

Shirk Stadium Rebuilding Gets Underway

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The Albrightian

Feb. 18, 2005 at noon helped mark a historical day for the Albright College athletic community. Albright College officially broke ground for the new Shirk stadium to be built. People from the college, Reading School District, athletic coaches and team players, John Scholl, and workers from the city all turned out for this fabulous event. There was a special appearance from NHL Hall of Famer and Reading High School graduate Lenny Moore, who spoke during the ceremony and after the ceremony there was a luncheon held within the South Lounge.

For the past 96 years Albright College's Shirk football stadium has been standing from 13th St. on the north to Exeter Streets on the south and 12th St. on the west. Shirk stadium was becoming a bit of an eye sore to the rest of the campus according to David Stinebeck, acting interim president of Albright College. The college along with the athletic department determined that the college was in desperate need of a new facility. After considering all the bids the college finally went with Advance Building System Inc. otherwise known as ABS.



Albright Alumnus John Scholl Takes First "Bite" Out of Shirk Stadium
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John Scholl, graduate of 1969, made a generous donation of \$1 million to help get the project rolling. Reading School District also donated \$2 million to the project in agreement that they would still be allowed to use the stadium for their own purposes. The college put forth \$3 million coming out of the operating budget. The total project itself will come to

about \$5.5 million to \$6 million.

The new Shirk stadium will be considered a more multi-purpose stadium in the fact that other teams besides just football will be allowed use to the field. The new stadium will now house the football, field hockey, soccer, and lacrosse. "With the field being covered in artificial turf it will be a more practical playing field," said Lew Nevins, coordinator of the Red and White

club. Not only will this new stadium house more than just the football team, but underneath the 5,000 seats within the stadium there will be the football's locker room and away team locker room, a game day training room, coach's offices, and a lobby. This will help free up some space in the

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Students Showing Little Interest in Presidential Search

Search Reopens After Candidate Pool Thins to One

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Albright College students were given the opportunity to meet and interview the first of three candidates for the 14th Albright presidency Tuesday in the Campus Center South Lounge. Currently, the college is without a permanent president after the resignation of Henry Zimon last year.

Lex McMillan, Ph.D., is the first finalist invited to visit the campus. According to the Presidential Search Committee, the visits are designed to "enable us to know the candidates better" and "allow us to further acquaint the candidates with Albright College and its constituents and the area." Tuesday's session was one of many scheduled events for McMillan.

At the event, McMillan spoke about his history and

qualifications, answered student questions, and asked his own questions of the attendees. He personally greeted each member of the audience, but what should have been a large crowd of curious and concerned undergraduates was in reality only eight students, two of which were members of the Presidential Search Committee. This lack of attendance leads one to question whether Albright's students really care about their new president.

McMillan gave his credentials and shared his resume with the students. He has worked for several colleges in his career, his most recent job as the Vice President of College Relations for Gettysburg College. McMillan said that Albright is a college of great opportunities. If selected president, he plans to improve

the physical aspect of the college's campus and facilities. In addition, he would like to improve the relationships between the city of Reading and Albright College. McMillan also expressed interest in increasing the level of student communication through an improved computer network system.

His plans for the future of Albright College were not heard by the majority of the students, who his decisions would arguably effect the most. In a survey of approximately 65 Albright students, 47 claimed to have not known about the event at all. The event was announced in three separate e-mails to students on the Albright network, as well as in several announcements over the P.A. system during Tuesday's lunch. Many students said they could not hear the announcements clearly. Others did not read the e-mails. Senior Ryan Imhof said

"I've never read my Albright e-mail. The college should consider sending their announcements to accounts people actually check."

Lack of knowledge was not the only reason for the lack of attendance. Junior Hana Rosen said "They [Albright] should hold more meetings when more people are available. Most students have classes during the day and couldn't have attended if they wanted to."

Others cited doubts over the amount of influence students would have in the decision. Freshman Jolynn Dilenno asked "If they [Albright] did not feel this event was important enough to advertise, why would they care what opinions we have?" Similarly, Nelson Baitzel said that any students that actually

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that any students that actually have a say in the decision have probably been involved from the beginning of the process.

Senior Dan Ruedy also said that this event is representative of larger problems with the college. "I would attribute the lack of attendance to a perceived climate that does not actively promote student involvement or input into senior administrative decisions," Ruedy said. "Events like this seem like just a front to the majority

of the student body to make them feel like their opinions are actually heard."

While it seems like there are many reasons not to care at all about the presidential search, the students who did attend Tuesday's event feel differently. Presidential Search Committee member and fellow Albright student Andrea Blassingame said it is very important for the students to be involved in this process, regardless of their class. "When I come back here as an alumni in 10

years," said Blassingame, "I want to see Albright the way it was meant to be."

Whether or not the student body cares about who the next president will be, the search will continue with the visits of additional candidates in the near future.

A Note From The SGA President

The Student Government Association continues to work diligently and have begun to work with administration and even the trustees to organize the changes we have been talking about all year long. One of the most important changes made include the amendments of our constitution and the addition of our Code of Administrative Responsibilities.

It is vital to our organization and the governance of the student body that each of you plays your role in voting on these issues. A campus-wide voting process will take place the week of March 14th. Each day beginning Tuesday, we will ask student to submit their approve/disapprove ballots to members of the Election Committee of the SGA. Each student has received these changes via email and may access them on Albright's website.

Aside from such serious news we invite all students to our regular senate meetings. Those remaining are on Sunday, April 24th at 5:30pm, and Sunday, May 15th at 4:00pm. Both meetings are in Klien Lecture Hall.

