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Administration wants to hear students' concerns

by Kim Alber

On Feb. 19, administrators held an open discussion in the campus center. The students in attendance raised concerns about all aspects of campus life and the administrators attempted to respond to their concerns. The administrators also acknowledged that they were aware of some dissatisfaction among the student body in regards to specific points but were unaware of others.

President Ellen Hurwitz began the discussion by thanking those students present and stating, "We care about your concerns." She then remarked that the college will be stronger if the community of administrators, faculty, support staff, and students work together.

The panel of administrators consisted of Hurwitz, Executive Vice President of Administration and Finance Paul Gazzerri, Vice President of Student Services Carolyn Brooks, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Green, and Vice President for Advancement Donald Kirkwood. Kirkwood remained silent throughout the hour long discussion while the others took turns responding.

Junior Erin Masker posed the first question, wanting to know why students have difficulty getting gym time. She expressed concern that the gym appeared to be rented

out frequently and that with the spring sports practicing inside right now, the problem has worsened. The response, coming primarily from Gazzerri, was that gym rental brings additional revenue to the college, including fundraising for sports teams. When the students asked about updating equipment in the weight room, he remarked that \$87,000 was spent on a new roof.

A heated debate over party breakup then began as Albright Woods RA Jenelle Pulis asked about the role of student security. She feels as though they work odd hours, never in the rain, and would like them to assist in the breakup of parties at 1 a.m. Rebecca Schafer, a fellow RA concurred. There was no immediate reply possible, but the panel said that Stratton Marmarou would be consulted about the role of student security.

Green ended the discussion on parties, by remarking to those individuals concerned about not having enough time to party, "All you guys who study Monday through Thursday can come to my house and party."

Hurwitz expressed concern about the Feb. 18 editorial by Carol Smith about a Christmas service not taking place on Albright campus. She feels as though everyone has a right to practice their religion and that a Christian

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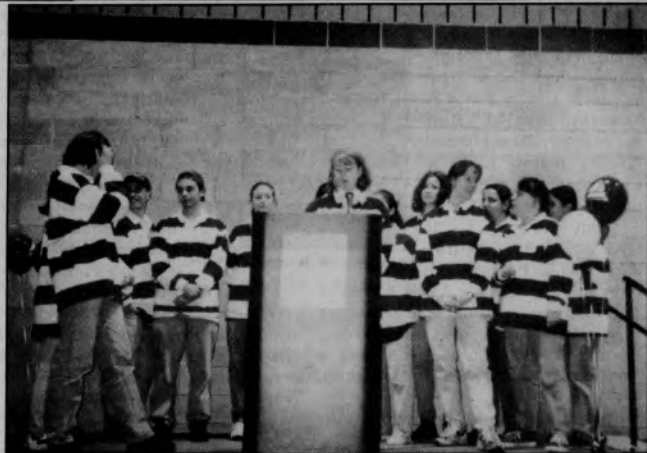


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The Albright delegation of Lion Dips show off their "Waldo" rugbies while making the 1998 conference bid at Shippensburg University.

Enthusiastic Diplomats converge on Shippensburg

by Dawn Bryden

Over the weekend of Feb. 21, 14 members of the Lion Diplomats, Albright's Student Alumni organization, headed to Shippensburg University for the annual District II Student Alumni Association conference. The theme for the weekend was "Sailing to Success" — and Albright's delegation certainly rocked the boat. Wearing their red and white with pride, the Dips wowed the rest of the conference with energy and Albright spirit.

Albright, along with about 40 other colleges and universities, is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Student Alumni Association/Student Foundation network. Through CASE, student alumni associations from schools of all sizes from all over the country come together, sharing ideas and support for their organizations. Albright is a member of District II which spreads throughout all of Pennsylvania as well as parts of New Jersey, New York, Maryland, West Virginia, and even into Ontario. Annual conferences give Student Alumni Associations a chance to meet up for a weekend with SAAs from schools within the same district, coming home with ideas to share and new spirit for their organization.

Although the weekend is supposed to be a friendly gathering of all schools in the district, there is a little bit of competition, and this year Albright stepped up to make itself known. The competition comes up when talk begins of where the conference for the next year will be held. Traditionally, there is a process where interested schools enter bids before the conference, and the entire district votes at some point during the weekend on

which school will host the next conference.

In Albright's district, however, this process has become modified during the last few years. By conference time last year, no college had put in a bid for the 1997 conference. Shippensburg University, who became the hosts this year, came up with a proposal at the last minute and ended up hosting this year in a grand fashion. This year, a few of the Dips got together and decided to shake things up by putting together our own bid — to host the conference here at Albright in 1998.

"We feel that this is Albright's time," says Daphne "Sullivan" Bilger, '98. "We have everything that schools like Millersville have... and we have it better."

On Saturday afternoon the entire Albright delegation stood up to present their ideas (and some incredible spirit) to the rest of the conference. A small committee, including Bilger and co-dips Tricha Shivas '98, Michelle Carrara '97, Jason Frame '98, and Dawn Bryden '98, have been working for the last three months coming up with budgets, schedules, and other important pieces of the conference proposal.

Formal bids will be sent to all the schools in the district next month for voting, but as far as Albright is concerned, "on top" is where the Lion Diplomats will remain. "As far as I'm concerned, we've already accomplished our main goal," says Carrara. "Unless they were sleeping the entire weekend, there wasn't a person at that conference who didn't know who Albright was. Even if the vote doesn't go our way, we have definitely made ourselves known in District II, setting Albright College and the Lion Diplomats up for a strong future."

Experience event highlights issue of sexual diversity

by Lisa Zimmerman

Although gaining experience credit was the primary motivation for a lot of the students who went to last Thursday's Experience Event, "Sexual Diversity on Campus," many also walked away with a new perspective about homosexuals, not only on campus, but in general.

A lot of times when you hear talks about homosexuals, it is basically a lecture. This presentation was so much more personable and actually helped you to relate to the experience many gays and lesbians go through. "From the moment it started through the end, I was in tears," Gabrielle Pezdirc, '99, said.

The speaker, Maura Cullen, who has a doctorate of education, was asked to come to Albright College by the Women's Center after a few students and faculty members expressed concern about the lack of awareness of homosexual issues on campus. Cullen, who has spoken during orientation in previous years, is an educational consultant who provides presentations for colleges,

universities, and conferences on a wide array of topics, including leadership, diversity, communication, racism, and gender roles.

A lesbian herself, Cullen understands firsthand the stereotypes and intolerances homosexuals often face. She said she is often asked questions that are based on these stereotypes. To give the audience her perspective of these questions, she asked a heterosexual male to come forward. Vince Natale, '97, stepped up to the job. Cullen proceeded to ask him such questions as "So, when did you know you were straight?" "Do you have a weird thing going on with your mom?" "Was there ever a time when you wanted to try out the other side; you know, see what it's like to be gay?" Cullen pointed out that while these questions seem ridiculous to a heterosexual, they are often asked of homosexuals.

Natale agreed that the questions were absurd, but he also said that "being up there made me look at things from a different

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Local students educated by Albright volunteers

by Deborah L. Blanshine

Each week several Albright students are offering their time to tutor children off campus. These students received the opportunity to help youngsters with academic needs through the Albright Volunteer Center which is located in Selwyn Hall. There are currently three students tutoring at Hope Lutheran Church, and one student tutoring at St. Joseph's School.

Approximately six to seven kids regularly attend the help sessions at Hope Lutheran Church. These kids are mainly in need of remedial assistance with language arts and math. Albright students work with them one-on-one. According to Harriet Shapiro, a junior at Albright, the tutoring is "frustrating, but fulfilling" work.

The major principle of volunteer work is

to help people out and leave with the feeling that one has made a difference. The staff at the Volunteer Center would like to applaud all students who give of themselves unselfishly, and especially to Albright's volunteer tutors. The Volunteer Center has many opportunities for Albrightians wishing to make a positive impact, not only on its campus, but also in its extended community.

**Editor's note - this is just one of many activities run by the volunteer center on campus. Stop by the office to get involved.*

It has also come to our attention that other Albright students volunteer in local schools during school hours and in the afternoon programs. ASCD, an education organization, is trying to get a tutoring program of its own up and running.



The Cue battles financial, organizational problems

by Adrienne Mitchell

Albright College's yearbook, *The Cue*, is an organization that presents the faces and events that have shaped the countless memories of students' academic and extracurricular pursuits. In Nov. of 1996, *The Cue* was taken over by a new editor-in-chief, Pauline Skiadopoulos. Although the sophomore had experience as a section editor prior to her appointment, she found herself not truly prepared for the management aspect of the job. However, the yearbook is running more smoothly now.

The yearbook's staff consists of about ten core members and receives contributions from about a total of thirty people. Students are

welcome to submit photos or ideas to help *The Cue* be an album of memories for the entire student body. Skiadopoulos says, "I hope to get more students involved...it's a book for the entire school."

Unfortunately, *The Cue* has been plagued by financial problems. Skiadopoulos commented, "SGA has been more than cooperative in trying to remedy the financial situation, but the trouble is caused by past problems." Despite this, the cover of the 1996-97 yearbook could prove to be a unique surprise that adds to the overall look of the yearbook. It is hoped that the finances of the organization will not effect the overall quality of this piece of college history.

Scarcity of parking at Woods displeases residents

by Emily Ilana Losben

The main issue of the Feb. 23, SGA meeting was the parking problem at the Woods. Many students, including two SGA members, expressed extreme displeasure due to the lack of available parking spaces in two of the parking lots in the Woods.

