



THE ALBRIGHTIAN

Committee looking for new Provost:

Competition narrowed from more than eighty to four

Kathleen Purvis
Lion Reporter

Change is inevitable. It is a part of life. Albright College prides itself on looking to the future. As part of that initiative, Albright is expanding its administrative officials. In addition to the four Albright College Vice-Presidents there will be a new provost in the near future, who will be a direct adjunct to College President Dr. Henry Zimon, and the new Dean of Academic Affairs.

For those of you who do not know, Albright has been working with five college Vice Presidents. They are the respective Deans of Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, Admissions, Advancement, and Student Affairs. The new provost will absorb the office of Academic Affairs and will also be the structural superior of the other four.

The Provost Search

Committee was formed in September and met four times before November of this year. The committee members are (in no particular order): Rosemary Deegan, Dr. Richard Androne,

less than eighty dossiers. The applicants, all of whom expressed keen interest in Albright College, impressed the committee. In early November, the members of the search committee met in Reading with a short list of candidates, conducting hour-long interviews with each candidate, and four individuals were chosen and summoned to the Albright campus.

Those four individuals are Dr. Margaret Madden, formerly of Long Island University; Dr. Richard Ott, formerly of Alfred University; Dr. David Stineback, formerly of Quinnipiac University; and Dr. Susan Albertine, formerly of Temple University. Each applicant had the opportunity to visit Albright for a day, meeting

with various administrators, faculty members, and students.

According to Dr. John Pankretz, "It was such a highly qualified pool. I think the search committee feels confident that we will be able to bring a visionary new academic leader to Albright".

Fellow search committee member Wayne Vettleson said of the four candidates, "The search committee felt blessed with a very, very strong pool of candidates we could choose and any and all of the four candidates were imminently qualified to do the job, albeit in different fashions and in different areas of expertise."

As of December 6th, Dr. Richard Androne said, "We've had our final meeting and made our recommendation to the president".

A decision will be forthcoming in the next few days and weeks. The Albright community looks forward to welcoming our first Provost into the community.

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Dr. Devon Mason, Dr. Andrea Chapdelaine, Wayne E. Vettleson, Dr. Karen Campbell, Dr. John Pankretz, Dr. Michelle Daniels, College Trustee Bob Longenecker, and Albright student Patrick Sasse. An ad was placed in the Reading Chronicle soon after the committee was formed.

Each member of the search committee reviewed no

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Vandalism on campus on the rise again:

Security cites student stress

Sheila Berninger
Lion Reporter

Finals, projects, papers. These things cause Albright students a lot of stress. So, how do some students relieve this stress? Very recently, one student released his frustration through an act of violence. At about 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, the window of the Albrightian office, which is

closest to the mail room double doors, was shattered. A student described by Lieutenant Gross of campus security as "not in his right state of mind" smashed the window with his fist, leaving behind a trail of blood.

"We know the individual responsible for it and connected him with something else [another act of vandalism]," said Gross.

The Reading Police have been contacted about the matter and campus security

plans to call the suspect in for questioning within the week. Besides the vandalizing of the Albrightian office, other acts of vandalism have occurred around campus recently.

There has been a significant rise in car break-ins over the past year. Car vandalism is usually at its highest in the spring. However, this year vandalism has peaked during the fall and winter months.

"The problem is more

paramount now than it was previously," said Gross.

Lieutenant Gross connects the increase in acts of vandalism on Albright's campus with students' academic stress. He believes students experience a great deal of emotional stress at this time of year due to finals and end of the semester projects. Although it is not the proper way to relieve stress, certain students release their frustration through acts of vandalism.

Albright sets sights on new optics program to begin this spring

Genevieve Shope
Lion Reporter

Albright College will be instituting a new optics tract within the physics department, starting spring semester, 2002. The first course offered will be Modern Optics and Technology, which is a one hundred level course. The first upper level courses will be offered in the fall semester of 2002.

Dr. Brian Buerke and Dr. Devon Mason, both assistant professors of physics, will staff the optics program. Dr. Buerke, who was hired in 2000 to start the program, has an extensive background in optics. Dr. Mason, chair of the physics department, who was hired a year before Buerke, also

has an extensive background in optics.

The program received a \$50,000 gift from an alumnus, which was used to renovate a physics lab room. The new optics lab, room seven of Science Hall, is finished, with the exception of equipment, which the remainder of the money will be used to buy. An optics table has already been purchased, which will allow sensitive optics experiments to be completed.

The optics program will also feature collaboration with Penn State Berks, which will allow both colleges to pull from their resources. The collaboration is still unofficial, but it has been talked about and agreed upon. Albright students

will be able to take courses at Penn State Berks, and vice-versa, to allow students a greater selection of courses. The program will feature collaboration with Agere, a company specializing in optical fiber and telecommunication lasers. Agere was formerly a part of Lucent Technologies, the worldwide leader in optic fiber production.

The need for the program arose following the cut of Albright's physics major in 1992. Both faculty and alumni were unhappy with the decision. After some discussion, it was agreed upon to restart the physics major, including an optics tract. Presently there are students in regular physics courses waiting for the start of

the program.

"We are very excited about the possibilities of the program," said Dr. Brian Burke. "It should be very successful and will lead to great collaborations between area colleges."

Students deciding to specialize in optics can pursue careers in nearly any technology related field. For example, telecommunications and medical imaging are both optics industries. Optics are involved to some degree with virtually all technology, from MRI's and CAT scan's to satellites and lasers, and even CD's and DVD players. Look for new announcements regarding the optics program next semester.

Voices and Visions to bring Albright and the community together

Danny Campos
Lion Reporter

On Thursday, November 29, 2001, the Student Voices organization

held a special meeting in Campus Center Conference Room. Every organization was called upon including Administration. President Hosea Baker called the meeting to order and announced that

Student Voices wants to have a Community Day.

Baker said, "We want to get everyone in campus involved." The purpose of the event is to pull the entire Albright community together.

Student Voices wants faculty, administration, staff and their families to work together to make this event succeed.

The actual event will have nine stations. Each station will have a different activity that the community will be directed to throughout the day. The nine major stations would be the First Union Theatre (formerly Meridian Theatre), Klein Lecture Hall, the Chapel, South Lounge, Roop Hall, Kelchner Field, Main Lounge, and the Bollman Center. Some of the ideas for the stations are: a Step presentation by the Administration, a performance by all the campus choirs in Roop Hall, a basketball game in the Bollman Center, comedy in the theatre, and much more.

Something the students will enjoy is the revenge stations. There will be pie and dunk your professor activities. DJ Adam and DJ Shreski will have music

playing throughout the day. Student Voices is hoping to have a line dance in the main lounge to end the festivities.

Student Voices are asking all organizations to allocate \$100.00 for decorations. However, different organizations have been paired up into groups, so each group gives \$100.00. To check what group your organization is in contact Hosea Baker. Student Voices is also trying to have the lunch and dinner plans converted to picnic lunches and dinner meals. The date of the event has not been set yet, but will be around Spring Fever weekend. The event will most likely be on a Saturday so that families will be able to attend. Stay tuned to more on Albright's Community Day!

If you have any other questions regarding Student Visions and Voices please contact Hosea Baker at x6713

Criminal Justice Society hosts a new kind of artist, Frank Bender: Forensic Sculpter

Jonathan Stull
Lion Reporter

Faces of the dead haunted Albright College when Frank Bender, forensic artist and co-founder of the Vidocq Society, presented his work to the school. Bender spoke about his work and unveiled a facial reconstruction for the first time Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Bender began his presentation with a slide show that displayed work from some of his more widely known cases. Bender's forensic art entails producing a facial sketch or 3D image of a homicide victim by using the bare skull of the victim. During the slide show Bender explained that his work is used to help with the identification of bodies.

Bender showed his audience three of his sculptures, one of which was a woman found in Berks County this past August. This sculpture, revealed for the first time to the media last Wednesday, has since been identified after being aired on NBC 10 News.

"When we have a case like this we try to bring him in as quickly as possible," said Mike Feeney, Berks County Coroner, who attended the

event.

Bender has assisted police and other government agencies with many cases through his work including the capture of six of America's Most Wanted. He also co-founded the Vidocq Society, which Bender calls "a think tank for solving unsolved crimes."

Bender is brought in to work on cases when police hit dead ends. His work relies on media exposure in hopes of

into a sculpture from there," said Bender.

Bender claims an 87 percent identification rate of his reconstructions and has worked on skulls ranging from complete to half. He began his work in 1976 while taking art classes at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. He started forensic art after studying anatomy in a morgue.