If there are ever any questions, comments or concerns that you feel need to be addressed, the Student Government Association can help. Feel free to call us at ext. 7615 or email us at sga@albright.edu.

We thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

The Student Government Association

Andrea Blassingame, SGA President

This Week's Horoscope

Meg Piasecki, Features Editor

Pisces Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Try and focus on your studies this month. Your big payoff is on its way, so be patient and reap the benefits of your hard work.

Aries Mar. 21- Apr. 19

Don't be afraid to shine this month! Buy yourself something you normally wouldn't and enjoy the spotlight for a change.

Taurus Apr. 20- May 20

You are beaming this month with creative ideas. Keep a journal or write a letter to a lost friend. It's never too late to rekindle a friendship!

Gemini May 21- June 20

Pack your bags and hop a flight to Miami Beach or Hollywood. Let go of your insecurities and discover hidden passions that await you.

Cancer June 21- July 22

You've already set your goals, now reach them! Make it your top priority to utilize your time and you will be surprised with the results.

Leo July 23- Aug. 22

Shape up or ship out! Get off your butt and do something. Grab a running buddy! You will find you enjoy the company of a close companion in a striking new and exciting way.

Virgo Aug. 23- Sept. 22

Don't get so down on yourself this month. Remember in times of chaos there

are times of clarity. Stay in control for the best is yet to come!

Libra Sept. 23- Oct. 22

Give yourself some alone time. Light some candles and take a long, luxurious bubble bath. Curl up with a good book or a cutie!

Scorpio Oct. 23- Nov. 21

Go ahead and shake things up this month. Sign up for some salsa lessons or go to that new restaurant you've been dying to try!

Sagittarius Nov. 22- Dec. 21

Blue skies are gonna clear up, put on a happy face! Don't let cloudy days bring you down because even in the darkest days a rainbow will come smiling through.

Capricorn Dec. 22- Jan. 19

Get your business in order and let a new career opportunity come your way.

Be receptive to changes that seem unlikely matches. It may be the best fit!

Aquarius Jan. 20- Feb. 18

Sometimes going out of the norm may seem like the most normal thing to do. Take a chance on finding that special someone, even if it means stepping on a few toes.

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NEWS

Albright's Sesquicentennial is on Horizon

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Albright College, founded in 1856, will be celebrating 150 years of history during its upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The theme of the celebration is History in the Making. Throughout the year, events and ceremonies will be held both on and off campus celebrating the college's past, present, and future.

According to the Sesquicentennial Committee some of the goals of the sesquicentennial are to celebrate and stimulate interest in Albright's distinctive heritage, build awareness and appreciation of Albright and generate excitement about Albright's bright future.

The celebration is scheduled to kick off in October 2005 during Homecoming weekend and last through December 2006. Homecoming weekend will be one of three Milestone weekends to take place during the celebration. The Milestone weekends will feature events commemorating the college's history and celebrating its future. Possible events would include a President's dinner, a Sesquicentennial Procession, an all-campus picnic and a fireworks display.

Other events that already take place during Homecoming would have a sesquicentennial component

added. Special floats would be used in the parade to celebrate Albright's history.

According to Pamela Panarella, Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee Chair and Special Events Planner, the celebration is for the entire Albright community. This includes alumni, students, faculty and staff, parents, trustees, donors, corporate partners, future students and the Berks community. Sophomore Angela Sweeney thinks the Sesquicentennial Celebration is "a great opportunity for Albright to become more involved in the community."

According to Martha Smith, Director of Alumni Relations and a member of Albright's graduating class of 1971, one of the challenges of planning the celebration is finding a way to include alumni that may not be able to come back to campus. One idea is to prepare party packages for those wishing to host regional alumni events. For Smith, the celebration is a "time to reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where we're going."

Sesquicentennial will be marked by more than just ceremonies and special events. New banners and flags will be placed around campus featuring Albright's Sesquicentennial logo. There will also be a special commemorative photo book available featuring photos from Albright's past.

The Sesquicentennial Committee has also been



looking into involving the college in an ongoing community service project to begin during the sesquicentennial year. The project would be open to all members of the Albright family. There is also discussion of bringing a well-known speaker to campus and opening up the event to the community.

Other celebrations will focus on bringing back traditions from Albright's past. Retro nights in the cafeteria would feature old

fashions and menus. Science field may again be host to community movie nights.

"Not only is it an opportunity to celebrate our history," Panarella said, "but also it is an opportunity to look forward."

As the Sesquicentennial celebration unfolds, the focus will be shifted to the future of Albright according to Smith. In her time here as a student and an employee, Smith has seen many changes and continues to see growth at Albright. Smith

said, "I hope that in years to come, people will look back and rejoice in the fact that they were on campus during that time [Sesquicentennial]."

Review: "Briefings"

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The Albrightian

"When my Mom met Harrison Ford in an elevator" was only one of the plays featured in the Domino Players production "Briefings." Crowds filled the Watchovia Theater on Feb. 18th-20th to support the ensemble. "Briefings" is a deviation of the productions the Domino Players usually perform, rather than one lengthy play, "Briefings" contained a few short plays.

Another deviation was that a couple of the directors are current theater students at Albright College; they include Natalie Gaspari and Danny Campos. Kristofer Updike, an Albright alumni and Julia Matthew, the current chair professor of theater at Albright, assisted them in their production. "Because I was a student director, I thought I was not going to have much say in how the show ran, but all of the directors that weekend were open and wanted me to

have a good experience. Working with my cast was amazing, not only did I have two great girls who worked so well together, they helped with a lot of the planning process including character development," stated Gaspari on her experience with three other directors and the cast.