Students said that even though there are color-coded stickers for the different parking lots, not all the lots are checked by security to see if the cars have the appropriate color sticker. It was also mentioned that because of the horrendous parking it is often difficult if not impossible to move a car.

Kevin Burns said that these issues would be discussed with Stratton Marmarou, the

director of campus security, at a Security Committee meeting to be held later that week.

Since this was SGA's monthly Committee Senate meeting, many student representatives to faculty committees were present. Representatives from such committees as Academic Standing and the Curriculum Committee stated what their committee has been doing.

Also mentioned at the meeting was the approval by the Trustees of the technological advances for next year. The Trustees also approved the \$400 fee for this that will be added onto every student's tuition next year.

The next SGA Committee Senate will be April 6 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

Mark your calendars!

President Hurwitz will be having open office hours on Thursday, March 20 from 2-4 p.m.

All students are invited to stop by and discuss any concerns they have with the president during this time.



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A lesson on sexual diversity

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perspective. Those were questions that you'd normally never think would bother homosexuals, but once you're in that situation you begin to understand."

Cullen also pointed out that she does not define herself primarily as a lesbian, nor would she want anyone else to. "My sexuality has nothing to do with you," she said. "I don't look at my straight friends and think, 'Oh, he's a heterosexual.' Why should you only label me as a lesbian?"

This philosophy was a key aspect of her presentation. Cullen stressed viewing people as individuals, each with similar and different experiences, each needing someone else. "You may not realize it, but each of you is someone else's angel. That person needs you. Don't let your own stereotypes and prejudices get in the way of being that angel," she said.

Cullen began the presentation with a slide show that also represented this

encompassing philosophy. In it she did not only show slides of the trials facing homosexuals, but also scenes from Midwest flood victims, the Christian Coalition, conventional and nonconventional families,

and political events. She said that although we may not identify with other people's choices of life-style, we can all at least identify with being it. "It," Cullen said, "was like in the game of tag, being the targeted, yet avoided person because you're different, for whatever reason. People run from you in all directions and you feel completely alone."

Melissa Zeidler, '99, felt that Cullen was very successful in getting her message across. "Just because she's considered

different in her sexuality doesn't mean she should be ostracized. Everybody is different in their own way," she said.

"She was really motivating and changed a lot of people's perspectives on homosexuality," Amy Blescia, '99, agrees.

"I don't look at my straight friends and think, 'Oh, he's a heterosexual.' Why should you only label me as a lesbian?"

- Maura Cullen

Albrightian Publication and Deadline Dates:

Publication will be on Tuesday:

March 18
April 8
April 22
May 6

Deadlines are Friday at noon prior to publication:

March 14
April 4
April 18
May 2

Class of 1997 plans for activities and graduation

by Mark Blank

As the warmer weather approaches, the Class of 1997 is counting down the days until graduation. They have many events planned for the coming months which include senior week and, of course, graduation.

Each year the president of the class has to plan and help make major decisions on the upcoming events. This year, Sharon Christenson, class president, and other seniors are busy planning for the big day.

Senior week will include trips to Atlantic City; Philadelphia, where they plan to go to a dance club; and a Reading Phillies' game. The dates are yet to be determined but will be decided upon soon. The seniors have plenty to look

forward to, but first have to get past their final classes.

Every year, the graduating class raises money for a gift to Albright College. The Senior gift has been narrowed down to two final choices. Either a sidewalk will be constructed across Kelchner Field, which is already paved by passing students, or a tree and bench will be placed near Gingrich Library. A committee of seniors is busy planning fundraisers to cover the cost of this gift.

The guest speaker for graduation has yet to be determined. According to Christenson, there was a scheduled meeting to determine who the speaker would be this year, but it was canceled on Trustee weekend, February 21.



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DEADLINES: April 1, June 15, Nov. 15

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DEADLINE: April 20, 1997

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DEADLINE: April 1, 1997

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DEADLINE: March 15, 1997

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the **Association for Women in Communications** is offering a \$500 scholarship to a communications major completing the junior year of college. Applicants must: live or attend college in central PA; have at least a 3.0 GPA in major subjects; and submit some work. For further information contact Jenny Engle, (717) 394-0647 days or (717) 295-1685 evenings.
DEADLINE: March 25, 1997

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

College community gets lesson on African art

by Lori Thomas

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, Dr. Frank Eguaroje visited Albright to educate students on African Art. This Experience Event took place in the Klein Lecture Hall shortly before dinner. Dr. Eguaroje is the curator of African Art at the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio. He received his education at Ohio State University and South Carolina University. Dr. Eguaroje is a native of Nigeria. He travels all over the country to share his knowledge with students and libraries.

Dr. Eguaroje is quite amazed at how little people know about Africa, which is the second largest continent in the world. Africa is composed of 15 individual countries and has about 500 million inhabitants. The people of Africa differ greatly in language and ethnic group. However, they share common values and characteristics.

Africans use their art to display their characteristics. Their artwork is done for more than aesthetic purposes. Art can show different social classes and can stand as a symbol for many values.

Dr. Eguaroje presented a slide show to demonstrate the various types of art in Africa. One major form of artwork is the sculpting of faces. Dr. Eguaroje explained that Africans had advanced technology at the time of the work because they included such detail in the face and hair. These faces were often created out of terra cotta. The faces were very naturalistic, including striations on the face, open mouths, and distinct facial features. Some specific features, such as an elongated face, represented power.

Another tradition, as noted by Dr. Eguaroje, is called Ife. This form of art was usually created out of terra cotta or bronze. This was characteristic of northern Nigeria for a specific celebration known as a second

burial. According to Dr. Eguaroje, Africans often had a very elaborate second funeral a year or two after the first funeral. Ife was present at this funeral.

He also explained that African Art was used to portray the king and queen. Often time the king was sculpted with a normal man sized head, but the body of a young child or baby. This was to show that the king never aged and that he would live forever. The king wore heavy ropes and carried a piece of iron and an animal horn. These were all present in the sculptures to show his royalty and power.

Dr. Eguaroje described another art form known as Benin. This was usually created out of bronze or ivory. The arts were used to dignify the higher classes and separate them from the lower classes. Servants were often found swinging from trees in this type of art.

Animals were used as symbols. Any type of art containing a leopard, lion, or elephant was used to show the strength and power of the king. Kings wore necklaces made of animal teeth. Dr. Eguaroje also said that kings often wore crowns which had fierce animals displayed upon it to exemplify the king's strength.

Clothing was also affected by African Art. Women wore cora beads which were passed down from their mothers. They also wore exotic hair styles. Kinte cloth was worn by the people and in the case of the king it was gold. These different styles helped in determining different classes of people.

African Art is worth a great amount of money today. It has spread all over the world and Africa would like to bring some of it back to its native continent. The art shaped the African culture and society. Dr. Eguaroje taught the students that the art which was created had a definite purpose in explaining the African traditions.

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In order to facilitate your registration for classes, prepare your '97-'98 financial aid package and provide the financial aid information you need to know, we have mailed financial aid paperwork to your home address so your parents can begin completing your forms. Remind your parents to watch the mail for the following items:

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- * Albright College Free Institutional Financial Aid Application (pink)
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Calendar of Events

March 4 - March 17

Tuesday, March 4



Bucket of Blood: an International Film Series movie by Roger Corman. A cult classic (66 mins.) about a beatnik manque Walter Paisley (Dick Miller) stumbles on the way to become an immediate artistic success. Starts at 8:15 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall and free to students.

Experience Event: lecture on "African Culture and the New World Order" by Tanure Ojaide. Ojaide will discuss importing, exporting their cultural products, and technology's effects on the open market of Africa. This program starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.



Spirit week: Tonight is the Twister Marathon at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center.



Wednesday, March 5



Modern Foreign Language Film Series presents *All the Mornings of the World* that takes place in the 17th century. This film is a seductive tale of passion and music in likeness of *Amadeus*.

Experience Event: 4 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall is the World of Culture Series. It is video and discussion with Albright Faculty. Mexico: Escaping from History.



Spirit Week: Musical Chairs at the Campus Center at 6 p.m.



Thursday, March 6

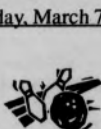
From the Classroom to the Internship and Back Again. Albright Students from the humanities and the social sciences discuss their summer research and internship experiences in Klein Hall at 4 p.m.



Spirit Week: Scavenger Hunt Tally- at 6p.m. in the Campus Center.



Friday, March 7



Sports Night for Spirit Week at the Bollman Center. Check signs in campus center for time



Saturday, March 8



Kevin Burns entertains Albright on his guitar. 8-11 p.m. in the Campus Center

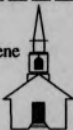


Tuesday, March 11

Freedmen Gallery Timeframes: Film event with Michael Snow at 8 p.m. in Klein Lecture Hall is an experience event. He will present and discuss two of his films.

Philosophy Forum: The Ethics of Love and the Problems of Abortion presented by Gene Outka from Yale University, 4 p.m. in the CCSL. **Experience event!**

Moral Absolutes: Religious And Secular Perspectives with Gene Outka CCSL at 8 p.m. This is a **experience event**.



Wednesday, March 12



Modern Foreign Language Film Series presents *Acqua e Sapone* (Italian w/subtitles) 6:45 p.m. in Klein Hall.



Thursday, March 13

Meet Albright History Professor, Dr. Guillaume De Syon. He will discuss the impact of Mr. Zeppelin's invention in Germany and how the new technology became a symbol of German culture. **experience event** at 7 p.m. in the CCSL.