His sculpture work had ranged from tugboats to Bob Dylan but has been focused



PHOTO BY KRISTIN LAVIS

Head of Safety and Security Robert Gerkin and Frank Bender unveil reconstruction of Berks County murder victim.

identification and further progress in the case. When reconstructing, Bender consults with police about the possessions of the victim and, of course, the skull.

"In a sense, I try to become the person and turn it

on forensic art up to the present. He enjoys his work because of the closure it brings to many families.

"It's a balance of art and science and a lot of intuition," Bender commented.

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Nationally acclaimed poet, Paisley Redkal, visits Albright English students

Randi Harris
Lion Reporter

Accomplished poet and teacher Paisley Redkal gave an exciting and memorable reading of her works on Wednesday, November 28th, in the Faculty Club of Alumni Memorial Hall.

Paisley Redkal is the author of *Crash of Rhinos*, and *The Night my Mother Met Bruce Lee*, a collection of essays about her experiences in Asia, which received an award from the American Poetry Association. Predominately showcased at the event were samplings from *Crash of Rhinos* along with other poetry that is to be released in another upcoming book.

From *Crash of Rhinos*, Redkal read "captain cook in tahiti discovers tattooing; and event that has subtle but important consequences for my family and myself," which teetered back and forth between history and a family anecdote.

She explained how much of her poetry is a unique combination of her past experiences along with other images or ideas that have had a significant impact on her thoughts. She also read "on getting a dog and being told what I really want is a child", about how once a woman reaches a certain age, her simple wish for a pet becomes a subconscious desire for motherhood.

Upon noticing the amusement of the audience in regard to her descriptive titles, she shrugged and noted that it was just something she was good at.

Some of her poetry deals with topics that were seemingly unrelated, but she demonstrated the great talent of weaving each individual idea together into a powerful and descriptive collage of words, leaving the listener in awe of her vivid thought patterns.

Sharing her poetry was not the only thing that Redkal did with her time spent at Albright. She sat in on

English classes taught by Dr. Michael Adams, a long time friend and fellow graduate of the University of Michigan.

Taking part in campus social life, she attended the annual dinner for Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society.

On Friday, she met privately with students to look at their own poetry, and assist them in improving their creative writing techniques.

Redkal currently teaches poetry at the University of Wyoming, and resides in Laramie, Wyoming. She is a native of Seattle and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington. She went on to obtain an M.A. in Medieval Studies from the

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Ready for Spring???

Sabrina Butler
Lion Reporter

Looking for exciting experience event credit that is worth going to next semester? Are you tired of being bored out of your mind on the weekends with nothing to do? Well the upcoming events in the spring semester are rapidly approaching! Do you think you could dance all night? If you think you can then you want to participate in the all night Dance Marathon. Every type of music from hip-hop to country will keep your body moving to the beat. There may even be a live band playing for your listening pleasure.

Ever been to New York City? Do you enjoy watching a live broad way play such as the Lion King? During the spring semester there will be at least three trips to NYC, each including some time to shop!

For all you students who have some wooden AC² chips, you can now turn them in for a raffle prize. Once you get the chips simply bring them to the campus center desk for your raffle ticket. The grand prize is a trip to Walt Disney World. So what are you waiting for? If you do not have any, you can always find them at any experience event that is sponsored by AC².

So wait no longer, before you know it the spring semester will be taking us by storm.

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military officials said they had used the biggest bomb in their conventional arsenal on Sunday in an attempt to kill al-Qaida leaders — possibly including Osama bin Laden himself — believed to be holed up in a cave at Tora Bora.



David Guttenfelder / AP

Attention all Theatre Enthusiasts:

The search for the new Director of Theatre has begun and you can help. The Search Committee is looking for students to help interview and meet the candidates. If interested call Sally at x6450 for more information.

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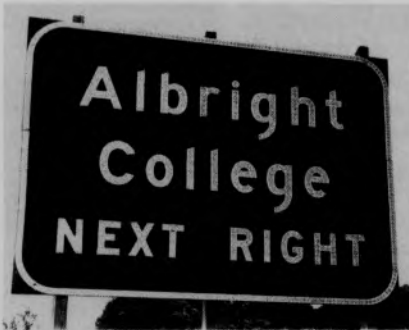
From the Editor's Desk...

by: Kristen M. Lavis

Editor-in-Chief

It's hard for me to swallow the fact that my social life has now completely come to an end. As I sit here in the Albrightian office, technically my office now, I calmly swal-

shoulder and says, "good luck...you'll need it!" What do you say to that?! Well, it's my turn now, to step up to bat and swing at the first pitch as Editor-in-Chief...and the first pitch was already swung, or should I



low my pride and take a deep breathe. Matt pats me on the

say "punched". Which leads me to my first "From the Editor's Desk..." commentary on, well on what else, student apathy. Being the leader of "the voice of Albright," I believe this to be a major concern of the *Albrightian's*, as well as mine.

I've been granted the daunting task, of taking on this miserably dying concept here at Albright. I have found this lack of school pride and spirit in every corner of the school. I especially enjoy hearing comments made while I sit working in the *Albrightian* office. And the comments run the spectrum. My favorite has to be: "Why do I pay money for this?"... (this would also be referring to the *Albrightian*, besides others). So, I would like to take the time right now to say...the slate is clean. It is time for everyone here at Albright to come together, lick our wounds from the past year, and file this chapter into the archives. I feel we need to, as a school and a close-knit community, begin to deal with some of the problems plaguing us this year. And I feel the best place to begin is with student attitude.

I am stating right now, as my solemn vow, that the *Albrightian* will always be a vehicle for students, faculty, staff, and administration to voice their concerns and opinions. But I am only one person, with a staff of very few. So, if you want to complain about the cafe food, the lack of parking spaces, or how you end up paying for another student's vandalism, this is your place to come. It upsets me when I have students ap-

Dear Editor:

Within the past several weeks, we distributed cards to be placed by your telephone, with questions to ask a caller, should you receive a bomb threat. In a recent edition of *The Albrightian*, the previous editor-in-chief reported the "absurd lengths" we have gone to in attempting to identify a bomb threat caller. The reverse of the card being questioned by the previous Editor, indicates that it is prepared compliments of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Apparently, through many years of investigation by the Bureau, including actual bombing, bomb threats, interviews and arrests, they have found that the information on these cards has been helpful during their investigations. In addition, when dealing with obvious psychopaths they do in fact answer questions that one would not normally expect.

One has to wonder when the previous Editor acquired this obvious area of expertise, in light of his comments. I would hope that no one would discard the use of these cards and realized that even though some of the questions posed may not appear to be those that a caller would answer, you need to listen to the real experts.

Responsible journalism based on fact is something I would hope *The Albrightian* would always seek to achieve. Anything less causes the newspaper to lose all credibility.

In these times of turmoil in our society, we would all be better served if we could just work together.

-Director of Safety and Security

proach me, complaining the *Albrightian* never prints any relevant articles. Well, this is it. The first issue under my editorial direction? How do you like it? What do you want to see? Have a problem? Let me know! Write me at the *Albrightian*...but please...do not come and complain to me!! Believe me, I get enough complaining from my friends about everything else, least of all, the *Albrightian*.

So, I propose an idea...instead of complaining, do something!! I am doing my part by printing your ideas, concerns, and problems...but you have to do your part. Write me at albrightian90@hotmail.com, or slip something into the office door. We can only make a difference in our school if we speak up. Don't be that person who says someone else will. Let's change our complacent attitude before it rips apart our community.

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FEATURES

Some people drive themselves: Dr. Morrow retires after more than 25 years

Chris Davis
Lion Reporter

I never came to Albright with the intention of acting in plays. And, I don't think I would still be acting a year later, and considering it a viable career choice if it was not for Lynn Morrow. Dr. Morrow arrived at Albright College in the fall of 1974. Since then, according to Dr. Richard Androne, "she's always done more than she was required to."

Lynn did not enter into her career at Albright, she stormed into it. "She brought an energy here that was astounding," explained Wayne Vettleson, her close colleague, "she turned what was once a nice college club into a production company."

A production company that produced three plays last year; *Curse of the Starving Class*, *Three Sisters*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to The Forum*. In her contract, Morrow was only required to direct two plays a year. Every year she always surpassed what was required of her, not only having three full productions but countless small ones on the side. Why'd she do it? In the words of Wayne Vettleson, "she was invested in the theater a hundred-percent."