"When my Mom met Harrison Ford in an elevator" is about a boy (Updike) who recounts the story of when his mom met his idol Harrison Ford in an elevator. He "dreams" that Ford becomes his friend and they go on adventures like in Indiana Jones. Harrison loses his identity and becomes Indiana Jones and at the end of the play Updike realizes that he has to stop playing games and has to grow up, so Indiana becomes Harrison again and he puts away his toys and the play ends. According to cast member Lauren Cooper the audience was "really receptive, it was meant to be a comedy and they were very open to what we were

presenting to them. We had great laughs every night."

The directors have been working on this presentation since November and the cast began rehearsing in the beginning of January for the performances. Gaspari commented, "I started planning the set and blocking and stuff about three months before hand. I had to analyze the script and create a background for the characters. Ethan, the playwright, and I had e-mailed each other to discuss some of the possibilities."

"I love to direct because it's like painting a picture or making a sculpture. You have to understand the world around you and how your art relates to it," says Gaspari on why she enjoys directing. The Domino Players are currently working on their presentation of "Into the Woods" debuting in April.

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Bollman Center for other sports teams such as basketball and volleyball. "The new stadium will be a real asset that can be used for other venues besides sports, concerts and other events that the community can take advantage of," commented Nevins.

However, while the new stadium seems to have a lot of benefits for those teams that will be able to use it a number of Albright students are not pleased that the new stadium is being built. Lacey Egerton, junior at Albright College, feels as though the college could have taken the money that was spent on the new stadium and put it towards a project that would benefit more than just the athletic teams at Albright. "The Woods are in dire need of renovation, the science building needs to be updated, and the dorms in the quad need improvements ... all of these things would help benefit more students than just a small

handful," said Egerton. Egerton is not the only one who is displeased with the idea of a new stadium. Shawn Barto, junior at Albright College and rugby player, feels that "other colleges will get to use these facilities before I ever will and I'm the one paying to go here." Even though there is some bitterness from some students at Albright others do feel that this will help improve the looks of the college and even draw more students to attend. David Peloso, junior at Albright College, said, "I really like the idea of a new stadium being built it will hopefully brighten up our college's appearance."

With the ground breaking underway and the tearing down of the old stadium the college hopes are to have the new Shirk stadium ready to go by this coming Aug. "I feel that the new stadium will benefit more than just the Albright community, it will also benefit the Reading community too," said Nevins.

NEWS

Rumors, Confusion Swirled With Last Tuesday's Snowfall

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Albright students and faculty awoke to snow on the ground and confusion over class cancellations on March 1st.

As early as Monday evening, rumors started to circulate about cancelled classes the following day. With several inches of snow on the ground Tuesday morning, many students were not surprised to see the message on Channel 69 that 8 and 9 a.m. classes were cancelled. Students tuning in to NBC 10 were informed that all classes were cancelled for the day. However, you can't believe everything you see on television. Tuesday's classes

were scheduled to proceed as usual. Only Aqua Exercise classes were cancelled that morning.

An e-mail was sent to all students from the College Relations office later that day apologizing for the mix-up and explaining the situation. Barbara Marshall, Associate Vice President of College Relations and Marketing, said that the television notification systems are often "set up for high school systems and do not really fit our purposes."

In this case, NBC 10 was supposed to air a message notifying students of the cancellation of Monday's night classes. The station's automated system however, interprets any submissions after 3 p.m. as cancellations for the next day.

Marshall said, "We have worked for a long time to make the notification process as comprehensive as we can here." Recently, a hotline number (ext. 7800) was introduced and a voicemail system was established to allow students to get information on closings without delay. According to Marshall, as soon as the College Relations office receives word of a cancellation, the hotline is updated and a message is distributed to all campus voicemails. Marshall noted that in the last few years, there have been very few problems with the system and Tuesday was just an exception.

The confusion over cancellations helped lead to low attendance in many

classes. Professor John Pankratz noted that attendance in his Tuesday morning class was very low, but he proceeded with business as usual. Professor Barty Thompson said that nearly half the students in his classes that day did not show up. He contributes this low attendance in part to the mixed messages.

Other professors were forced to cancel or adjust their classes due to the low attendance. Freshman Lauren Kazimer said that the professor of her first class, Kennon Rice, had to debate whether or not class should be held with so few students present.

Not all students were deceived by the messages on the television stations. Junior

Rachael Schwartz said, "I ignored all the comments I heard and regarded them as rumors. I checked the website and my e-mail and I was not surprised at all about having class." Junior Bridget Fitzgerald also did not believe the rumors of cancellation. "I thought it was confusing and I could see why a lot of people were frustrated after finding out they had to go to class. At the same time though, if you checked your voicemail you would have heard that only the Aqua Exercise classes were cancelled," said Fitzgerald.

In the future, Marshall encourages students to call the hotline number and their voicemail as the source for cancellation information.

Day Student Association President Striving for Commuter Lounge Access

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The Albrightian

Albright commuters must be given reasonable access to the Pine Room commuter lounge said Day Student Association President Kim Bush in response to recent problems with lounge security procedures that limit commuter usage.

Dean of Student Affairs Michelle Daniels, DSA advisor Sally Stetler and members of the Safety and Security office are working with the DSA to come up with policies that will allow commuters to have sufficient access to the lounge.