Monday, March 17

Film: *The Fragile Promise* with director and producer, Dorothy Fadiman. An **experience event** at 6:30 p.m. in the CCSL. Sponsored by the Women's Center.



Happy St. Patty's Day



The Great 13th Street Concert

A concert featuring choral groups from 13th & Green, 13th & Union, Northeast Middle, Reading High, and Albright. They'll perform individually and as a groups. 7 p.m. in Memorial Chapel

- Calendar of Events compiled by Jen Schestok -

Albright Works hosts alumni mentoring session

by Adrienne Mitchell

Students were challenged with the prospect of their futures the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 19. The AlbrightWorks/ Alumni Mentor Seminars sponsored a dinner for all those interested in pursuing a career in chemistry.

The dinner was primarily a "one-on-one" mentoring session. The students who participated received abundant individual attention from Albright graduates. Two of the alumni who participated were Patrick McDevitt, a chemist with Smith Kline

Beecham, and John Donofrio, a chemist with Oaklite Products. The various dialogues ranged from discussion of graduate schools to an exploration of the skills needed for success in the profession.

Professor Christina Bell, Associate Director of AlbrightWorks said, "The rapport between students and Alumni was easily established. A love of chemistry was common to all the participants and served as a great starting point for lively discussion." Overall, the evening was an enjoyable and enlightening experience for students and professionals alike.

New legislation would require campuses to report all crimes

Advocates for safe campuses contend that many colleges and universities suppress crime information on their campuses to censor potentially bad publicity that could deter students from applying to college.

In an effort to make all campus crime information public knowledge, Representative Goodling (R-PA) has introduced the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act to amend the 1990 Campus Security Act.

"The Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act will close all the loopholes left open in reporting crimes on college campuses," said Connie Clery with Security On Campus, Inc. (SOC), whose daughter, Jeanne, was murdered in 1986 at Lehigh University. According to Clery, administrators at Lehigh suppressed information regarding some 38 crimes on campus.

"What we did not know cost Jeanne her life," said Clery.

"Although SOC has been lobbying members of the Congress to further enforce the Student Right-To-Know & Campus Security Act (1990) which requires each federally funded college and university to compile, publish, and distribute annual campus crime reporting by claiming

protection under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1992 which considers some crimes "confidential" and should be dealt with exclusively by campus disciplinary committees.

The Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act would reform FERPA to deem campus "criminal allegations...not confidential" and not to be protected by FERPA.

Some student groups, while concerned about safety on campus, feel actions taken by SOC are going a bit too far.

"Students have a right to accurate and timely information about crimes on campus," said Kalpana Krishnamurthy, a student at the University of Oregon and student representative with the United States Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG). "But [this legislation] shouldn't compromise the privacy of students and especially of the victims of campus crimes."

Strong bipartisan support for the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act is expected in the House of Representatives as last September the House voted 413-0 to direct the Department of Education to enforce the Campus Security Act.

-National Student News Service

Administrators talk ...

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service should be set up. Green and the others acknowledged that it would be a nice addition to campus life, but noted that Hillel and AAS ran the Hanukkah and Kwanzaa services. He then suggested that Campus Crusade for Christ or the Newman Association should get involved and/or assist the college in setting up a Christian Christmas Service.

Senior Warren Metzger brought up a issue from years past. He wanted to know about the standards Albright has for admission and dismissal of students. The panel responded by saying that the admissions standards have increased for each of the last two years and that five or six angles have and are still being looked at to continue to raise standards. In regards to low achieving students remaining at Albright, Green commented that once these students are warned about not meeting requirements they should be asked to leave after a given time period.

The last issue discussed at length was the dorm situation. Students wanted to know what was being done to replace the damaged furniture, especially after they have been fined for damages. Brooks gave the most in depth response stating, "We are well aware of the problem and are trying to address the most critical aspects." She went on briefly to

explain that a plan is in place to replace the furniture and mentioned the improvements made over the last year.

The aspect of dorm overcrowding and opening of Court was discussed next. Right now the college has 953 beds and 910 of them are in use. With the dorms closing in on capacity levels, the option of opening Court has been explored throughout the year. Gazzero commented that if need be, Court could be activated floor by floor. Refurbishment can begin to take place by the summer so that part of Court will be operational by the fall.

Hurwitz tried to bring the session to a close, but students were still commenting on the AlbrightWorks program, criteria for Experience Events, and what one student feels has hindered the quality of campus life. This student believes that with fall reorganization and a part-time coordinator for campus activities, the students are being shortchanged. She believes that for the last 3 years, the coordinator has not been fully qualified to be running the campus center, Greek life activities, and assisting the 73 other campus organizations.

Finally, the talk broke up with the administrators urging the student body to remain involved and to talk with or e-mail them. Hurwitz gave out her e-mail address, ellenh@joe, and urged students to visit her during open hours or make an appointment to speak with her.

Personals

Krepsi,
Meow.

My tooth! My friggin tooth. I'm dying over here. Give me twenty Aleve. (Little blue tablets.)

Bob—we made it a week and a half...kind of.
Luv you!—D.

To whom it may concern—
Fortunately, the bathtub became an extension of Beer World.
—No roll call for us! ("Come on Ride the Train...")

Yo G,
Did I leave my lobe in your room?

Krause Fiends,
Nudity is a strong theme in our dorm. Why is that? Who cares, just take your shirts off.
—Mike

Snyder—How gorgeous are you?

Kristy,
Bunnies, monkeys, ducks, pigs—we live in a zoo!
—Pookie

Pauline,
When is the underwear party?

Albrightians,
I don't know why all this talk about undergarments is directed towards me.
—Your faithful Roving Reporter

Hey Little Guy—Know what we'll be doing together in three short weeks? Not playing baseball!

Darren,
I just want to be loved. Is that so wrong?
—Pauline

To Johnny Kim,
Not only did I throw eggs at you, I

peed in your ice tray.
Love, Gleason

Kristy H.
Congratulations on your MVP performance in the SFL Game.
Coach JMS

Salidbar,
Stop thinking about my left...

Uncle Andy,
You're a veritable expert on anatomy. We have learned much from you.

Heck,
I'm sorry you missed the peep show. I'm sure it will happen again. Also, congratulations on finding love once again. It's nice to see you've picked up the pieces.
—your ex

Moff,
Do you like it when they call you big Moffa? Are you a true player?
—your Krause friends

If you buy me an ice cream cone, I'll let you lick it.

Did you sit at the cool table?

A fun time was had by all—at the Dip Trip.

Dawn, smile! Now you know how to flirt, how to do the YMCA and how to write a comment and a half on the back of an Eat-and-Park bill!

Plenty of lovin' at the Dip Trip.

Joe,
Was it hard to sleep with a certain someone's tongue in your mouth at Ship?
Love, Pauline

I didn't know a dog and a kid from Shmokin could drink so

much.

Toad—I'll skip work for you anyway!
Love, Princess

Hey T.J.,
I know a few people who need some chapstick. Can you help?

PamPam,
Watch out for the little bug in our room.

Matt Crouse,
Are you ready yet?
Love, Katie and Emily

1/10 of a point, Swaves? You're just lucky that I love you.
Congrats Rookie of the Year.

Kristy,
Now I'm just one hook step away from some very shady people. I'm practically a tunnel. The madness has to stop.

My prediction for the Spring Break Ski Trip—Madness...total madness.

What a big Lax stick you have...

Bobby—You're too cute.

The stronger women get, the more men like football.

Experience Events are so much fun...About as much fun as going to a party only to be told to go to bed at 1AM!

Salidbar—King of F.S.B.

Bronc and Milky were two of the best aspects of Albright, and now, like kegs, they're gone. Man, do I miss the three of them.

Matt,
How do you like the miracle bra?

Mr. B. rocks da house. He doesn't have limos, but he's cool.

Hey F2,
I'll deliver "pizzas" to you anyway!
Love Always, The Pizza Man

Uncle Andy knows all!

To all the Alphas
I Luv U! Pi love Heather

Opie, Grasshopper, and Beaver,
May the Ring of Fire burn forever.

To the pledges of SAE:
Congratulations...you're doing a great job.
Love Heather

Carol,
Which way is home?

To Paul:
I'll stick something up your nose!!!
Love, me

Emily T.,
Don't leave Pennsylvania!!!!
—Your POP (even though you weren't at orientation)

That was the best shower I've ever had in Krause...or anywhere for that matter.

Fish,
Have fun with your 15 year old. I stil miss you. Call me.
—your ex admirer

To Tom Perry,
Do you want some breakfast? I just bought some English muffins.
Love, A Permisuous Mother

Kris,
Remember always your advice: When all else fails, use Gieve's "can't."

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Gwyne,
MARRRRRRON!!!
—T.J.

Albright,
We're coming for you.
—Scranton

Dana,
Maybe you wouldn't be so sick if you didn't drink so much.
Love, Your favorite SGA Member

Happy 21st birthday Chad!
From your secret lover

What color are the POP shirts? I need to know.

Anybody up for a retreat?

Summa,
You're not funny and your personals stink. Don't ever include my name in one again.
From, Lapp

Whose idea was Eat-n-Park anyways? Oh, wait...it must have been Pauline...

Way to go Tricha—chief of the Albright natives! You did a swan-kickin' job!

So wait a minute, what time are we leaving?

Hey Megan!
Do an Irish...ooh, I mean British accent for me!
Jimbo

Donkey Kong anyone?
—Thatcher

To all the kids involved with CLOUD 9,
Good luck...you're going to need it (heh, heh).
—Giovanni Debaccio

...Even if I had a 39 1/2 foot pole!