And Vettleson isn't alone in that sentiment. "You knew she'd make shows happen here," stated Dr. John Pankratz. And from my

experience as well, I can say with confidence that Morrow pushed excellence. Sure, sometimes that excellence went until midnight, but that was only because Morrow expected you to have a passion for the theater that was comparable to her own. Fortunately, one of Morrow's greatest gifts is the ability to create that passion inside of you. She is just too charming, and too stubborn, to deny. The theater was always in a constant state of evolution under her supervision. And, to Vettleson, that was the best part. "There was always some sort of growth, or something new on the horizon, she demanded it." It was in these types of demands that Dr. Morrow drastically altered the Albright community.

When Morrow first set foot here, there was no theater major. However, according to Dr. John Pankratz there was. "She created the theater major 20 years ago, and the institution has simply caught up to her creation." As of a year ago, Albright now has a theater major.

Yet, despite this, Lynn has been ceating serious actors since she arrived. Her zeal for theater is infectious to anyone who meets her, so much so that countless Albright alumni have persued acting as a full-time career, without there ever being a theater major. And better yet, I'm not lying, or trying to inflate Lynn Morrow's legacy. If anything, I will probably

leave a few things out by accident. There are some people that actually drive there themselves, and that is exactly what Morrow did in life. In all honesty, to this day, I still think she has yet to park.

"Here's this incredibly strong personality, this pushy, over the top person, charming, and larger than life." This was Dr. John Pankratz's first impression when he met Dr. Morrow. Most likely,

it is still the same impression he has today. Lynn hasn't changed much over the years; she may have gotten older but her love for the theater has never waned. After twenty-seven years of work, you'd expect many people to lose their spark, to slow down and relax, and maybe even become apathetic. Lynn never did though, and she never will,

even in her retirement which comes at the end of this year. How could she lose her spark when she was too busy starting fires in every one else?

Like I said when I came to Albright College I had no intention of acting. I really didn't think I was capable. All of that changed when I auditioned for a small part in *Curse of the Starving Class*

freshman year. Little did I know then that Dr. Morrow would have such a monumental influence on my life. Some people can be happy with the knowledge that they made one person's life better. In that case, Dr. Morrow should be thrilled to know that in her departure she is leaving an entire community better, one which will never trivialize, or forget what she has done for them.



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Why is it that we are inspired by new or eclectic trends? What exactly is it that all of us seek? The faster the wheel spins, the more chaotic our lives become. In a world full of turmoil and suffering that we brought upon ourselves, we created our own hell and are frantically clinging to the fibers of life, trying to climb up to that infamous pinnacle of hope and emotional stability. This stems from one common ground—inner peace. What is it that deludes those lost souls is the answers they seek are within the minds eye. What I am referring to is Spiritual Ecology.

Spiritual Ecology is about one's individual religious beliefs, and how an individual relates those given beliefs to their surrounding environment. It is here surrounding us each and every moment, but we don't see it. Why is that? I feel it is because of our current, existing lifestyles—were too busy to pay attention to the little things in life. And considering the circumstances that this country experienced three months ago, we shouldn't even

question just how precious life is, nor take life for granted anymore.

In today's hectic lifestyles, psychiatric illnesses plague our families and friends with more and more individuals taking the "quick fix" method of popping a pill to make the pain and anxiety go away. Is this the inner sanctity we seek? Think about it. Because of such demands we placed upon ourselves, individuals seek psychiatric help as a form of refuge. A major component of this stems from the process known as visualization. With visualization as a form of relaxation, clients are told to visualize a relaxing or soothing scene. And what do you think the relaxing scene might be? Hence, something that has to do with nature! It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out, but we are too busy wearing blinders, because we are afraid. This to me is very sad. The inner demon we all seek to exorcise, which is killing us, continually potentiates our own maddening dilemma. And yet, we do—nothing. We are dying. Our planet is dying—and we are doing it by our own damn hands.

In order to get people to listen one must increase their

awareness. Not so much as intellectual awareness, but perceptual, spiritual, and emotional awareness as well: awareness of our spiritual self, increasing awareness of what we are doing to our environment, and awareness of our chaotic disheveled lives filled with an unhappiness that seems to fill the air with a gloom of despair, leaving us clenching our chests with uncertainty: anxieties consuming our breath heavy like a fog before a long summers rain.

Reflecting back on the tragedy occurring on the ill-fated day of September 11, 2001, which appalled "One Nation under God," that illusion of safety pervades our thoughts like happiness pervades our dreams. Lust for material possessions and power seem to invade our beings, creating us into mechanical, living zombies; working through the only life we have on this planet and I ask—for what?

Today I feel, what most of us perceive is that happiness and joy can be obtained if we work harder, longer hours keeping us away from the one thing in all of our hearts—family, a given connectedness, to ourselves and to others. We seek employment for a good paying job to fulfill voids, which continually remain empty because we are disillusioned to the fact that money, power and status is what it is we seek. And I feel it stems from us being disconnected from our natural environment. If this weren't true, we'd be living in a state of bliss.

I feel the point that everyone seems to be missing is that happiness, if one so desires, does in fact belong to

us. We own it, because it comes from within, but it must be recognized. It is something tangible; you can feel it, but you cannot hold it. You can give it, but you cannot buy it. Take a look around. Take a long look around at where you are. And I don't mean in a physical sense—but spiritually, and emotionally. We go through life empty, looking for that missing given. I feel, what it is we seek is—the light from within. We are so consumed by commercial propaganda, and materialistic possessions, it has clouded our inner spirits, keeping our light hidden for all to see. We know we seek something, but what that something is, is beyond us. What is ironic to me is the more disconnected we are from the environment, the more unhappier we become, and in turn we become disconnected from our inner selves. And if this weren't true, why is alcohol and drug addiction on the rise? These are all but a simple means to fill a void with a "something" to get us through yet another dark, bleak, painful day.

Nowadays the American way of life seems to be leaving out the one of the things that started this great country—religion. Albeit religion is more faith oriented, spirituality is linked to humankind and nature. However, it's intertwined. I believe that the two give us coincide because to me, there exist a faith in the dynamics of life. That is what makes life so mysterious; it is an inner realm that we are beyond comprehending the complexities of. The only way to see this is to walk amongst the wild. Then ask yourself—how do you feel? In doing this you will see the "creator" in all of creation your eyes feast upon. And that's the connection. The

problem is that human beings want to solve all of the mysteries of life. Why? Because we seek the need for "control," of ourselves, and of our environment. Yes I believe there are answers, but it is not for us to know, not yet anyhow.

As I stated earlier, spirituality is ones connectedness to the earth, to the natural environment. As the article *The Nature of Sanity* suggests, "in order for us to have an intimate connection with the earth, we must take our ecological heritage seriously" (Roszak, p.23). And that's the main factor—we don't! We take all that is in front of us, exploiting the entire natural resources this planet has as if there was an infinite refuge to pull from. When all in all what it is we are doing is to continually rob the life from the womb of our creator.

This country was founded on hard work, blood, sweat and tears, yielding a freedom we all believe in. Somehow as our lives continued on, we lost that freedom because we lost our light, therefore condemning us to our own hell. Freedom starts from within—your inner light—your spiritual faith. Everyone has his or her own inner light. One must recognize its existence in order to utilize the inherent tools we were given. The first step is to look with our hearts. Get back to basics. Seek solitude in the natural manner life intended—walk outdoors and enjoy its beauty. For if we look with our hearts, and not with our eyes, the eyes will "feed" our hearts, filling it with what it is we are seeking—a pure natural, "earthly holiness," and that to me—is the message of Spiritual Ecology.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Opposition to Drilling

Emily Babin
Environmental Commentary

At the present time, multi-national oil corporations have their sights set on drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), located on the northeastern part of Alaska. ANWR is one of the last unspoiled wildernesses in the world. Its specie diversity has been compared to that of the African Serengeti. It also supports a population of people, a subsistence tribe known as the Gwich'in. However, it is believed to have approximately 3.2 billion barrels of oil beneath its surface. In reality, this much oil would only last for 180 days.

The proposal, drawn up by the Bush Administration, if passed through Congress would open the coastal plain to drilling, which is the last 5% of Alaska's vast North Slope where oil drilling, exploration and development have been prohibited. So far, the bill passed in the House of Representatives. The support was due to the union teamsters' misleading claim that 700,000 jobs would be provided, hence the pro-labor Democrats were swayed. Now the bill has moved to the Senate where numerous senators, funded by Big Oil, are using the tragic events of September 11th to attach it as an amendment to any and every bill: defense

authorization, airline security and railroad retirement, among others.

Do we really want to displace a 30,000 year old culture and destroy countless species because of our greed? We must realize that these oil companies hunger for the money generated by petroleum and unfortunately many citizens believe their lies when they claim it will provide jobs, lower gas prices, lessen our dependence on foreign oil, and most importantly, accomplish all of this without destroying the pristine lands of the refuge.