Issues over commuter access to the lounge arose last November. Commuter students trying to enter the Pine Room after 11 p.m. were unable to do so since the door had been locked by security. According to Bush, "Security had previously opened the lounge for the most part when it was requested by commuters." Bush said that in this instance, security would not permit these commuters access. Security had independently enacted a policy restricting hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. without discussing it with administration or commuters. "Resident students doing homework were discovered using the lounge at 2 a.m., and security recognized this as a potential risk to the facility," Bush said. This led security to enact the policy.

Bush is dedicated to maintaining the commuters' right to admittance. She said that 24-hour access to the commuter lounge had previously been a unique

benefit for commuters. The Pine Room includes four computers, multiple study tables and couches for commuter use. "The lounge is an environment in which commuter students like to work because it is quiet and not crowded during the evenings," said Bush. This accounts for the many commuter requests for access to the lounge during later hours. According to Bush, there were "only a handful of students who were refused access by security, but even those commuters unaffected by the new policy felt it was unfair."

Bush spoke to Stetler about her concerns over security's new policy, who arranged the first meeting between the DSA, Safety and Security, and Dean Daniels last December. "A big issue that needed to be dealt with was the inconsistency of security policies. We can't rely on any policy regardless of what it is if it is not uniformly enforced," Bush said.

It was at this first meeting that the 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. hours were discussed and approved by Dean Daniels. "The dean put her foot down and said that commuters shouldn't be on campus during certain hours for safety reasons and that there should be set times when the lounge would be open and locked with the stipulation that there would be extended hours during exam weeks," Bush said. The lounge will be unlocked upon request by commuters until 1 a.m. at these study-intensive times in the semester.

Stetler is concerned about



The Pine Room is located in Selwyn Hall next to the Office of Safety and Security
File Photo

the move of the security office from its current location on the lower level of Selwyn to 1311 College Ave. across from Walton Hall, in June. The office is currently located next to the Pine Room, making it convenient for security to unlock the door. "It will likely be an inconvenience for security to have to walk all the way over to the Pine Room to unlock the door once the move is made," Stetler said. "Depending on where security is on their patrol route, the commuter requesting the door to be opened may have to wait some time for the on-duty security officer to arrive," said Bush, "and this will also add another task to that security officer's patrol routine."

In discussion of this issue, the idea was brought up to install a card reader for the

Pine Room similar to those outside the dorms, an idea mentioned in the past by commuter students. The card reader technology would eliminate the inconvenience for security of unlocking the door. It would also prevent non-commuter students from accessing the lounge, reducing the possibility of theft of items in the lounge.

Director of Safety and Security Bob Gerken said he plans on looking into a card reader for the lounge. He understands the importance of resolving the security issues of the commuter lounge but must consider other factors, such as cost. "The card readers are an expensive investment," Gerken said.

Bush continues to attempt to maintain reasonable access to the Pine Room for commuters, even if it is not

24-hour access. Through further discussion with security and administration, Bush said she hopes the card readers will be implemented to reduce problems. She said she wants to "start to get everything wrapped up" before she graduates in May. "I'm hoping and shooting for a resolution by the beginning of the fall semester so everything can be taken care of for incoming freshman commuters," Bush said.

STUDENT LIFE

Students Voice Concern Over Sorority Silence Period

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The Albrightian

The Albright College Campus Center is normally filled with high-spirited students happily greeting one another, but during the first week of Spring semester, many female students are greeted with silence by members of Greek sororities. During this week, the Greek women are only permitted to associate with non-Greeks during class, athletic practices or competitions, and during rush events, when some non-Greek women go to events sponsored by each sorority in order to learn more about them and determine if they'd like to pledge. This week is formal recruitment week for the nationally affiliated sororities Alpha Delta Pi, Sigma Kappa and Phi Mu.

Sally Stetler, the Greek Advisor, said that she enforces the rules that the National Panhellenic Council lays out for the sororities and reports to the Council when a sorority member breaks the silence rule. The NPC then sanctions the sorority in the form of fines or community service. Stetler says the rule is meant to prevent women from being influenced into pledging a certain sorority, however, on Albright's small campus of approximately 1,500 students, most of the women have an idea of what each sorority is like before they begin rush.

"It doesn't make sense on this campus," said Stetler, who predicted the rule would change within the next five years and sorority rushing would become less formal.

She said that in order for this to happen, the NPC has to visit Albright and evaluate recruitment while considering what is best for the college.

Heather Gillan-Esposito, Albright's regional NPC representative, was unavailable for extensive comment but when asked about the rule via email responded, "The rule that you mention is specific to Albright's College and is not a national rule or mandate." She was willing to explain the rule in more detail, but has not responded to additional emails or phone calls.

Dean of Students Michelle Daniels could not be reached to comment on the issue. Her assistant, Eileen Harber, called several times to relay messages for Daniels. First, she said Daniels had no comment, and then, upon learning that the article might be published in the *Albrightian*, said, "Don't write anything until I speak with the dean." She then called again and said that Daniels was "unavailable for comment."

A number of female students, Greeks and non-Greeks alike, do not like the rule. Sigma Kappa member Amanda Becker said that while she understands its reasons and thinks it's important not to influence non-Greeks, she hates it.

"It gives people the wrong impression. When I see someone and can't acknowledge them, I feel so rude. I can't even thank someone for holding a door open for me. That's not the



A Quiet Place: "When I see someone and can't acknowledge them, I feel so rude. I can't even thank someone for holding a door open for me." -Amanda Becker, '05

way I was raised," says Becker.