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Editorials/Opinions

Amnesty International members defend organization's position

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to further clarify the statements I expressed in a previous article I wrote for Amnesty International, "Amnesty International reaches out to voice concerns for Human Rights" in the December 10th issue of *The Albrightian*, as well as explain the organization and how it operates.

I am writing in response to the article in the February 18th *Albrightian* issue, "Amnesty International article misleading," by Eda Ulus, who addresses the AI Turkey Campaign, "No Security without Human Rights."

Ulus made direct reference to several of my statements that I feel she may have misinterpreted or believes I did not completely explain.

The first reference was to my statement, "Everyday innocent civilians (men, women, and children) are subjected to unthinkable torture that many are not even guilty of committing."

According to several government and independent sources, the number of reports of "disappearances," suspicious deaths, and claims of torture is so frequent in certain areas of Turkey that they occur nearly every day.

The interpretation made by Ulus that "the lives of all, innocent, ordinary citizens are at risk every minute of the day..." is an over-generalization and misrepresentation of my words. Those who are most at risk are the journalists, human rights activists, and protesters against the government.

AI has a strict mandate, detailed in an international statute. The main focus of its campaigning is to free all prisoners of conscience, people who are detained anywhere for their beliefs or because of their sex, language, color, or ethnic origin.

It does not work for those who advocate or use violence; however it opposes the use of torture against anyone.

Ulus also made reference to a quotation on a flyer that the Albright College AI group has used to publicize the Turkey Campaign. Since the name of the person issuing the statement on the flyer was not used, Ulus questions its validity.

Human rights groups, including AI, and even those working in journalism will often withhold a name of a person in order to protect the innocent or those who wish to remain anonymous.

I would like to make some final comments in defense of AI and the recent work on the Turkey Campaign.

In her article, Ulus states, "one needs to thoroughly study the history, economy, and sociopolitical situations in Turkey to understand issues, instead of relying on a few pages supplied by this international organization which can make misleading statements."

Amnesty International is a well-known, well-respected, 36-year-old organization working in and on behalf of over 190 countries and territories in the world. This organization, a 1977 Nobel Peace Prize winner, is independent of any political, ideological, or religious affiliation and is funded by donations from its members and supporters around the world.

Last year AI sent 72 delegations to 59 countries. Their duties include holding direct, on-the-spot investigations into reports of human rights abuses, discussing AI's concerns with government authorities, and observing political trials.

Some of the countries visited were Burundi, Algeria, Mexico, Kazakhstan, Israel and the Occupied Territories and the Palestinian Authority, and Turkey.

Since our group has signed up to work for Turkey, AI has sent us a substantial amount of information, including overviews, pamphlets, detailed booklets, and videos.

When I attended the Regional Conference in Virginia this past October, AI stressed the importance of being fully aware of the country's history, including the past and present political situations. Our group has continually urged anyone wanting further information on the background and details of the Campaign to contact us. The only way to be truly effective is to be fully informed.

Our sources include more than the reports of Amnesty International.

Each year the U.S. State Department must issue a report on each country's human rights record. The 1996 report for Turkey noted "widespread cases of torture by security forces, deaths during detention, and other killings in which the assailants remain unknown."

A recent article from the Associated Press, "Turks Turn off Lights in Protest" states how each night candles cover Ankara's main square only to be blown out in silent protest against government corruption.

"Since February 1st, from villages to cities, people have turned the lights off for one minute every night."

The people of Turkey have every right to be proud of their beautiful country and work to improve it. The Turkish government has every right to protect itself from terrorists and other violent groups, but only within the bounds of international law, which condemns torture and killings.

Amnesty International shares the concerns of the Turkish people and seeks to uphold justice and ensure peace.

Anyone wanting further information or reference to the contents of this article, please feel free to contact me. In order to work for human rights, one must have the complete facts.

Sincerely,
Maggie Ward

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the letter written by Eda Ulus that was published in the February 18, 1997 issue of *The Albrightian*. That letter was in response to the article "Amnesty International reaches out to voice concerns for Human Rights."

I am a longtime member of Amnesty International and believe very strongly in this organization and its work. I feel that the object and standards of AI have been misunderstood by Ulus and would like to take this opportunity to explain the mandate and standards of AI.

Amnesty International is an independent human rights organization which works impartially in its defense of human rights all around the world. It has a precise mandate that it uses in its work. It is to free all prisoners of conscience, which are people detained for their beliefs or because of their ethnic origin, sex, color or language, who have not used or advocated violence in any way.

AI also works to ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, abolish the death penalty, torture, and other cruel treatment of prisoners, and to end extrajudicial executions and "disappearances." AI also opposes abuses by opposition groups, hostage taking, torture and killings of prisoners and other arbitrary killings.

Amnesty International has a budget of funds raised solely through donations and receives no money from any government,

which reflects the organization's independence.

Much of these funds are used for professional research into human rights violations such as observing trials, making visits to governments and making on-the-spot investigations to verify reports of human rights abuses.

AI receives information of human right violations from many reliable sources including newspapers such as the *New York Times* and then extensively researches any claim before any information is published about specific cases by AI. It does not accept any case that has not been well-proven.

Amnesty International is respected all over the world for its independence from political interests and has won many accolades for its work in defending human rights, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977. Since 1961, AI has worked on behalf of 43,000 prisoner cases, of which 40,000 are now closed.

It is an organization of people spreading hope to people.

I believe strongly in what we work for and that the abuses that we work to stop are real and extremely well-documented. I will continue to work along side the more than 1,000,000 other members of Amnesty International around the world to keep the candle of hope burning for human rights.

Sincerely,
Jen Thalman

Multiculturalism and religion can coexist in campus life

Dear Editor,

As a Christian and a big fan of multiculturalism, I feel the need to respond to some of the comments made by Carol Smith in the last issue of *The Albrightian*.

I firmly agree that the Christmas service was anything but a real Christmas service, and I also was disappointed.

However, I cannot berate this school for being "so multicultural." I for one am proud to attend a college that puts such an emphasis on multiculturalism.

I also don't think you can consider Albright "tiptoeing around" if there is an interfaith baccalaureate because unlike Christmas, an address given before a graduating class is hardly a religious service and should be open to all faiths when you have a student body as diverse as ours.

I also know that a great deal of effort went into making the Kwanzaa and Hanukkah celebrations so successful. If you recall, students from all religious backgrounds enjoyed the activities. It was an excellent opportunity for people to come together and learn something about each other.

If students are so "offended" by Albright's watered-down Christian services, they should put in as much effort as the African American Society and Hillel did to make their celebrations happen.

It's obvious that everyone is welcome to celebrate their religious beliefs here. If students feel otherwise, there are so many channels they can go through to change things. Why did we select a student government? Why does President Hurwitz schedule open office hours? Why do we bother to hold open forums if students don't take advantage of them?

In conclusion, I applaud Albright for being so multicultural and feel that diversity should be celebrated, not criticized.

Sincerely,
Pauline Skiadopoulos

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Point/Counterpoint

Hemp: The benefits greatly outweigh the risks

by Jennifer Schestok

Reefer, pot, weed, bud--whatever people want to call marijuana, the debate about whether it should be legalized or not continues.

The legalization of marijuana is pending in many state courts for medicinal and recreational purposes. Arizona and California legalized marijuana last month for medicinal usage. Is it right? I believe that it should be legalized for many reasons. Marijuana, and more specifically, the whole plant, known as hemp, has many uses.

The hemp has three types of usage: industrial, medicinal and recreational. The industrial usage of hemp is a different strain than the recreational and medicinal.

Industrial hemp's uses are for fuel, paper, building materials, etc. The fiber is thicker and the main ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is 1% or less. The hemp that people smoke (marijuana) is between 4% and 14% THC.

The lower the percentage of the THC, the more someone has to smoke. Industrial hemp should not be smoked simply because it would be a waste of time. There are no effects with industrial hemp. Since industrial hemp cannot be smoked, there is no reason why it should not be legalized.

Industrial hemp is a vital resource for the future. Fossil fuels like petroleum are not going to last forever. Industrial hemp can be burned and made into fuel. It is clean and efficient.

Secondly, hemp is a food source. Hemp has more protein than soy. It can feed the world population and produce healthier people. Hemp seed oil is another way to ingest the plant. It is very nutritious. It is used just as any other food derived oils. Hemp seed oil is also a great vitamin supplement as well as a wonderful lubricant for the skin. Many people have used the oil for massaging and moisturizing.

Next, hemp can be made into clothing. Cotton uses over 50% of the countries pesticides. Hemp grows anywhere without pesticide treatments. It is a hardy plant and does well as a crop. Hemp can be blended well with silks, cotton, etc.

Paper is another product of the hemp plant. It takes only one acre of hemp to make the same amount of paper from four acres of trees. Not only is this economically and environmentally conservative, but hemp produces a high quality paper. The paper is much thicker and sturdier than regular paper made from trees. The first draft of the Declaration of Independence was, in fact, written on hemp paper.

Environmentally, hemp is safer to use. By cutting down as many trees a year as we do in the U.S., we are depleting our oxygen supply. We are literally killing ourselves by cutting down trees. Also, the entire hemp plant is used to produce various goods and services, so there are no waste products.

The hemp plant is a great building material. It can be made into a bioplastic which is stronger and lighter than wood. Henry Ford made an entire car out of bioplastics made with hemp. Unfortunately, this wonderful building material is quite expensive. The expenses are so high because the plant is illegal and it must be imported.