Your help is greatly needed to save the refuge. You can call Senator Spector and let him know that you are opposed to drilling in the Arctic (it's easy i swear! They just mark down that you oppose...end of phone call). Or you can write him a letter. You can also educate the community by emailing a letter to the editor at: <http://www.angelfire.com/ca/letterstoeditor/index.html>.

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The Naturally Seven that hit Albright (hard)

Andrea Blessingame

Lion Reporter

"Awesome!" "They were so good!" "They were so good!" were some of the cheers that filled Jake's Place after a special and memorable experience event held here on campus. On November 30, 2001, Albright College had the pleasure of hosting the new gospel and R&B sensation, Naturally Seven.

Jake's place was crowded with students in need of an interesting and refreshing experience. Naturally Seven definitely gave Albright that experience. "Their intricate seven-part harmonies artfully blend gospel, jazz, R&B, hip hop, and even some classical vocal genres." Dwight Stewart (baritone), Garfield Buckley (first-tenor), Marcus Davis (tenor), Jamal Reed (mid-tenor), Roderick "Rod" Eldridge (high tenor), Roger Thomas (arranger and composer), and Warren Thomas (vocal percussion) make up the skillful group. These seven young men, ranging from ages twenty-four through thirty-three, captured the attention of the students and guests with their soulful and moving vocal talents.

This New York City based, soul, R&B and gospel vocal originally came together at their church. A few of the group's members even came to the group after attempts at solo gospel and R&B careers. They hit it big once they'd entered and won the Regional Harmony Sweepstakes, and then went on to win the National Harmony Sweepstakes. These young men are a prime example of what God-fearing young men can do.

A few of the songs the group performed for us include "Sit Back Relax," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," as well as the familiar Folgers's Theme, but with a gospel edge that replaced the love of coffee

with the love of Christ. These same hits and more can be accessed on their web site: www.naturallyseven.com.

After a riveting performance, students were given the chance to speak to each group member personally. There was also an opportunity to purchase their latest CD titled "Non Fiction," as well as obtain an autographed photo of the group. This also provided an opportunity for me to speak with a few of the members and get them to answer a few questions. When asked about their inspirations and motivations, they answer came back unanimous; all the guys agreed that John 3:16 was the verse in the Bible that they used most for ministry and it holds the message that they attempt to portray through their songs. "I don't think enough people know that (for God so loved the world that he gave His only son...)," Marcus suggested. "Our mission is to take the word and know the word."

Known as "the talkative one," Roger sat with me for a while and suggested a few important things for young Christians to remember, especially on a college campus. "It's important to have Christ. It's important that you get into groups - study together and worship together." His younger brother Warren also suggests that young Christians "stick together." He stated "there are so many things happening, especially on a college campus, that'll turn you from your beliefs." The brothers encourage the young people to become apart of prayer groups and to support each other. Warren went on to say, "the college campus is the perfect place to witness to other young people who don't know about Christ."

Roger also wanted to give some advice to those who may be aspiring musicians, singers, or something else in the music industry. "Whatever you do, make sure you love it. Pick something that you'd do for free. If you could do it for free than do that." About his own career, he proudly stated, "I love what I do...and I would do it for free."

Once the night was over and the band hit the road for their next performance, Albright students were still cheering and excited about their Friday night treat. "I think it was a good opportunity because it was so intimate. You couldn't get that on a larger campus." Erin Hayes, senior and leader of the Christian Fellowship, was still excited and moved by the Naturally Seven performance as she stood outside with her CD and poster in hand discussing it. "It is wonderful to see a group of young men who are dedicated to using their gifts to

praise God at such a young age."

I believe that Erin was not the only Albright student to feel this way. Because of such strong support for the group and

continuous inquiries about them, the Albrightian will definitely be doing a follow up report on the group in the near future.



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The TV Zone

Matthew

By:

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As the holidays approach, Christmas programming is in full force. ABC Family (Formerly Fox Family Channel) is celebrating by airing the Prime Time 25 days of Christmas. The movies include *Christmas Every Day*, *Miracle on 34th Street* and *Frosty's Winter Wonderland*. Look for a new Christmas movie on TNT, titled *Call Me Claus* in which Whoopi Goldberg is scouted out by Santa to replace her father his 200 years are up. Whoopi in White dreadlocks is a sight to see. How many versions of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* can you watch? There is the Soap Opera version called *Ebbie* on Lifetime, with Susan Lucci, or how about *A Diva's Christmas Carol* with Melissa Williams as Elbony? My all time favorite version of *A Christmas Carol* is *Schoolhouse* with Bill Murray. It has been playing on TBS and will air on TNT in the next coming weeks. Check your local listings.

Last issue, I announced Limerick's sitcom was being yanked. Word is that it will be replaced with "The Hank & Lisa Show". The series, about a daydreaming comedy writer, appears to be struggling before its scheduled debut on January 8 at 8 p.m. According to *Daily Variety*, production was halted last month while the hunt was on for a new producer, but NBC will air the first completed episodes prior to its coverage of the Winter Olympics. If you think you don't know Hank Azaria, think again. He also does voices for *The Simpsons*. He has done the voices for Apu Nahasapeemapetilon, Moe Szyslak, Police Chief Clancy Wiggum, Comic Book Guy, Lou, Carl Carlson, Dr. Nick Riviera, Snake, Kirk Van Houten, Bumblebee Man, Professor John Frink, and Cletus the Slack.

ABC is planning another reality based, hosted by the real Erin Brockovich. The premise of the TV show is the New York rebuilding project and will chronicle her efforts to rally support for the project, which will air on December 21.

Happy Holiday to all and Have a Happy New Year. Stay tuned and I'm tuning out. See you in TV Land.

Paisley Rekdal

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University of Toronto. Other achievements to her credit include the Fulbright Award and the Hopwood Award.

Not confined to accomplishments in creative writing, another of Rekdal's interesting ventures includes hosting her own radio show about poetry on WXAC, a station at the University of Michigan. Showing her diverse interests, she also hosted a show called "The All-Elvis Review" in March of 1996.

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ALBRIGHT SPORTS

Opportunity knocks twice for the Lions

Kate Ketter
Staff Writer

The great leaders are like the best conductors; they reach beyond the notes to find the magic in their players, and when all sections come together in perfect harmony, a symphony is created.

For the Lions, that symphony was the culmination of months of perseverance and practice, ambition and ability, and when the final strains faded into the still November air, Albright College emerged victorious with an Eastern College Athletic Conference southwest title. It was music to the ears of the Lions themselves, as well as to the ears of their fans and biggest supporters.

"I was glad to see that the hard work of the team was rewarded when we received an ECAC football bid. At Wesley the team was celebrating on the field afterward and all of the parents and fans were on the field as well. It was a great experience," commented Sports Information director James Wagner. Added Sally Stetler, the Director of Athletics, "I think we were all surprised by the ECAC bid. When the team learned of the opportunity, the men worked very hard for the successful outcome of the



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Albright College topples Wesley to become the 2001 Southwestern MAC Champions.

game."

For senior Mike Beckley, it was the sweet sound of opportunity knocking twice that resonated in the Wolverine Stadium on the day of the championship game. Albright would answer the call of the Wolverine offense as Beckley, a free

safety and product of York Suburban, ran for nearly seventy yards and led the Lions to a 49-35 victory over Wesley College. Beckley reflected on the victory, saying, "The best feeling is leaving as a champion. We might have had tight games and could have had a more success-

ful record, but that was the perfect final game for the seniors." Head coach E.J. Sandusky echoed Beckley's sentiments. "The team was very excited about receiving an ECAC bid. It gave the seniors an opportunity to finish their career with not just

a winning note but a championship note. It was a great reward for our seniors to cap their careers and a great springboard for the underclassmen for next

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Lady Lions look to new blood for hope

Lauren High
Sports Editor

Looking to improve on last season's 5-19 record, the Lady Lions, under the direction of third-year head coach Anne Bonner, opened the 2001-02 season on November 16 with a pair of games at the Carnegie Mellon Tournament. Albright lost its first game to the College of Wooster in the CMU Tournament by a score of 69-57. The Lady Lions got a strong game from sophomore center Lauren Finnigan, who posted 17 points and four rebounds on the day. Also, freshman Calista Walker had 11 points off the bench, and junior Colleen Kearns had six rebounds. In the consolation round of the tournament, Albright dominated Chatham, winning by a score of 79-49. Lauren Finnigan had a team high 16 points, and junior Anne Dougherty scored 14. As a team, the Lady Lions had 21 steals, sunk 33 of 71 shots, and out-rebounded Chatham 40-33.