Senior Summer Hagey, a non-Greek, said, "It makes me feel like I'm not important. I can't talk to the people I normally talk to. It's a frustrating week for everyone and it puts a separation between communication of people on campus."

Jackie Tome, a senior Alpha Delta Pi and member of the swim team, said she was unable to attend a swim team get-together at a coach's house Saturday night because of the rule. Tome approached Stetler, Dean of Students Michelle Daniels, Athletic Director Steve George, and Head Swim Coach John Stuhltrager about the issue. George and Stuhltrager told Tome that it

should be considered an athletic function and therefore excused; however Stetler and Daniels disagreed.

"I thought a compromise and agreement could be reached, but I knew I was wasting my time. They [administration] don't listen to you," said Tome.

Tome also said that by continuing to enforce this rule, "Panhellenic board is failing to make it [Greek life] attractive and conducive to girls in athletics and other things. What better way to make us look like snobs!" She said that the numbers of women interested in Greek life at Albright is decreasing; approximately 75 women signed up for recruitment and only approximately 35

showed up for the first rush event. When Tome pledged Alpha Delta Pi three years ago, her pledge class had 23 women; this year they only have 13 pledges.

Four Albright professors were contacted via email for comment about the rule and asked if they had noticed any of its effect on classroom environment. All four were unaware of the rules and said they have not seen its effects in the classroom.

English Chair Alberto Cacicedo wrote, "I suspect the effect is sharper and more damaging to friendships and school unity outside the classroom."

Opinion: Are We Really All Better For It?

Dan Ruedy
The Albrightian

During a January conference of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Harvard President Larry Summers found himself unexpectedly at odds with nearly every political correctness enthusiast who was not still reeling from last semester's *Albrightian* mishap. Summers was addressing the gap between numbers of men and women holding science related positions in colleges and universities or research positions in the fields in general. Then came the politically correct version of the gratuitous "F-Bomb". Summers hinted with an anecdote about his own daughter's play behavior, naming two trucks she had received as gifts as a toddler as "daddy truck" and "baby

truck", that the rift might be genetically based. Summers perhaps should not have presented hypotheses so provocative.

The resulting knee jerk fallout from his statements initially gathered freight train momentum until Harvard University posted a transcript of his actual remarks online and syndicated columnists and remnants of a once free-thinking intellectual community exonerated him as merely opening a dialogue that society refuses to believe it is thirsty for. Perhaps the best evidence for this conclusion came from the statements of Nancy Hopkins, an MIT biology professor who was in attendance to hear Summers' blasphemy. She claimed she felt she was going to be sick. "My heart was pounding and my breath was shallow." And, "I just couldn't

breathe because this kind of bias makes me physically ill." Though Summers perhaps did not give appropriate attention to a general passively accepted mold of expected career aspirations that begs to be conformed to, where was the bias? No one challenges the existence of gap between men and women in the fields of engineering and scientific research, but as soon as a mind with the credentials to speculate about a cause poses a suggestion, the good Dr. Hopkins, with an enclilada of academic credentials, practically reinforces the stereotype of feminine frailty and mental weakness I thought we left behind with silent film, much like a renowned surgeon fainting at the sight of blood.

Conversely, women have left men completely in the dust when it comes to

scholar's degrees, earning a third more in 2001. This is good. Of course, if the gap continues to widen? I doubt however, that a respected intellectual or social scientist would be met with the same outrage were they to hypothesize for the reasons; perhaps young males are just playing too much Madden 2005.

There really is not room for this overly defensive mentality. The fact that the Economic Research conference was held on the Harvard campus sours the pot even more. College campuses were once hotbeds of ideas and information. Texas Tech University found that this piece of history is not so ancient when it's "Free Speech Zones" [read 20-foot wide gazebo] were struck down by a federal judge last fall.

Wouldn't it be nice to take full advantage of the academic and intellectual diversity present on the majority of college campuses? Going silent or daring to suppress the thoughts and speech of others through prior approval or other means [read censorship, or even prior restraint] should've been what really made Nancy Hopkins' pulse quicken.

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SPORTS

Men's Basketball Advances to Second Round NCAA, Falls to King's in 57-55 Stunner

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Junior Andy Winebrenner's halfcourt shot as the buzzer sounded hit the back of the iron and bounced out, and with it one of the most successful men's basketball seasons, as King's escaped with a 57-55 win over the Lions in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday night. A bucket by junior Trevor Deeter pulled the Lions within two, 57-55, with 5.1 seconds left in regulation. On the ensuing inbounds pass, King's threw long to Marty O' Hora, who then threw a crosscourt pass before any Albright player could foul him. Lion sophomore Greg Conroy intercepted the pass and fed the ball to Winebrenner, who got to halfcourt and launched the desperation shot. The shot was on line, and looked as though it was going in for the game winner, but bounced harmlessly to the floor to end a thrilling contest.

King's scored the first six points of the game, getting three-point shots from Marty O' Hora and Landon Gabriel to open a quick lead. Albright misfired on its first seven shots from the floor before Trevor Deeter scored in the paint to get the Lions on the board. After a King's turnover, Ben Gallagher knocked down a three to pull Albright within one, 6-5. King's responded with a 9-1 run, taking a 15-6 lead with 12:00 left in the half. The Lions kept King's in their sights, getting a lay-up from Mike Boles and five straight points from Matt Kieselowsky in a 9-2 run that cut the deficit to two, 17-15, with five and a half minutes to play in the half.