The medicinal uses of the hemp strain known as marijuana are remarkable. AIDS patients find marijuana to be more useful than appetite stimulants like Megase and muscle-mass building drugs like anabolic steroids.

Also, many cancer patients prefer marijuana over drugs like Morphine, Dilaudid, and Zofran, which reduce nausea and are given intravenously. These patients say that it helps them want to eat and it eases the nausea and vomiting effects of chemotherapy treatments.

Marijuana helps reduce the pressure in the eyes due to glaucoma. Many drugs for glaucoma have side effects like pain and dimming of vision. Marijuana helps to focus and stop the shaking of vision with glaucoma. Marijuana has also been proven to alleviate the pain and muscle spasms where other medicines just do not work anymore.

Marijuana is a very natural drug. It is free of synthetic ingredients. In the Bible, God says, "I have given you all the seed bearing plants and herbs to use." If God put it here, then it is okay to use.

Many celebrities have come out to support the legalization of marijuana. Woody Harrelson went on Letterman promoting hemp hats and clothing. Peter Tosh said, "Legalize it. Don't criticize it." Many musicians, like Bob Marley, the Black Crowes, and Cypress Hill, openly support the legalization of marijuana.

The recreational uses of marijuana are much safer than drugs like alcohol and cigarettes, which can be habit-forming. An overwhelming amount of people are put in jail each year because they are caught with marijuana. The effects of alcohol are more harmful and dangerous than marijuana. More people are diagnosed with alcohol-related diseases like cancer and cirrhosis of the liver than from marijuana-related illnesses.

Nobody has died from the direct effect of smoking marijuana. People who drink alcohol are more likely to become abusive and violent than those on marijuana. The facts are that people on marijuana are more likely to be mellow, happy, and relaxed. Many people feel that the world is a lot safer with marijuana users than alcoholics.

Alcohol is more dangerous and legal, and marijuana is safer and illegal. This is a major hypocrisy!

The hemp plant has so many wonderful advantages that will aid the world in the future. Thus, these are the reasons why marijuana/hemp should be legalized so we can reap the present and future benefits now.

Legalization of marijuana: A desperate plea for reason

by Robert Tartamosa

To many people today, the legalization of marijuana sounds like a good idea. People have become frustrated by the lack of success in stopping the use of the drug. Most people acknowledge that the use and abuse of marijuana is a serious problem for our society, but they think that it is one impossible to stop.

So why not just legalize it and try to contain it? Its advocates think it will save taxpayers money, and possibly even decrease the number of people who use the drug because it will be such a common thing; smoking pot would not be such a big deal if it were legal.

Then there are the people who believe that by legalizing marijuana we will create this utopian society in which crime does not exist, and we can spend our days in marijuana-filled bliss, being free, and loving our fellow man. A world in which marijuana is used as a wonder drug to treat everything from glaucoma, to asthma, to AIDS. One where everybody writes on marijuana paper and wears the latest designer hemp clothing.

You will hear many arguments about how great and versatile a plant marijuana is, and if not for recreational use, then at least for industrial and medical reasons, it should be legalized.

These arguments on an abstract theoretical level seem to make a lot of sense. After all, it's only marijuana; no need to choke our justice system with petty crimes like possession of marijuana. What harm could legalizing it do? At least then we could control it.

The thing is, what is meant by legalizing marijuana? How would it work? Who would be allowed access to it? Who would be allowed to sell it? Where would they be allowed to sell it? It raises many questions that the proponents of legalization do not want to talk about. To them it is a grand idealistic theory. They ignore the fact that the legalization of marijuana has many practical and logistical considerations.

If you ask, very few of them have probably thought through a system by which marijuana could be made legal. All they will say is that it should be legal and receive a litany of grand, altruistic reasons why.

If it were to be legalized, surely there would be some age restriction put on it, probably very similar to that of alcohol. Well if we look at what age groups buy and use most of the marijuana in this country, we will find marijuana use in this country is mostly done by people between 16-21. After college marijuana use drops off dramatically.

It is mostly by high school and college age kids that marijuana is used. So if marijuana were to be legalized and with all plausibility it would be restricted to people over 21, how much of the problem did we really solve? It will still be illegal for the majority of people who smoke marijuana to have access to it. There will still be a black market for the drug among the age groups who buy most of it. The illicit drug industry will be more than happy to sell to underage kids in schools.

Legalization advocates suggest that by legalizing marijuana we will reduce crime, create more room in prisons, and make money by cutting down on law enforcement and taxing marijuana.

The truth is that marijuana is only one drug. The drug rings have many other drugs they can sell. The DEA estimates that it will not be able to significantly cut the number of officers just by legalizing marijuana.

That our prison system is full of nonviolent small time marijuana users is a myth. Only 1.3 % of all federal inmates are in for possession of marijuana (average pot possession is 105 pounds).

Any revenues gained from taxes on the sale of marijuana will quickly be spent by the government trying to treat and reform the increased number of pot addicts in society. The government already spends millions on drug treatment programs and millions more on prevention.

With increased access to marijuana, the number of addicts will rise tremendously and all of society will be forced to pay the costs. Small European nations like Belgium have found this out the hard way. They legalized pot and enforced tight restrictions on its use, but they could not control it. The drug problem there is out of control. The legalization of drugs there has given rise to a violent crime problem. In 1992 the Dutch Criminal Intelligence service reported 104 gun-related deaths involving drugs, this in a country smaller than West Virginia.

The real question we have to ask is this: If we legalize marijuana, where do we draw the line? Should we then legalize cocaine and heroin? Of course we can cut down on crime if we do not make anything illegal. Laws exist to ensure a minimal level of acceptable behavior in order for society to function.

Society will pay in many ways if we legalize pot.

Drug abuse already accounts for millions of dollars in lost productivity for businesses in this country, and it is one of the largest reasons people are dismissed from jobs. People will try to compare pot to alcohol, saying that alcohol is a legal drug and most people can handle that.

The difference is that alcohol is a drug that you can moderate. You can not moderate marijuana; you are either high or you're not. It is much more potent and addictive.

THC is the psychoactive drug in marijuana; it binds to pleasure receptors in the brain causing the high, and with prolonged use the brain becomes used to the presence of THC molecules. Eventually it becomes dependent on them, and their absence can cause serious mental illness.

Marijuana is a powerful and dangerous drug if not respected. It would be disastrous to society to legalize it and make it as readily available as cigarettes.

Could you imagine a society in which you can walk into a convenience store and buy a pack of Camel Marijuana light 100s with the THC level perfectly engineered to keep you addicted for life?

It is as ridiculous as the notion of legalizing marijuana itself. The idea is really just a cry of desperation from people fed up with a drug and crime problem that is out of control. But legalization is not the answer.

Education and prevention is the key. We must teach our children to respect and understand drugs, their affects and consequences. They already have a tough world to live in, and they do not need any more problems.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT, the newest edition to the Ed/Op section, has been created to address a single controversial issue from two opposing viewpoints. Each week our writers will address a new topic, in the hopes that we will stimulate and entertain. We would appreciate any feedback you may have about this section, and we hope you enjoy it!!

You may have noticed a glaring omission in recent editions of The Albrightian. Indeed, we regret to say that we have been unable to publish an Albright Traditions section because of a surprising lack of space. This scarcity of space is due in part to your responses to various issues pertinent to our lives here at Albright. We thank you for your feedback and renewed interest in expressing your views, and we'll be sure to bring some Tradition back to The Albrightian sometime soon!!

Features

In-line Skates: A Trend for the '90s

by Kristin Angellella

There were bicycles in the '60s. The '70s had rollerskates. The newest craze to hit the streets in the '90s is in-line skating. This new trend is now one of the most popular ways to exercise. People can often be found using skates when playing hockey, getting fit, performing tricks, or merely enjoying some recreation time.

Now that the weather has taken a turn for the better, (for the time being anyway) many skaters have been spotted in Albright Woods and on 13th Street.

So now that everyone else is zooming by in their trendy pairs of in-line skates, how does the inexperienced skater get by? Well, here are some tips for first-time buyers.

According to Sue Schmoier, a sales associate at Pinnacle Sports in Plaza 222 mall, the top-selling brands of in-line skates in the Reading area are Rollerblade, Oxygen, and K2. As for the cost of rollerblades, they can range anywhere from \$70 to \$370. Black is the most common color of rollerblades. For a more distinctive look, they come in shiny silver, glittery hunter green, or even deep purple and gold colors. Choosing what brand of skates you want also depends on what features interest you. For example, Technica makes a skate with wheels that prevent vibrations from the blacktop.

Schmoier also said that more experienced in-line skaters tend to prefer K2s for the comfort. Other rollerblades are completely surrounded by a hard shell, but K2s only have the hard shell around the ankle and heel area for specific support.

Jennifer Knoll, an avid in-line skater and '96 graduate of Albright College said, "It's fun to skate but the protective gear is uncomfortable."

Schmoier stresses the importance of wearing the gear. In-line skating is a risky sport, especially for those who skate tricks. It is extremely important for in-line skaters to have sufficient support around their ankles. Along with that protection, skaters should wear helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist pads. It is probably more important to

sacrifice a little comfort for safety. Rollerblade conveniently sells a three pack protective set including elbow pads, wrist guards, and knee pads.

So where can you get your in-line skating equipment?

