby Team on a dirt field under extremely poor weather conditions in no-where-else but New York City.

Reading R.F.C. is always interested when new players come tryout for the team or come and watch some games. Rugby is a sport that has to be played and understood to be appreciated. Although during the game everyone is out there beating each other up for the ball, after the game it is a tradition of Rugby that all teams get together and have a party. But you have got to come to find out about these things. If there are any questions concerning the game itself, Reading R.F.C., home games, etc. feel free to contact any of the players mentioned including myself at box 913.

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M, W, F

7:30 - 8:30 AM

11:30 - 1, 4 - 6

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