In what was becoming a game of runs, King's went next, as Freedom Conference MVP Brian Horgan began to heat up for the Monarchs. Horgan's three started a 10-2 King's run over the next 2:30 to give the Monarch's their largest lead of the contest, 27-17. A three from Conroy and a lay-up from Shane Harvey pulled the Lions within five, but Horgan converted a three-point play with a minute left, then sank a triple with just three seconds left before the break gave King's an 11-point edge, 33-22. Winebrenner gave the Lions a little momentum, however, as he hit a three at the buzzer for Albright to make the score 33-25 Monarchs at the break. Horgan had 16 points at the half to lead all scorers, 12



The Lions celebrate their 81-68 victory over Lebanon Valley that won the Commonwealth Conference Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Championship Tournament

Albright finishes the 2004-05 season with a record of 21-7, a Commonwealth Conference Championship, and the school's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in over two decades. The 21 wins are the second highest win total ever for a men's basketball team at Albright, trailing only the 23-win season of the 1979-80 team that was the last to play in the NCAA Tournament as well.

coming in the final 5:27 of the half. Kieselowsky lead Albright with seven points at the break. The Lions made just

the offensive end as King's played tough defense all night, but back-to-back buckets from

answered a minute later to put the Lions back up by one, but back to back baskets by O' Hora gave King's a three-point edge, 46-43, with 4:25 left in the contest. Conroy drilled a clutch three to tie the game with just under four minutes left, but three foul shots put the Monarch's back in front by three.

With King's ahead 51-50 and less than two minutes to play, King's guard Landon Gabriel nailed a three to give the Monarchs a 54-50 lead. Winebrenner had the answer for the Lions, drilling his own triple with 1:28 to play to cut the deficit to one, 54-53. After a King's miss and an Albright missed free throw, King's Vince Scalzo missed a three as the shot clock expired, but Cousart picked up the long rebound and was immediately fouled. With 32 ticks left on the clock, Cousart calmly sank both free throws to give King's a 56-53 lead. Albright had a chance to tie, but turned the ball over with 14.8 seconds to play. Cousart was

fouled and made one of two with ten seconds left, giving the Monarch's a four point cushion, 57-53. The Lions pushed the ball upcourt for Deeter's lay-up, setting up the final dramatic seconds.

Deeter finished the game with 16 points on 8-10 shooting from the field. He also pulled down nine rebounds. Kieselowsky had nine and Harvey seven for the Lions, who shot 41% from the field in the game. Lee Walter had a game-high 10 rebounds for Albright, and Elu Lawrence passed out four assists. Horgan finished with 23 to lead all scorers, followed by O' Hora with 11 and Cousart with 10. King's made just six of 26 field goal attempts in the second half, but made 10-14 free throws compared to just 1-3 for the Lions.

"Our fans are unbelievable. Their support, especially in these big games, helps us so much. They create a great atmosphere to play in"

- Ben Gallagher

9-25 attempts from the floor in the half, while King's shot 41% from the floor, including 6-14 from long distance.

Albright opened the second half on a quick 6-2 spurt, with Deeter scoring all six points for the Lions, to pull within two, 35-33, less than four minutes in. A Jaime Cousart jumper on King's next possession put the Monarch's back up by four, but as the Albright defense continued to clamp down, that would prove to be King's only field goal in the first 11 minutes of the half. The Lions also struggled on

Harvey pulled Albright even at 38 with 12:34 left in the ball game.

The next points for either team did not come for three minutes, but Lion senior Elu Lawrence broke the dry spell with a three-point shot to give Albright its first lead of the game, 41-38, with 9:37 showing on the clock. After a free throw got the Monarchs within two, Horgan drained a three for his first points of the second half to break an eight-minute string without a field goal for King's and put them back on top 42-41. Deeter

SPORTS

Swim Team Sweeps the MAC

Julie Jones
The Albrightian

The Albright men's and women's swim teams swam away with the conference title at the MAC Championship meet Feb. 11, 12 and 13 with both teams finishing over 160 points ahead of the second place teams. It was the men's third consecutive win and the women's fifth win in six years. The men came back to Albright with a total of nine gold, 20 silver and three bronze medals. The women returned to Albright decorated with 22 gold, six silver and three bronze medals. Head coach John Stuhltrager was named the MAC Women's Coach of the Year.

Three lions that led the teams to victory were senior co-captain Andy Ikeler, freshman Rachel Cantwell, and freshman Cheyenne Gehman. Ikeler and Cantwell both received the David B. Eavenson Most Outstanding Swimmer Awards for scoring the most individual points at the meet. Gehman was named the Female Rookie of the Year. Ikeler, who also received the award last year, won the 500-yard freestyle, 1650-yard freestyle and 400-yard IM, setting new team and MAC records with a time of 4:15.98. Cantwell made NCAA "B" qualifying times and set a new team and MAC records in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:10.25 and in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.08. Cantwell also finished first in the 200-yard breaststroke setting another team record and NCAA "B" qualifying time. Gehman made NCAA "B" qualifying times and set new team and

MAC records when she finished first in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly with times of 58.25 and 2:10.25 respectively. Gehman also finished fourth in the 200-yard IM.

The women captured first place in all five relays and made Albright swimming history when four of the five teams made NCAA "B" qualifying times and set new team and MAC records. Senior Cindy Barner, junior Margaret Jones, and sophomores Samantha Frees and Erin Jagielski qualified with a time of 1:38.20 in the 200-yard freestyle relay and 3:38.30 in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Barner, Cantwell, Gehman and Jagielski qualified the 200-yard and 400-yard medleys with a 1:49.20 and a 3:57.53. Seniors Nikki Fitzpatrick and Julie Jones led the lions to a win in the 800-yard freestyle relay with Frees and Cantwell, finishing with a time of 8:00.97.