On November 20, Albright played Alvernia. Cold shooting and turnovers charac-

terized this game. The Lady Lions coughed up the ball 36 times and went only 10 for 41 from the floor. However, Albright did out rebound Alvernia 44-40, with Anne Dougherty grabbing eight boards. Calista Walker had a strong outing, scoring 13 points. Her twin sister, Cassandra, also had a good game scoring ten points, including going 7 for 10 from the foul line. Sadly, these strong efforts were not enough to lift the team to victory, as Albright fell to Alvernia 64-41.

The Lady Lions played their first home game of the season on November 28 against Marywood. The home opener proved to be a great game for Albright. Anne Dougherty had a team high 17 points. Also, Laura Tangradi and Calista Walker scored 11 points each, Lauren Finnigan had ten points, and Amy Buzinski and Cassandra Walker netted eight points each. Albright out-rebounded Marywood 48-40, with three Lady Lions grabbing six boards

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Key players come through in clutch for NFL week 12

Dan Pennucci
Sports Columnist

The NFL in Week 12 was not one of the more anticipated weeks, as the slate of games was not all that appealing on paper, though it did have its shining moments. A Tennessee QB had yet another huge game in a romp of the Browns, and Marshall Faulk returned to his old self, notching 199 total yards, (128 yards on 6 catches through the air.) and 3 TD's while his buddy Kurt Warner got back to form with 342 yards, 4 TD's, and no picks. Indianapolis successfully proved how poor their defense is by letting none other than Baltimore light them up for 39 points. But not all games were as glamorous. Such match-ups as Tampa Bay at Cincinnati and the vaunted 1-10 Panthers traveling down to Bourbon Street to face division rival New Orleans may have made the Professional Bowling Tour on ESPN look

like a more viable viewing option, but these games and many others actually turned out to have a modicum of quality football value.

The game of the week was the Raiders/Cardinals match-up. This game went down to the wire as Oakland once again found a way to lose to a team they should beat, as they fell to the Cardinals 34-31 in OT. It seems that this season no defensive back in the NFL can stop Arizona's David Boston. Boston posted yet another 100-yard game, (106) and scored a vital go ahead TD from QB Jake Plummer. Boston has topped the 1000-yard mark for the season. The Cardinals went to PK Bill Gramatica 4 times; including his 2nd game winning field goal in as many weeks, and RB's Michael Pittman and Thomas Jones each had one TD. Oakland fought back as Oakland does—through the air. Rich Gannon went for 302 yards, 2 picks, and 3 TD's, two to Tim Brown and the game ty-

ing one with 15 seconds remaining to Jerry Rice. Overtime did not go in Oakland's favor either, as they fumbled a punt return, setting up the winning score for Arizona.

What is going on with the New England Patriots this

times for 122 yards and 2 TD's (71, 43).

Baltimore is coming off wins in 4 of their last 5 games, and this week they had Indy at home, minus Edgerin James. Surprisingly this game was an offensive shootout, as

two rushing TD's.

Tampa's Brad Johnson once again proved how ineffective he is only weeks after lighting up the Bears vaunted defense for 400 yards, yet no passing TD's. The no passing TD thing is a big problem for the Bucs, as their offense finds a way to sputter when it gets in the red zone and instead of relying on sure handed receivers like Keyshawn Johnson, who has close to 80 catches and no TD's. Their offense is basically run through short passes to Warrick Dunn, (their #1 RB who has more receiving yards than rush yards), and Keyshawn. They choose to rely on the right foot of Martin Gramatica rather than use a talented offense to put TD's on the board. Actually it's not so much a matter choice than it is a model of red zone inefficiency. Sunday's game was no different from previous eyesores. The Bucs won in OT 16-13 on a Gramatica FG after getting their only TD in VA Tech fashion by blocking a punt and bringing it back to the house for a score. Their other 6 points came, surprisingly, on Gramatica field goals.

Other notable performances of Week 12 were the Steelers scoring a 21-16 win over Minnesota, but Vikes WR Randy Moss went for 139 yards a TD. The 49ers demolished Buffalo 35-0 on Sunday night behind RB Garrison Hearst's 3rd straight 100 yard game (125 and a TD) and QB Jeff Garcia's TD's. Rival Dallas and QB Quincy Carter snapped Washington's 5 game winning streak, as the Cowboys won 20-13. The Seahawks won 13-10 in OT behind a Rian Lindell field goal and a TD by rookie RB Shaun Alexander. Miami beat Denver 21-13 behind an interception TD return from Kenny Mixon, and a TD from rookie WR Chris Chambers for his 5th TD. Donovan McNabb and Duce Staley led the Eagles past the Chiefs 23-10. D-Nabb threw 2 TD's and Staley had 80 yards receiving with one of McNabb's TD's.

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Arizona's David Boston (89) gives the Cardinals a late lead in their upset over Oakland. Boston has the most receiving yards in the NFL with 1171 on 72 catches and 6 TD's.

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years' team." Added senior offensive lineman Joe Noe, "We finished the season together, not just as individuals. It was an all-around team effort."

The growth and development that the Lions have demonstrated both on and off the playing field has made all the difference in their success. Strong team dynamics are largely responsible for the turnaround of a 3-7 record just last year to their current 7-4 record in the 2001 season. Senior linebacker Tom Fitti, who posted eleven tackles in the championship game, explains the change in his teammates. "Team unity is responsible for this season's success, not just among the players but also with the coaches. The coaches had a great rapport and fostered a good relationship with the players as well. With 22 seniors, the leadership of the seniors guided the way to the championship."

For both Beckley and Fitti, the chance of a lifetime was almost too good to believe at first. Said Beckley, "I was driving back to school from home when (running back)

Keith Johnson called me and told me we were going to the championship. I couldn't believe that we were going to play another game. For the seniors this was a big win because we all have been through so much that it made the journey that much better. We finished having accomplished our goal and put Albright back on top." Added Fitti, "It was a dream come true. We had the chance to play our final game twice. Everyone was smiling. We had done it, we had won our last game."

Although the music has faded, the memories of the winning season are the impetus for another year ripe with potential and possibility. "The team will have to build from this season. There is potential but they will have the work hard in the off season. There is a good group of incoming seniors that will be able to provide leadership just as we did," Fitti noted.

With a proud past and a promising future, it appears that for the Lions, the band will play on.

Kate Ketter is a junior reporter for the *Albrightian*.

year? They torched AFC East foe Indianapolis twice, held the Rams to under 25 points, and have been unstoppable lately on offense. QB Tom Brady has been one of the most consistent players since taking over for the injured Drew Bledsoe and RB Antwan Smith has carried a large rushing load all season long. Who's Terry Glenn? The Pats took it to the Jets 17-16 with a late rally including a Smith TD and a go ahead rushing TD by FB Marc Edwards. The Pats defense has been solid all year long, as they held the NFL's leading rusher in Curtis Martin to only 87 yards, no TD's and picked off Jets QB Vinny Testaverde twice to seal the win.

Tennessee's Steve McNair has been on fire. For the second straight week he has tossed 3 TD's and racked up 244 yards against in a 31-7 win over Cleveland's interception happy defense. Titans bust RB Eddie George managed only 40 yards, yet found his way into the end zone for only the second time this season. Let it be known, this man had 14 rushing TD's last season. McNair looked up with WR Derrick Mason three

Peyton Manning and the Colts did something that Cleveland and Green Bay did to the Ravens: pass on them all day long. Manning went for 310 yards with TD tosses to TE Marcus Pollard and WR Marvin Harrison. One might ask, how could these teams score so many points? Well Indy has a great offense and a horrible defense. Baltimore PK Matt Stover went 4-5 on field goals with a long of only 30, and Indy's Mike Vanderjagt went 2-2. Both teams had interception returns for TD's and both team's QB's tossed two TD's passes, as Grbac hooked up with Qadry Ismail and Obfemi Ayanbodejo. This game was an unexpected offensive jewel.

As for the riveting Saints-Panthers game, it was actually close as the Saints held on to win 27-23 lead by Aaron Brooks and his 330 yards and 3 TD's, and Joe Horn's 150 yards receiving on 13 catches, one for a TD, and Saints RB Ricky Williams ran for 102 yards, putting him over 1000 yards for the season, making him the first Saint to post back to back 1000 yard seasons. As for the Panthers, rookie QB Chris Weinke had

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Swim team starts the season on a successful note

◆ Once again, the Albright men and womens' swim teams are headed in the right direction, breaking both team and personal records.