Schenk and Tittle at the Berkshire Mall carries a large amount of the Rollerblade and Oxygen brands. At Fairgrounds Mall, Schuylkill Valley Sporting Goods has a small inventory of mostly Rollerblade and Oxygen skates. Pinnacle Sports carries a large selection of many different types and brands of skates. Schmoier said that many experienced skaters shop at Pinnacle Sports when they are looking to upgrade their old skates.

During the spring and summer, Pinnacle Sports offers skating lessons every Tuesday for \$5. Those who are interested can rent a pair of skates or bring their own.

Once you learn how to use your in-line skates, where can you go to try them out?

No one is permitted to bicycle, skateboard, or rollerblade on Albright's campus. There are signs stating this posted all around campus because of damage that has been done to the metal sculpture in front of the Center for the Arts building. Furthermore, if people are skating on the paths on campus where people frequently walk, someone could get hurt.

Younger people have been told to stop skating on campus and all over Reading. Andrew Vesloski, a 15-year-old Reading High School student, recently met with Mayor Paul J. Angstadt to discuss this problem. Vesloski was inspired by young skaters from Arizona who wrote a letter to their mayor about the same dilemma. Angstadt was pleased that Vesloski wanted to talk with him. As a result of Vesloski's plea, the mayor and his staff are working on ideas for people who want to skate but have nowhere to go.

People seem to agree that in-line skating is very fun and a great workout. Hopefully there will soon be a public place in Reading where skaters can have the fun without the worry.

Irish Myth Dispelled

Even for the non-Irish, the approach of St. Patrick's Day almost always whets the appetite for corned beef and cabbage. But in her latest book, *The Complete Book of Irish Country Cooking* (Penguin Studio 1995; \$27.95), Darina Allen, chef, author, TV personality, caterer, and founder and operator of Ireland's most famous cooking school, writes, "Salted beef appeared frequently on the menus of the aristocratic classes and also those not so well off, if they were fortunate enough to procure beef at all." She says too that corned beef and cabbage was a traditional Easter Sunday dinner.

The fact is that having it on St. Patrick's Day is an Irish-American custom and in Ireland it is rarely served on that day.

By all means, have your corned beef and cabbage but if you really want to celebrate the day, start at its very beginning.

For breakfast, have a bowl of steaming

Irish oatmeal with its unrivaled texture and flavor, and perhaps black or white bread, pudding (sausages). For lunch, or if you have the time or are observing the holiday on Sunday, take a cue from the menu of Conrad Gallagher, one of Ireland's most notable young chefs (and a distant cousin of mine). The owner-chef of Peacock Alley Restaurant in Dublin, Gallagher formerly served as sous-chef at Peacock Alley in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

He has brought new sophistication to breakfast with baked tomatoes stuffed with scrambled eggs and Irish bacon, served with sliced Irish Black Breakfast Pudding, on a bed of fresh spinach tossed with bacon.

If you are looking for an Irish twist in your cooking this St. Patrick's Day, Irish foods are sold in speciality stores across the country and in many supermarkets.

May the luck 'o the Irish be with you.



**Have a Very Happy and
Lucky St. Patrick's Day!**



Book Review: Not Another "B" Movie

"City of Darkness,
City of Light"
by Marge Piercy

by Dyana Mason

There are a lot of books out there. Books that do nothing for your soul or your intellect except run a two-week version of a "B" movie through the inside of your head. And there are a lot of history books out there that cast their characters in various shades of gray, cardboard cutouts that tell you nothing. As historical figures, they are as void of real information as the picture of a faded dollar bill.

Some authors, however, can take some raw facts, some sketches of who these figures really were and weave them into a story that holds life for us today, and can teach us a few things about our own ideologies.

City of Darkness, City of Light is feminist author Marge Piercy's latest novel and her latest attempt to find truth in something that has long been consigned to the dusty pages of a rarely read history book. The same woman who brought us insights on the men, women, and movements of the '60s shines an all too familiar light on the men, women, and movements of revolutionary France.

She looks at the French Revolution in a fictionalized account of six real people who lived during that era. Some were movers and shakers, some merely tag-alongs. She follows them throughout their lives, chronicling their strengths, their weaknesses, and their various battles against a regime that was antiquated even in the late 1700s.

But take these figures for all their corsets, powdered wigs, and knee-high pants (called culottes, we learn) and press them up close, against a mirror say, and compare them to those figures who did not live so long ago, and even live today, and any reader will be surprised by the similarity.

Piercy wrote *City of Darkness* from the perspective of one who has learned the lessons of trying to start a revolution. An activist in the late '60s and early '70s, she understands the politics of movements better than a lot of history buffs. She treats history not as a bunch of disconnected dates or names, but as the people who lived it. She is able then to paint the picture of the dynamics of a revolution, any revolution. Who are the players? What are they like? What are the mistakes they make that can lead to their downfall?

With the parallels so clear, it should be a lesson to all of us who feel like we are the first ones to ever desire to fight for justice. To some, it may be a lesson that you do not have to reinvent the wheel each time we head for the front lines, as the battle plans have been clearly executed before. For others, it may be a testament to how far we still have to go.

But for all of us, we can be comforted in knowing that our dreams, our desires are not "crazy" or subversive, but ring with clarity and truth, and will continue to shine brightly even through the foggy microscope and the critical eye of time.

So next time you're in the mood to go to yet another movie, curl up with a good book instead. For starters try *City of Darkness, City of Light*.

-National Student News Service

Roving Reporter

by Pauline Skiadopoulos

Q: Do blonds really have more fun?

Answers

"Not when they have a boyfriend."

-Rhianon Maniscalco '00

"Only when it's natural."

-Lisa Kunkle '97

"I'm not blond and I get plenty of lovin'."

-Jeff Perry '98

"No, they don't because it's not the color of your hair but what you've got."

-Shady Kate Wilson '00

"I'm not blond and yet Pauline still loves me unconditionally. I am truly blessed."

-Darren Was '97

"Absolutely!"

-Kevin Kotts '00

"I know I do!"

-Jill Auer '99

"I don't think it really has anything to do with hair color, I think it's something else. Take Pamela Anderson, she has lots of fun, but is it her hair that the guys like?"

-Jamie Blau '98

"Here? No."

-Laura Oxtan '99

"If it will get me a booty call, I'll definitely consider dyeing my hair blond."

-an anonymous brunette

"Blonds do have more fun, that's why Matt Santoro dyed his hair."

-Kara Mia Graham '99

"The reason I dyed my hair is because I saw how much fun Kara was having and I wanted to be like her."

-Matt Santoro '00

"I really couldn't tell you. I've never been a brunette."

-Maureen Collison '99

*Get ready
for Spring!!!*



Star Wars Trilogy, Part II

The Empire Strikes Again

by James B. Harr III

Yoda...Lando...Bossk...Mynocks.

These are four words to whet your intergalactic appetite, and get you geared up for the next *Star Wars* addition now in theatres: "The Empire Strikes Back."

On February 21, the second film in the *Star Wars* Trilogy: Special Edition was released. "The Empire Strikes Back" hit the screen, and what an impact it had.

Once again, I attacked the theatre at 11 a.m., but to my sadness, the box office had been open since 10 a.m., so the crowd consisted of ten people who were lounging around, listening to music which was blasting from a 1996 Eclipse. To my great surprise, there, greeting me at the front of the building, was Michelle Carrara, '97, who affectionately showed me how much she appreciated my coming. After she informed me of the situation in the box office, I purchased my ticket for the 12:15 p.m. show. Michelle expressed her sadness in regards to her inability to attend the late showing, due to her prior commitment with a Lion Diplomats convention at Shippensburg University. Oh well, my sadness never ceases.

At 11 p.m., Jaime Britigan, '97, Adam Kreps, '99 and I, after a long day of waiting, arrived at the theatre. We were in quite a frenzy. I was garbed in attire which faintly resembled that of Han Solo. With a blaster by my side, we entered the building. A large mass of people were swarming, most of them seated in a line formation which stretched all the way back to "Evita." So, not to seem too precocious, we sat down in order to "blend." We mingled. We chatted. I shot people with my laser gun. It was pure enjoyment to the fullest. After a while, more friends arrived, such as Gieve Patel, '98,

Karen Wert, '97, and my very own brother, David Aaron. Amidst the duration of the wait, Nathan Roberts, '00, traveled to Walmart (registered trademark) to buy candy, soda, and a kahooie load of oatmeal cream pies. It was a fine diversion of time, for whence we returned, the entourage was emptying into the large room which would house us for the film.

We took our seats. So with Adam to my left and Kristofer Updike, '99, to my right, the movie began, thus commencing a whole new experience which would be embedded in my mind and heart forever...

New stuff. That is all I have to say. New art, new footage, another Boba Fett appearance. It was to die for. The movie was so chock full of added scenes that my ear canal was flooded with Adam's words of knowledge which went something like this... "That part's new!...Oh, that's new!...Hey, now, that wasn't there before!" So I was constantly updated of fresh "stuff" in the film.

There are several distinct additions in the new version of "The Empire Strikes Back." For example, the once allusive Wampa Ice Creature can now be seen chewing on raw meat and approaching Luke Skywalker. Granted, it was not as spectacular as Jabba the Hutt's emergence in "A New Hope," but it is still a fun scene.

Bespin (a.k.a. The Cloud City) now contains random crowd scenes, computer generated Cloud Car segments, and more shots of the city itself. One way that George Lucas accomplished exposing more of the Bespin sights was by taking corridor walls and superimposing windows on them which reveal the outside world (very much like windows are intended to do) known as The

Cloud City.