Junior roommates Chalie Beatty, Eric Daney, Steve Sieller and Robert Stratton won the only relay for the men's team in the 200-yard medley with a time of 1:37.65. Ikeler, Daney, sophomore Ben Hatt and freshman Adam Daney finished second and set a new team record in the 800-yard freestyle relay with a time of 7:09.12.

When asked to comment on his teams' performances Stuhltrager responded with, "Wow! ... We had a dominant performance from both the guys and the girls. We had the lead from the very first session and just kept running with it. I'm so proud of everyone on



The Lions again proved that felines do not fear the water during their 2004 Season

the team, everyone swam their heart out at MACs. It was truly a team effort."

Senior captains Ikeler, Barner and Brian Okum all agreed that the team's success was due to everyone working together.

"We as a team hit a couple of bumps in the road this season. Our performance at MACs was a testament as to how close this team has become. The boys and girls gave everything they had in every race, and the energy that the team had throughout the weekend was amazing. I think it was near impossible for anybody to go into each session not ready to win, especially when you have guys like Chalie Beatty, Steve Sieller, and Trent Gibbon doing and saying anything and everything to pump the team up," said Ikeler about the meet.

Okum had similar comments about the meet, "This year at MACs has to be the best experience of my four year career here at Albright. The incredible amount of support and camaraderie is something to brag about being a part of. Every single swimmer on Albright was cheering for their teammates at every swim session and in every single race. We as a team have been and always will be there for each other, and that's one of the reasons that we have had so much success. Being a senior and a captain, it has been a pleasure to lead our team into battle and ultimately victory for a third straight year."

"Being defeated last year only made us much stronger and more united this year. We all pulled together and made it a true team performance, a true

team victory, not just a bunch of individual collaborations - a team collaboration. Our team demonstrates true staying power. We might have lost last year, but we have won five out of the past six years and we should continue to win for many more," said Barner in regards to the women's win.

Additional record breakers included Barner, Beatty and E. Daney. Barner made NCAA "B" qualifying time and set a new team and MAC record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.47. She also set a new team record in the 200-yard backstroke with a 2:11.67. Beatty set a new team record with a 2:14.06 in the 200-yard breaststroke. E. Daney set a new team and MAC record with a 1:57.80 in the 200-yard IM and a team record with a 47.60 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Records Fall at Indoor Track & Field Championships

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The Albrightian

Track and Field Team Set Albright College records at MACs on February 26 as members of the Albright Indoor Track and Field Team traveled to Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, to participate in the MACs at Susquehanna University. Several members of the team proved to be victorious, bringing home five silver medals and one bronze. The men's distance relay team of John Barkley, Curtis Fotiades, Josh Hunter and Dan Ivancich placed second and set a new school record with a time of 10:41.26.

Senior Chrissy Matticola set a new school record in the 5000-meter run and also placed second overall in the event.

Reflecting upon the team's performances, Matticola felt that "the Albright track team had an

amazing season. A lot of school records were broken and everyone continued to improve [at MACs]. This would not have been possible without the team's dedication and hard work. I'm proud of what the team accomplished at MACs. I want to say thank you to all our coaches who pushed us to our limits and [who] will continue to do, so that we can perform at the best of our ability." Additional records were set by Barkley, who placed fifth in the 1500-meter run, and Matt Yoder, who placed fifth in the 800-meter run. Senior LaKeisha Fairley placed fifth in the 400-meter dash and third in the long jump event. Members of the team competed in the ECACs March 4 and 5.



Senior Joe Sarno Close to Completing the Last Leg of the 5K and his College Athletic Career

Photo Courtesy of Joe Harkins

COMMENTARY

Washington, D.C. on No Dollars a Day

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It seems at the end of nearly every spring semester I've been here the dumpsters positioned outside of the dorms attract some visitors definitely not interested in admission. I had the pleasure of meeting a pair two years ago outside of Krause Hall. Rummaging through the piles of soiled area rugs and those floor lamps that always seem to break, I watched one pull a pair of tan boots from the rubble. "Who are you guys?" I was brazen enough to ask, even though I knew the answer. The taller of the two responded from behind a countenance that had seen its share of raw deals and frustration. "Oh, we're just a couple of guys," he rasped, "but I just found these nice shoes." Apparently embarrassed, the pair scampered across 13th Street, their hands full of clothing and the shoes.

Tonight it's about 40 degrees colder out. It is hard to know what to expect on these things. The National Christmas tree is alight and being watched by several dozen unmarked Ford Expeditions, barricading vehicle access to the mall. Not too many parking spots for a national holiday. The D.C. traffic patterns don't make much sense if you're not conditioned to them, and it's easy to lose your bearings if you've been away for a while. Watched lights slowly turn from red to green. Each stop permits a momentary glimpse into another vignette of the holiday season. There's a D.C. cop on horseback talking to

some parents while their children gingerly rub the animal's snout. Fortunately they are not wearing orange gloves... imagine the Christmas jeer were a finger misconstrued as a tender carrot. One young couple has clearly "pregamed" and would certainly be the source of awkwardness and embarrassment if you were visiting downtown with your

giving them a few bucks. Insist that we don't want to enable their drug or alcohol habits. As if part of a guilt-defensive mechanism, we don't believe their stories. But we pat ourselves on the back when we participate in charities and canned food drives. Just as long as we don't have to see them.