Elizabeth Gaska
Lion Reporter

The Albright swim team has had a total of six swim meets this year. At five of those swim meets the women have won. At four of those swim meets the men have won. At the ECAC Division III Championships the women placed fifth and the men placed fourth. After each swim meet records have been broken, personal times have been faster, and the team's spirit seems to grow.

At the swim meet Saturday, November 17, against Widener three records were broken.

Matthew Stumhofer set a new pool record for the 1000 Freestyle, Billy Ruth set a new pool record for the 50 Freestyle, and he also set a new pool and team record for the 100 Freestyle. Senior Co-Captain of the men's swim team Jason Salgado states, "There are holes in our records after every swim meet, and I think it's because everyone always does their best." Another record breaker this year is Freshman Cindy Barner. Barner set the team 100 Backstroke record with a time of 1:01.18. Barner commented, "I feel good about my position on the team. I wanted to come to a place where I felt I could contribute".

At the ECAC Division III Championships, held Friday, November 30, through Sunday, December 2, both the men's and the women's team had excellent scores in various different events. Matthew Stumhofer finished second in the 1650-yard Freestyle, Billy Ruth finished first in the 50-yard Freestyle, Courtney Kroh in the 200-yard IM, and Cindy Barner finished third in the 200-yard Backstroke, 100-yard Butterfly, and the 100-yard Backstroke. Cindy Barner, Dana Heckman, Megan McCloskey, and Courtney Kroh placed second in the Girls 200-yard Freestyle Relay, while Billy Ruth, Adam Fletcher, Raymond Walter, and Matthew Printz placed second in the Boys 200-yard Freestyle Relay. Head Coach Jenis Frederick commented, "They have had an excellent start. This is a great team and they are wonderfully talented. Things are definitely looking up for the MAC Championships."

With many new freshmen on the swim team, people have wondered how good Albright swim team would be this

"They have had an excellent start. This is a great team, and they are wonderfully talented. Things are definitely looking up for the MAC Championships."

Jenis Frederick

year. If the records so far are any indication of how the team will progress, the freshmen are definitely doing their part. Senior Co-Captain of the women's team, Jessica Boring, commented, "The freshmen are wonderful to have on the team. Each person adds something new to the team." They all get along very well and work together as a team, as the total scores for the season so far have shown.

As one might think the swim team puts a lot of time and work. The swim team holds two two-hour practices Monday through Friday. That's not even mentioning extra practices and swim meets. Accordingly, everyone seems to enjoy their experience thoroughly. Freshman Brian Okum says, "I love this team it is the best experience I have ever had." Things are looking positive for the swim team this year with such strong swimmers and lively team spirit. Senior Co-Captain of the women's swim team Kate Frederick states, "Some goals we have for

this year are to do really well at the MAC Championships and to have a great time."

The MAC Championships will be held February 15-17 at Widener. It is the big meet that everybody on the team is preparing for. Rigorously the team works together, and as Coach Frederick put it, "they really don't get very much credit from the media." Local high school swim meets get more media attention around here, but the Albright swim team most certainly deserves it. With or without it, Albright swimmers seek to do their best out there as an individual and as a team. As Senior Co-Captain of the men's swim team Mike DiFelice put it, "We have been working very hard to live up to our own expectations". Those expectations just might be the hardest to live up to. But, the Albright Swim Team seems to be giving it their all.



Albright swims to a victory in a meet held in 2000.

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Lions slip past Messiah in triple over-time win

Kate Ketter
Lion Reporter

GRANTHAM - It was the sweet smell of success that permeated the air of the Urbaker Gymnasium on Saturday, as head coach Rick Ferry and his Lions came from behind to upset the Messiah Falcons in a triple overtime victory.

"We are a young team and to reach a win in triple overtime without Terron Buchanon was significant," Ferry said. "We played together as a team. The boys accepted roles and played within those roles."

The smell was almost too much for Falcons' head coach Dave Manzer to stomach.

"We executed our offense better in the second half, which provided better scoring opportunities. We made fifteen three pointers for the game (.550) however, we put Albright to the foul line too often. That was the biggest difference in the game," Manzer lamented after the hard-fought loss.

Senior forward and captain Brendan Ferns and sophomore guard Terron Buchanon, looked on from the sidelines as the Falcons fell to Albright 95-99 in the third over-

time period. Ferns ended his season two weeks ago and now awaits surgery after having torn two ligaments in his knee. It happened in the opening minutes of a game against Wilkes on Nov. 28. Buchanon required stitches in his hand after an injury suffered at practice last Friday but is expected to return to the court this week.

Freshman guard Corey Rich led the way with 31 points and junior forward Jim Miller and freshman guard Shawn Sweigart each contributed 23 points.

"Corey is a fantastic offensive player with lots of skills. The team has been looking to give him more opportunities and he has become comfortable with his position."

According to Ferry, Miller has provided leadership and experience to a team that is largely composed of young players with raw talent. Sweigart is improving every day, and he believes that with an added year of weight training, Shawn will become a very good player. While the Lions are missing needed experience from Ferns, the head coach believes that Brendan is an example off the hardwoods as well as on.

"Brendan is like another coach; you can see it in the games. He is a quality person and he helps the team in anyway he can. He gives part of the speech in the locker room, he is able to pull players aside and give insight, and maybe some of the advice sounds better coming from him than the coaching staff. We would rather have him on the floor, but he continues to help the program."

For the Falcons, senior guards Matt Merz and Kenny Loyer contributed 24 and 23 points respectively, and Manzer is satisfied with the performance.

"This was a well-played game by both teams. In 55 minutes of play, we each had plenty of opportunities to win."

The Lions face Gwynedd-Mercy in a home contest this Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Bollman Center and will travel to Massachusetts on New Year's Day for the Naismith Classic. As the Lions look toward their future, Ferry maintains the same ideals that have remained constant throughout the season.

"We want to get better every day, and if that happens, everything else will take care of itself."

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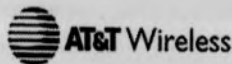
each. It's a strong team performance, Albright downed Messawood, 71-59.

On December 1 and 2, the Lady Lions played a pair of games at the MAC Crossover Tournament. In the first game, Albright lost to nationally ranked King's College 79-42. King's had three players in double figures, and King's out-rebounded the Lady Lions 52-25. For Albright, Cassandra Walker scored nine points, a team high. Though King's dominated the boards, Albright put forth a solid effort against a very tough team. In the tournament's consolation round, Albright took on Delaware Valley College. Shooting continued to plague the Lady Lions, as they only managed to convert four shots in the second half. Calista Walker, however, had a 13 point game. Still, the Lady Lions were not able to muster enough offense in the 71-50 loss.

On December 4, Albright played Moravian.

Early in the game, the Lady Lions mounted a 14-0 run. However a consistent offensive output remains an issue, as Moravian went on an 11-0 run in the second half. Still, Albright went 10 for 16 from the foul line. Laura Tangradi scored 18 points, Anne Dougherty had 15 buckets, and Lauren Finnigan scored 14 points and grabbed 11 boards. Moravian, however, managed to grab 47 rebounds to Albright's 45. Yet, the game was closer than the lopsided 14-0 and 11-0 runs might indicate, with the Lady Lions falling by a final of 72-62.

With a record of 2-5 early in the season, the Lady Lions look to capitalize on a strong mixture of experience and youth. Having lost only one player from last season, the team looks to its veteran players to guide the team through the season. Hopefully, the combination of returning players and new blood will help the team earn a spot in the Commonwealth Conference Play-offs.



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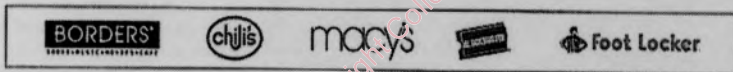
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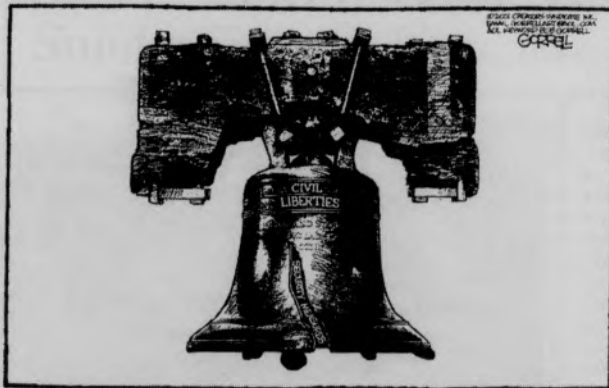
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COMICS



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Harvi Arnold and Mike Arginton

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here : [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LUNGE PAYEE CALICO UNFOLD
 Answer: A long night at the pub can leave you - ALE-ING

Jumbles: ABASH TASTY PAYING ENMITY

Answers to "Jumble" on page 16.