A very special feature that "Empire" contains which no other *Star Wars* film contains is TV's Clifford C. Claven of the sitcom "Cheers" (which is now in syndicate—check local listings for times). Yes, that is correct. John Ratzenberger makes a one line cameo as a commanding officer in the Hoth System's Rebel base. His line comes after an encouraging speech by Princess Leia just before the rebel fighters attack the Empire in their snowspeeders (the Incom T-47 airspeeders were adapted for the ice planet and renamed "snowspeeders"). My good friends, Adam and Kristofer, debated me on this tidbit of information regarding Cliffie, but I proved them incorrect while the final credits rolled.

In my opinion, though I am an incredibly large *Star Wars* fanatic, and though "Empire Strikes Back" is a definite must see, the alterations in the special edition were not that earth shattering. The aesthetic value and appreciation is most pertinent in one's enjoyment of the changes, but the movie is still incredible without them. My suggestion for you is to make a jaunt to the Wyomissing theatre, which is the heart of Berks County, and see the movie for yourself.

Also, save a place in your date books for March 7th and 14th. There is a dispute whether "Return of the Jedi" will be released on the 7th (which is the original date), or the 14th (which everyone is talking about). In either case, you will want to witness the final book of the *Star Wars* Trilogy, which will contain new scenes in Jabba's Palace on Tatooine and throughout the entirety of the film.

If anything, come out to see a plethora of Ewoks. See you in line.

"The Empire Strikes Back" Top Ten Sexually Slanted Lines

10. "I thought that hairy beast would be the end of me."
9. "Size matters not. Judge me by my size, do you?"
8. "There's an awful lot of moisture in here."
7. "But now we must eat. Come good food, come..."
6. "That's okay, I'd like to keep it on manual control for awhile."
5. "Hurry up, golden-rod..."
4. "I must've hit it pretty close to the mark to get her all riled up like that, huh kid?"
3. "Possible he came in through the south entrance."
2. "And I thought they smelled bad on the outside."
1. "Control, control! You must learn control!"

★ Horoscopes ★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Don't listen to a friend's advice since it's off the mark. You are upset when unexpected guests drop by without so much as a phone call later in the week. However, this could be fun, so try to be more flexible. The weekend looks good for quiet activities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You are disappointed when a family member reneges on a planned get together this week. If buying a gift for someone, be sure you know the person's tastes and avoid spending too much. A weekend getaway is possible, if you don't go overboard on expenses.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Someone who owes you money is slow to repay you - which should serve as a lesson for the future. You and your significant other need to achieve a meeting of the minds concerning finance. You want to spend but your partner wants to save.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): It's not a good time to share those innovative ideas you have for business this week. Someone is just waiting to take credit for them, leaving you out in the cold. If shopping this weekend, watch expenditures.

LEO (July 23 to August 22): A certain someone in your social sphere is just handing you a line. It's best to maintain your distance and remain skeptical. Don't let flattery sway you. In business, make sure your goals are realistic.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22): You spend some time this week tapping your toes, waiting for someone who's not on time for an appointment. Be careful of someone who promises more than can be delivered.

This weekend, avoid mixing business with pleasure.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22): In considering your social options, make sure you honor obligations you'd made previously. A financial proposal made this week is really just a long shot. Generally, this is not a good time to gamble.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): Sift through your social invitations and use discretion. If not, you'll find yourself yawning though a dull, uneventful social gathering. Extra expenses arise in connection with travel for those on the road.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21): In your pursuit of pleasure, be careful not to take unnecessary risks. In romance, you have a tendency to be a bit impulsive this week - which is unlike you and could lead to trouble. Try to be more careful.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19): You have time to socialize this week. Yet, you need to spend some time on a work-related project earlier in the week. Curb your tendency to spend too much when shopping for the home.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18): You're having a difficult time making up your mind this week about a purchase you're considering. Seek out family members' opinions. The weekend favors moderation while out socializing.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20): Epicurean delights appeal mightily this week. However, exercise some restraint or you face a stringent diet at a later time. This weekend, keep lines of communication open with family members.



Deep Thoughts



"Instead of having 'answers' on a math test, they should call them 'impressions,' and if you got a different 'impression,' so what, can't we all be brothers?"

"Maybe in order to understand mankind we have to look at the word itself. MANKIND. Basically, it's made up of two separate words: 'mank' and 'ind.' What do these words mean? It's a mystery and that's why mankind is so..."

"It's easy to sit there and say you'd like to have more money. And I guess that's what I like about it. It's easy. Just sitting there,

rocking back and forth, wanting that money."

"To me, clowns aren't funny. In fact, I think they're kind of scary. I've wondered where this started and I think it goes back to the time I went to the circus and a clown killed my dad."

"Consider the daffodil. And while you're doing that, I'll be over here, looking through your stuff."

"I wish I had a dollar for every time I spent a dollar, because then, yahoo!, I'd have all my money back."

Coming soon...



The Lion Diplomats and the Traditions Committee take a trip down memory lane

APRIL 6, 1997

Meyerstown Retreat

"Re-discover Your Roots"

Have you ever wondered about the history of this illustrious institution of which we are a part? If you have, this trip is for you. Visit the original site of the Albright College campus and learn about our founder, Jacob Albright.



Soap Updates



ALL MY CHILDREN: Liza almost got Adam to make love to her. Later, Brooke slapped Adam over his charge that Laura stole a piece of art. Erica got Maria to come to a remote cabin where she forced her to admit she slept with Dimitri. Maria then went into labor. Tanner misled Hayley by suggesting he fly her to meet Mateo in Texas, but mid-flight, he disconnected the radio wire and said they must land. Later, he gave Hayley a beverage containing an unknown substance. *Wait To See:* Brooke confronts Pierce about his flashbacks.

ANOTHER WORLD: Carl came to Gabe's funeral and announced Bobby and Vicky are alive, and accused Grant of trying to kill them. Later, Nick and Sofia learned Grant wanted them arrested for kidnapping Kirkland. Rachel told Carl she's pregnant. Carl, meanwhile, reassured Cindy, that he believed her story about Grant and she should stick by it. He later hinted to Sharlene about his upcoming trip, hoping Rachel will find out. *Wait To See:* Grant's manipulative powers could overwhelm Cindy.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Mike realized Diego's voice came from the tape he made in the hospital. He then told Pilar he had feelings for her. Kim couldn't recall who brought her home from the hospital. Hal confronted Ryder about seeing his boot prints at the church, leading to Ryder's revelation of Diego's blackmail. Holden and Hal saw Pilar grab Lily through the bars of the jail when Lily refused to help stop the tabloids from smearing Diego's name. Diego's body was missing. *Wait To See:* Connor faces a new crisis with Mark.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Lauren encouraged Stephanie to tell Eric how she feels about him. Later, Eric was upset when Lauren told him that Clarke was the new man in her life. Clarke told Sally that Grant planned to get Brooke to sign over control of Forrester to him. Thorne was furious when Taylor said she wouldn't go to Tahiti with him because of her feelings for Ridge. Meanwhile, Ridge saw the documents Connor prepared for Grant. *Wait To See:* Taylor faces horror in her home.

THE CITY: To avoid consummating her marriage to Gino, Tracy called in Pamela, a retired call girl. But Gino proved non-

responsive in bed. He was dead! Zoey and Tracy panicked as they tried to hide Gino's body. Tony assured Alex he never slept with Carla, and both guessed Danny was in on her scheme. Meanwhile, Carla wondered where her father was. *Wait To See:* Carla makes an accusation, will it stick?

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Dorman brought in a witness who lied on the stand about Monica. Jason defended his mother. Alan warned A.J. that Monica not learn he's drinking again. Brenda's secret admirer unveiled his murderous contempt. Nikolas tried to get information from Tom, Bobbie and Stefan to help his grandmother (Lesley). *Wait To See:* Brenda's life hangs in the balance.

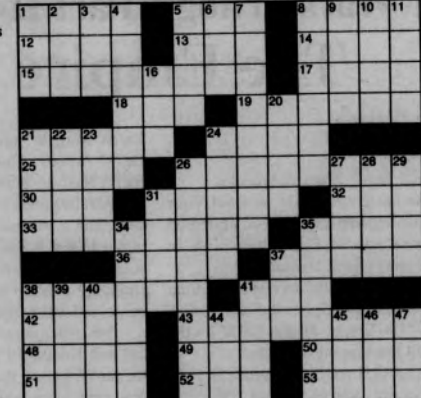
GUIDING LIGHT: Josh asked a flustered Annie why Dr. Sedgwick didn't know she's pregnant. Blake's hopes were dashed by Ross' reaction to her homecoming. Nick, meanwhile, warned her not to neglect little Kevin. Alan's "assurance" that he's taken care of wedding details left Rodger and Amanda wondering if they'll have to go through with the marriage. Later, Alan and Annie agreed they still have work to do together. Buzz got more than he expected as he bargained on Jenna's behalf. *Wait To See:* Josh and Reva's surprise leads to a revelation.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Nora and Bo found Asa on the boat, where he said he'd gone to retrieve his weapon. He mentioned seeing R.J. at the fuse box the night Carlo was murdered. Maggie told Max about Ian and his mother's death in St. Marten. Meanwhile, Ian hired a P.I. to follow Maggie. After learning the university won't do research into Starr's disease because of Todd's past, Viki went to ask Marty for a favor. *Wait To See:* Bo makes an arrest.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: After hearing Sharon say she can't go through the loss of another child, Grace made a decision. Josh later told Nick and Sharon she'd suffered a placental separation and needed to stay in bed for the duration of her pregnancy. Josh reacted to seeing Nikki and Victor kissing, and insisted Victor not be allowed in their home again. Victoria told Cole and Victor she's leaving town to get perspective on her marriage and her life. *Wait To See:* Sasha makes a move.