This is my third year out here. It is cold, but I don't feel

kind enough to look the other way when they squat in subway entrances. Most area churches leave their lobbies open as shelters start to reach maximum capacities. Otherwise, inflated housing costs help keep them on the streets. If only they could get jobs. A 1999 survey conducted by the U.S. Council of Mayors indicated that roughly one in four homeless citizens are

and back her parents' Durango into a parking spot. Here in MacPherson Square, a surprisingly warm draft hits as you approach the escalator shaft. There are about 20 people congregated here; a few milling about, a few fast asleep. There's a cart of plastic grocery bags near the arched entrance. A few bedrolls are neatly arranged perpendicularly to the wall. The living area is tidier than an average dorm.

The most enthusiastic of them has headphones on. The bass line sounds like a Jay-Z track. He rummages through the pile of coats we brought and takes a down parka with a Washington Redskins graphic on the back. That is all he needs. He calls "coats, coats!" to some of the others who appear a little hesitant at first. A silver-bearded fellow selects a tan corduroy coat that looks like it has never been worn. "Aw, this is Structure! I've never had anything this nice."

I start talking with a guy named Julius who doesn't look like he's been out on the streets for too long. "Hey my brother, what you gotta understand is that I'm just like these guys...I just lost my job with the secret service and me and my seven-year-old are living in the hotel over there, and once you're done here, I could shine your shoes for a few dollars."

It's hard to tell how much of Julius' story to believe. To pretend to be down on one's luck for the express purpose of scoring a shoe-shining job seems completely unethical. I decline the offer, citing my faux-suede hiking boots as poor recipients of a good waxing, but hand him a couple bucks anyway when no one else is looking. I don't want to be called out in front of the class and be asked if I brought enough for everyone.

The Jay-Z guy suggests that we leave some of the extra coats with him. "If you leave them, someone will need them." We take care of each other out here, he says. This is comforting to hear, because no one else probably will. Our pile of jackets and foodstuffs depleted and ourselves content, we hop back in the Durango at the completion of our Band-Aid mission. I am embarrassed that it takes a Hallmark holiday to get us down to D.C. to do this. Just as I shut the passenger door I can hear the Jay-Z guy exclaim, "Don't you know what this is...this is Jesus' birthday! Praise the Lord...God bless you." Go ahead Mr. Wendal.

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family. There's a Lincoln Navigator with after-market wheels parked illegally with some kids in the backseat making use of the onboard entertainment system. I hope their parents remembered to lock all four doors, because just a few feet away a bum is asleep on a park bench.

The bums, the vagrants, the homeless. The ones that for some reason always make you feel a little uneasy when they're nearby. When they approach or look your way, you already have an excuse, "Sorry, I just don't have any cash" on deck in your larynx, even though that one only wanted to wish you a merry Christmas. But just ignore them. Make excuses for not

it. Every after-Christmas Day-eve, I accompany a high school friend of mine downtown where we hand out cold weather clothing, hot food, and sometimes hot cocoa and coffee to the District's most unfortunate. Next year, after graduating with a B.A. from James Madison University, she will be headed to San Antonio to work for the Peace Corps. She will not break even with what all the money her parents spent for this big college education anytime soon. Her mom still won't let her go downtown at night without my supervision.

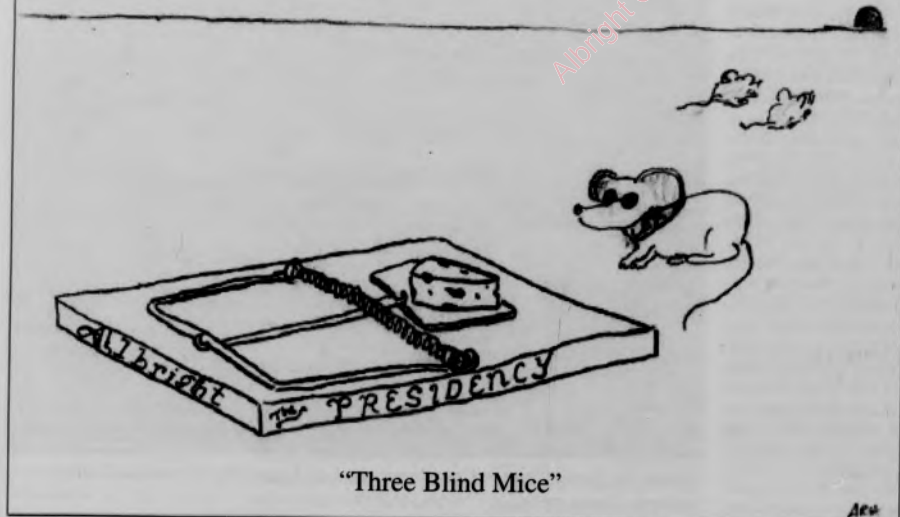
The District does a good job of taking care of its residents in the colder months. Law enforcement officers are

actually employed, many in full-time job programs. Unfortunately, housing costs prevent them from ever getting off their feet. In 2001 The National Low Income Housing Coalition released some startling findings. In a median state an individual earning an already eroded minimum wage would need to work 89 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom apartment at 30 percent of their income. This is the government standard of affordable housing. Currently, 5 million of the "fortunate" citizens who have been able to afford housing are doing so at 50 percent or more of their paycheck.

We pull off the main drag

A FRESHER PERSPECTIVE...

-Andrew Holets



"Three Blind Mice"