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STUDENT LIFE

Battling through adversity, Russell Benditt comes out on top

Matthew Kemeny
Lion Reporter

In life, all good things must come to an end. For senior defensive tackle, Russ Benditt, and thankfully for the Albright Lions, that end took a lot longer than expected. Two weeks after upsetting Welsey College in the ECAC Southwest Championship game 49-35, Benditt was named the Middle Atlantic Conference defensive player of the year, by all of the conference's head coaches.

"I was completely shocked," he said after knowing of his honorable distinction. "Yet, I was extremely honored considering the voting was done by all of the coaches in the conference."

His 2001 stats are, without a doubt, impressive. Benditt finished the regular season with 6 sacks, 42 tackles, 33 of those tackles unassisted, and an amazing 28 tackles for a loss of 114 yards, ranking him among the league leaders.

Given these numbers, he has established himself among the finest defensive linemen of the game. However, Benditt's road to the top has been all but smooth.

It was spring of '97, and following a standout season at Haverford High School located in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Benditt was sure that he was going to take his play to the next level. Six months later, Benditt found himself at Albright College, and at football camp, where he had hoped he would be by this time. After battling his way into the starting line-up by the third game of his freshman year, Benditt had his wings clipped. A broken fibula placed him outside the lines, as he watched the Lions tear up the conference, and finish MAC champs, as well as ECAC champs. Yet, as Benditt watched his teammates in celebration, the only thing broken was his leg; his drive to succeed stayed intact.

"It was hard to watch from the sidelines," he recalls. "But rehabbing from that broken

succeed, and taught me to overcome adversity."

Overcome he did, and after a rigorous 6-8 months in the weight room, Benditt found himself on the playing field once again, this time only breaking quarterbacks faces. In his first full season, he led the team for tackles for a loss, even though Albright could only muster four wins, with a team filled with inexperienced.

It was less than one year later, and the last thing that Benditt expected to happen, happened. Five stress fractures and immense pain halted Benditt's junior season after just 4 games, and curbed the Lion's record to just 3-7. As he plunged into the darkness of yet another injury

plagued season, Benditt looks for hope, and something to lift him up from all the times that injury had knocked him down.

He found that hope in the weight room.

"After my second injury, hitting the weight room for rehab, really caused me to mature physically and mentally," he noted.

In only his second, injury free season, Benditt again proved what he could do on the football field. Mentally and physically stronger and faster than before, he made him mark in the conference and pounced on the opposition. Unfortunately, as the Lions found themselves with only 3 wins once again, in his senior season, Benditt's thirst for winning was never quenched, and with a year of eligibility left, it was rumored whether we would see him on the field in 2001.

"I haven't played on a winning team since I was in 8th grade," he said. "It's something that I have always wanted to experience at the collegiate

level, and it definitely factored into my decision to return for my last year of eligibility.

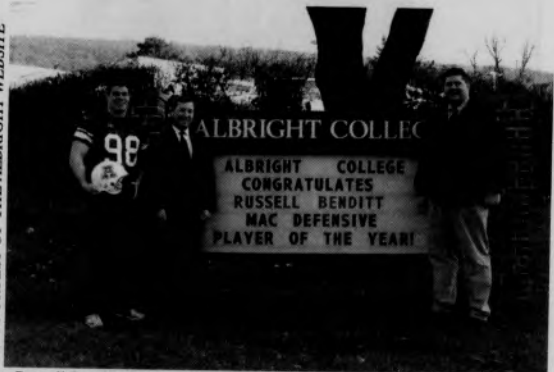
The critics had their case. His time was up, it was too expensive for one more semester. The criticisms echoed in his head over the summer. Yet deep down inside, Benditt knew what he wanted to do.

"It was one of the hardest decisions of my life," he recalls. "But when I strapped on my helmet and walked out on that field, I knew that was the place I wanted to be."

With every game of the season, Benditt's dream started to become a reality, as halfway through the season, the Lions found themselves among the leaders of the conference, at 5-1 and staring down a shorter tunnel at the MAC championship. Yet after three end of the season losses, that tunnel for the Lions closed up considerably, and proud but disappointed, they had to settle for a 6-4 Benditt had thought that he had

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Russell Benditt (left) stands with President Zimon and football coach E.J. Sandusky.

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Alpha Delta Pi gives \$150,000 for programming

Jill Wilson
ADPi Executive Office

Atlanta, GA—Alpha Delta Pi recently contributed \$150,000 to the National Panhellenic Conference. This gift, which was the largest ever received by NPC, will be used for Educational and Leadership Programming impacting non-Greeks, as well as Greeks on campuses and communities throughout the United States and Canada.

Alpha Delta Pi made the gift in honor of its 150th Anniversary. The oldest sorority in the world, Alpha Delta Pi

was founded May 15, 1851, at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. During its 150-year history, the sorority has initiated nearly 200,000 women and established chapters on nearly 200 campuses. Alpha Delta Pi also currently has more than 150 alumnae associations.

NPC is the largest women's organization in the world with 3.5 million members who comprise the membership of the 26 international sororities and women's fraternities.

COMMENTARY

Smoke Signals... by Dan Ruedy

Most people have a particular routine that is carried out prior to retiring to roost each evening. Under normal circumstances, this includes brushing of teeth, washing of face, or urinating so that you won't have to in another hour. That's under normal circumstances. It is becoming quite convenient for the residents of Albright Court, located a brisk quarter mile from the southern-most point of Albright's academic campus, to add setting out of shoes, a winter coat, and maybe an hour's worth of provisions to their list of penultimate nocturnal activities.

Since the beginning of this semester, there have been a good number of fire alarms at Albright Court. Campus Security declined to comment on the exact number, but some residents place it at six or seven. As

there have been a lack of actual fires, through a process of simple logical reasoning it can be concluded that there have been six or seven false fire alarms. Note that I did not use the term "fire drills". I would hope that those responsible for scheduling a reasonable number of fire drills (apparently there should only be one per semester) that are conducive to added safety would limit them to day light hours only, which I believe they do.

Be it six, seven, or more, it is a considerable amount. I do not think I'm alone in reasoning that each successive false alarm causes the next one to be taken a little less seriously. When the ear-piercing ping erupts during the witching hours, the warmth of a soft set of sheets is just slightly more

appealing than the drafty inter-section of 13th and Amity at 3 a.m. One strategy is to attempt a "sleep through"-to remain in the cuddly realms of REM sleep for the duration of the fire alarm, subsequent evacuation, and security sweep—a daunting but attainable goal, and very rewarding when the alarm is unfounded, as the trend has been. However, According to the Office of Housing's Guide to Community Living, achieving such a feat could also net a \$50 fine. And of course, if a future alarm is legitimate...oh crap!

Says one freshman Albright Court resident: "The first alarm I was asleep for, I slept right through. I woke up to the familiar face of a security officer and one of my RAs exclaiming 'Oh my god, you didn't wake up!' All I said was

'nope...' and walked downstairs roughly 25 minutes after the alarm [first] sounded."

This situation makes me reminisce a little about the timeless epic entitled "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and it seems that the fire department is with me on this one; taking their sweet time in getting down 13th Street, without sirens on, usually without the customary auxiliary ambulance, then casually strolling into the potentially raging inferno, somehow forgetting their helmets and leaving their protective jackets unbuttoned.

Having participated in so many evacuations, I feel impeccably immune to any death by incineration or smoke inhalation while sleeping beneath the terra cotta roof of Albright Court. I also feel invulnerable to death by popcorn popping, hair drying, and maybe even the overpowering concentrations of B.O. that I suppose could somehow trigger an alarm. But sleep is precious. Smoke detectors

and fire alarms should strictly adhere to their job descriptions; detect smoke and sound the alarm for real fires - not when some popcorn is slightly overdone or someone is blow-drying their hair. Each unfounded and malicious false alarm (i.e., someone pulling it) totes a hefty fine. Those are dollars that could be used to steam the cafeteria's tortellini a little longer until actually cooked, or maybe provide softer bathroom tissue that is two-ply and is not niggardly dispensed from those plastic T.P. vaults that refuse to relinquish more than one sheet at a time. Since I couldn't get actual facts or statements from the official sources, I can't really point a finger at anyone, but somebody has got to do something!

Dan Ruedy is a freshman columnist for the *Albrightian*.

Assumptions and Mistakes...

by Andrew Harris

When I wrote the column, "The Battle for Antietam Lake," I only had one problem. I was not sure where the \$ 2.8 million the Berks County Commissioners were offering was coming from. I searched the Internet, Lexis Nexis, and *The Reading Eagle/Times* online. Regrettably, I did not find out and then spoke out of place in my column. I wrote that \$2.8 million is, in essence, being stolen from the tax payers of Berks County. The \$2.8 million is not coming from the taxpayers of Berks County. It is coming from taxes levied on landfill companies that bring garbage into Pennsylvania from other states. The tax money generated this way is used for preservation efforts. Seen in this light, it is wrong for the government, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to tax out of state companies to dispose of trash in the Commonwealth and use the money to preserve land?

The answer to this question is that it's not wrong. I looked over the Commonwealth's constitution, and Pennsylvania does have the right to tax trash companies for the preservation of land. Article 1, Section 27 states that, "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the

common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people."

Section six of article eight states, "The power to tax corporations and corporate property shall not be surrendered or suspended by any contract or grant to which the Commonwealth shall be a party."

The Commonwealth seems to have a constitutional duty to conserve and preserve land and has the right to tax corporations because it cannot legally surrender that power.

As a Libertarian I believe that the government is obligated to protect life, liberty, and property. I believe that the United States government and the state governments were formed with this intent. To ensure that this happens the United States government and the state governments wrote up contracts that limited the powers of the government. As a Libertarian I believe that these contracts or constitutions should be interpreted by a literal reading of them. In the case of Antietam Lake, the government actually seems to be fulfilling a constitutional duty.

In the end I need to apologize. Antietam Lake 2001 and similar groups are not stealing from the taxpayers of Berks

County. The government in this case is not on a slippery slope. They do have a constitutional duty to preserve land. I still feel that it would be better for a private group to buy and preserve the land. I still worry about what will happen to the land in the future as the government changes along with priorities. I believe that the best way to preserve land and the environment as a whole is through Free Market Environmentalism. I would like to thank Professor Watcke for setting me straight on the funding issue. In the future I will try to ensure that I do not assume anything. This illustrates the old saying about what happens when you assume.

Retraction

The column "The Foreign Policy of Heroin" stated that, "the Taliban made around \$50 billion a year from the drug industry in Afghanistan" which is not correct. The source for that number, U.S. News and World Report, reported that they made around \$50 million.

Respectfully Submitted by Andrew Harris

Andrew Harris is president of the College Libertarians, and contributes a regular column to the *Albrightian*.

SGA attends conference; accounts close for semester

Dear fellow Albrightians,

All organizational accounts are closed as of Friday December 7. Also, start thinking about next semester's budgets. We will have allocations for the early next semester.

Members of the SGA attended the 43rd National Conference on Student Services in Boston, Massachusetts on November 17 - 20. We attended many informative workshops, including Extreme networking, generation gaps, diversity topics, communication and conflict resolution, and public speaking just to name a few of them. We also got to meet and interact with many different student governments from across the nation. We plan on continuing to communicate and ex-

change ideas with many of them, particularly the University of Hartford.

We are beginning to meet with AC² and planning for the concert in the spring.

We will be working on revising our constitution over interim and have a school wide voting early next semester.

If anyone has any concerns and/or comments, feel free to talk to any member at our office hours, or attend our regular weekly meetings every Sunday at 4 pm in the CC conference room.

Finally, the Student Government Association wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Michael DiFelice
SGA President

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Home for the holidays...by Jen Levy

I thought everyone might enjoy reading something other than another recycling article, so I broadened the topic and took the upcoming holiday into account. With the holiday right around the corner, everyone begins to conjure up images of home. Everyone has his or her own idea of home, but universal are the notions of family, friends and warmth. However, home can be interpreted in a much broader sense, the Earth. In a recent class, entitled Ecological Spirituality, the notion of Earth as home is something to which I was continually exposed. I know it sounds a little radical, but it is something, in light of current situations, that needs to at least be mentioned. Evidence of global warming and other environmental degradation is surmounting. We are destroying that which we depend on for life! It seems ironic and illogical. Then come the arguments of how far technology and science have gotten us and the belief that these advancements will be able to solve future problems. However, it seems as though problems will only continue to resurface. Procrastination solves nothing, as every college student knows, simply putting off possible solutions, leaving the chance that one might come too late and providing an ample amount of stress. Needless to say, I think we need to deal with our environmental problems now and viewing our home more

broadly, as the Earth itself, is sure to contribute to a solution.

Obviously our actions would be altered and more thought out if the world was seen as our home. One does not trash his/her own house intentionally. I think the other part of our problem is our greed. People are so caught up with capitalism and keeping one step ahead of their neighbors, that they do not think about the future and the potential repercussions of their actions. I am not saying that capitalism does not have its advantages, but it has caused us to lose our compassion. It is a travesty that has gotten us nothing but trouble.

So when you return home for the holiday, think about the warmth you feel, the happiness, the love you have for your family and friends. We are all striving for survival, humans, animals, and plants alike. Perhaps if we show a little more compassion for each other, in realizing this common goal, we will be able to prolong our stay here, turn our situation around and make the world a bit of a better place. Oh, and one more thing! Keep up the great job with recycling, but please don't dispose of your trash in the bins! The campus center bins are still a mess!

Jen Levy is the program coordinator for the recycling program here at Albright, and is a regular contributor to the Albrightian.

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played his last game. Once again, he went through all the emotions that senior players do when they play their final game. But also once again, what seemed like the end... wasn't.

"I was just relaxing in my apartment, after the season had concluded, when (Tom) Fitti walked in and told me the good news," he recalls. "I remember us both jumping up and down on the couch in celebration that our careers had one more game left in them."

It was one more chance in the sun, one more time to strap on pads and leave nothing on the field. And for Russ Benditt it was a long time coming.

"No one wants to end their career with a loss," he said. "We were just so excited for

another opportunity, that there was nothing that was going to stop us from winning that game, no one."

Sixty minutes and 49 points later, that dream had come true, and a fitting way to end an illustrious career, Benditt found himself for the first time with a championship trophy.

"It was an unbelievable feeling," he exclaimed. "To be part of such a great thing as that was too much for words; it put the program back on track."

For Benditt, a track that contained so many broken rails and speed bumps, had finally become clear.

"In whatever career I chose, once I leave here, I am going to put all of my drive and determination into it, use what football has taught me, to succeed in the world."

Matthew Kemeny is a senior reporter for the Albrightian.

The freshman perspective...

by Daniel J. Louis

As freshman class president and reporter for the Albrightian, I have been asked to write a freshman reflection on the first semester. So submitted for your approval is the unedited look at the first semester for the class of 2005. If there was one thing we may be able to agree upon was that it has definitely been an unforgettable one.

So, here we are a week away from Christmas break and from the freshman perspective, it has felt like the semester has lasted for years. It was an eternity ago that I was ripped from my parent's car and thrust into a group of people which I had never met. It feels like the memory of POPs was nothing but a mere daydream, or for some a nightmare.

The first days of class were much like that of the first days in grade school where everyone gets adjusted to the teacher and the setting. In addition to our classes we were lucky enough to spend an hour a week in a Gateway session which we all loved.

It was about two weeks into the semester when our bodies finally adjusted to the new diet of pizza, Easy-Mac, and other assorted healthy foods. By the end of the third

week, those who did not know how to manage money were on the phone with their parents waiting for their next cash payment for being in college.

Yet as the weeks passed, we all learned and began to adjust to our new environment here in Reading, Pa. Although it wasn't apparent at times, the overall adjustment to the college workload took its toll upon many. This is best seen every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights when random freshmen are found worshipping the porcelain gods in the community restrooms after a hard night of "studying."

A few students have even striven to master the art of time management by simply continuing this habit every day of the week. The semester climaxed with the early morning gathering of freshmen at the registrar's office, hoping not only to get their classes, but that they would not freeze to death.

Yet through all of the hardships, there have been many great things to come out of this semester. Most important are the close relationships that have grown from the mixing of students from all across the country, and even the world. This semester, I know that I have met more people than I can

even hope to remember. We have grown close to our roommates, classmates, and teammates. The relationships that have developed have truly left us all with much to be thankful for.

Yet through all this, we are still told by our parents and teachers to remember that these will be the best years of our lives. I say screw that. These years will be however you choose to make them. You aren't here to live the lives of your parents. You are here to find yourself and be yourself. If you realize this, then the rest of these three and a half years will indeed be the best years of your life. And when we all meet again as a class in that chapel on our graduation day, I want you all to be able to say that you are truly ready to take on the world.

Good Luck.

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