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Flash Gordon's foe
5 Mate of 1 Down
8 Subsequently
12 Stench
13 Kyoto cummerbund
14 Wander
15 Cuffs
17 Iowa city
18 Actor Kilmer
19 Fred of PBS fame
21 Greek physician
24 French meat entree
25 Piece of work
26 Partitioned compartments
30 Undeniably
31 Cobble's supply
32 Harem room
33 Magazine pieces
35 Hat part
36 Tennyson poem
37 Guitar-neck features
38 Teeming
41 So, state
42 Town
43 Tour de France vehicles
48 Ontario neighbor
49 Exploitation



50 Green land
51 Reply to "Shall we?"
52 "Help!"
53 Transaction
DOWN
1 See 5 Across
2 Rhoda's mom
3 Negative prefix
4 "I, Claudius" author
5 G.I. Joe is one
6 Rushmore carvings
7 Strips
8 Dire
9 Baserunner's goal
10 Incessantly
11 "Untouchables" role
16 Has the skill
20 Singer Redding
21 Maja painter
22 Mimic
23 Overwhelming desire
24 Like some index cards
26 He rode out west
27 Traditional knowledge
28 Blue-pencil
29 Donaldson and Peckinpah
31 Surgery souvenir
34 Visions
35 Shored up
37 Aviate
38 Seth's brother
39 Foolproof
40 Legal paper
41 Experts
44 Equal: prefix
45 Tall tale
46 Historic period
47 Partner of poivre

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FIND 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
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Simply the Best

Men's basketball ends season with tough loss against Leb Val

Davis and Scharadin close out distinguished careers

by Kurt Krebs

When the men's basketball team faced Lebanon Valley on Feb. 22, the Albright community came out in full force to pay tribute to seniors Dwight Davis and Jim Scharadin, who were playing their final home game in a Lion uniform. In the game that followed, both players displayed the qualities that have earned them the respect of teammates and fans alike during the last four years.

Albright came to the game in the exact situation in which it hoped to be—in control of its destiny. The men needed to beat Lebanon Valley in order to make their first playoff appearance in four years. Lebanon Valley, however, also came needing a win to secure a playoff spot. Albright entered the game riding the momentum of a drubbing of MAC rival Susquehanna. The Lions had dominated the Crusaders from start to finish en route to a 93-71 blowout on the road three days earlier.

The Lebanon Valley game opened in spectacular fashion. Following the pregame tributes to Davis and Scharadin, the team came out on fire, with freshman James Drewery matching Lebanon Valley basket over the first two minutes and freshman Shawn Swavely and Scharadin each hitting threes. However, Lebanon Valley was equally hot, and by midway through second half, they opened up a 20-point lead.

As was the case all season long, Albright dug deep and made a run, possibly the most memorable this season. Davis adamantly began calling for the ball, and for about 5 possessions, he single-handedly led Albright back. As a result, the offense which had not been clicking since the opening minutes began to look like the Albright which everyone is used to seeing.

When the defense began collapsing on Davis, Swavely and Drewery were freed up for open shots, and they continued to knock them down. At the same time, the Lions turned up the defensive pressure, led by Scharadin's four steals (three in the last 10 minutes). Albright closed what had been a 23-point lead down to a 5-point margin inside of seven minutes, and Albright had the ball. The possession that ensued determined the game. Drewery drove the lane, drawing contact from two Lebanon Valley defenders. Feeling the contact, Drewery threw up an off-balance shot which somehow went in the net.

The whistle blew and the Bollman

Center erupted. Jubilation turned to shock, however, as the referee missed the foul and instead called Drewery for a traveling violation, waving off the basket as a result. Vocal protest from the Albright bench drew a technical foul, and a subsequent Lebanon Valley three pointer ended what turned out to be an 8-point turnaround. Albright again found themselves down by double digits and simply could not overcome a 70 percent shooting performance by Lebanon Valley in the second half.

Despite the loss, the two seniors both turned in performances that exemplified them as players and as leaders. Scharadin, as is often the case with him, did not have a huge night in the categories that show up in the box score. However, as usual, Scharadin did the things that do not show up in the box scores, from battling for rebounds to diving on the floor for loose balls. Scharadin's whole career was exemplified in one incident that occurred late in the game, when the score was basically out of reach. He went to the floor with a muscle cramp in his leg but dragged himself back up to chase down a loose ball. Seconds later, Scharadin, still limping, dove nearly into the first row of bleachers after an errant pass. His statistical contributions can probably be replaced next season, but his heart and hustle will be much harder to replace.

Likewise, Dwight Davis showed why, over the past four years, he has been the one constant in Albright basketball. For the 22nd time in his distinguished career, Davis posted a double-double (15 points and 10 rebounds). But again, it's not as much the points and rebounds that Davis brought to the team as the leadership. No matter what the situation, Davis was one guy who was sure to always be calm and focused. The bigger the situation, the more focused Davis became, and no situation was bigger than last Saturday. Davis responded, as he always does to challenges, in a big way. He played all 40 minutes, and every time it seemed that Lebanon Valley had put it away, Davis would lead one more charge.

Davis never had the privilege to reach the playoffs, but it is a safe bet that the talented group of players that return next year will reach this goal. Davis deserves some of the credit for the success that they will achieve because he was the foundation around which the program was built. Dwight Davis and Jim Scharadin will be missed by this program and basketball fans alike.

Kudos to...

...Dwight Davis for becoming the 25th men's basketball player in Albright's history to score 1,000 points in a career.
 ...Shawn Swavely for being named MAC Commonwealth League Rookie of the Year.
 ...Angie Bretz for qualifying for the ECAC swimming championships and the NCAA Division III B Standard of the 100 breaststroke.
 ...Jim Delp, Skye Tandy, and Gia Pham for qualifying for the ECAC indoor track championships.
 ...the women's basketball team for making it to the playoffs for the first time since the 1982-83 season.
 ...Jason Alexander for placing fourth in the heavyweight class at the Eastern Regional wrestling championships.
 ...Thomas Chong and Ryusaku Kitatani for winning the men's doubles crown at the 1997 Northeastern Collegiate Badminton Championships.

Records broken and medals earned by swimmers at MACs

by Gina Roselli

The season has drawn to a close for the swim team, and it was a successful one for both the men and the women. At the MAC championships the Lions swam some of their best races, setting personal records and new team records.

On Feb. 12, Albright held its last regular season home meet at Lebanon Valley. The men soundly defeated them by a score of 105-54. Scott Long, Chad Rutt, Jimmy Goodreau, and Jason Stumhofer set a new pool record by swimming the 200 yard relay in 1:45.15. The Lady Lions trounced Lebanon Valley, defeating them 116-53. Freshman Mary Scianna set a new pool record, swimming the 1650 yard freestyle in 19:35.91. The 200 free relay team of Kelli Bracken, Angie Bretz, Nicole Houvig, and Amy Steffenauer also set a new pool record, swimming the race in 1:47.15.

Both the men and the women were defeated by Elizabethtown, 105-83 and 112-93 respectively, at their last home meet on Feb. 15. Nonetheless, the men completed the season with a 10-3 record and the women with an overall record of 12-2.

The Middle Atlantic Conference swimming championships were held at Widener on Feb. 21-23. Nine men's teams and ten women's teams participated. The men finished fifth overall with 198 points, and the women finished fourth with 310 points.

On Friday, the Lady Lion's 200 yard relay team of Bracken, Bretz, Bobbi Butterweck, and Charity Karr received a silver medal and set a new school record by swimming the race in 1:55.23. The men's 200 yard relay team, Long, Rutt, Goodreau, and Stumhofer, swam to the bronze with a record-breaking time of 1:42.88.

Houvig came in sixth place in the 400 yard individual relay, setting the new school record at 5:05.89. Scianna, Robin Adams, Steffenauer, and Bracken set a new school record in the 500 yard free relay with a time of 8:33.26.

Both the men and the women continued their success the next day. Rutt finished sixth in the men's 200 yard breaststroke. Amy Naylor came in sixth in the 500 yard freestyle, and Long won the silver in this same race for the men. Adrienne Bowman, Bretz,

Steffenauer, and Karr won the bronze in the 400 yard medley relay with a time of 4:16.87 and set a new school record. Albright's Bracken, Bretz, Butterweck, and Steffenauer came in third place in the 200 yard freestyle relay and broke the old school record with a time of 1:44.32. The men's 200 yard freestyle team, Goodreau, Stumhofer, Rutt, and Long, also won the bronze and set a school record with a time of 1:31.05. In the 200 yard butterfly, Naylor and Jessica Wills finished second and third, respectively; Naylor's time of 2:23.58 was a school record. Bretz finished third in the 200 yard breaststroke.

On Sunday, Naylor placed fourth in the women's 1650 yard freestyle and Bretz and Butterweck finished second and third, respectively, in the 100 yard butterfly. For the men, Long set a school record and earned a silver medal in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 54.48.

Houvig came in fourth in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:23.39. Bracken finished fifth in the 200 yard freestyle (2:04.46) and set a new school record. Bretz continued to dominate as she placed second in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.52, qualifying her for the B Nationals and the ECAC meet. Rutt set new school records in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke races. Goodreau finished fourth in the 50 yard freestyle and set a school record with a time of 22.7. Karr also set a school record in the 100 backstroke. The women's 400 free relay team of Bracken, Bretz, Butterweck, and Steffenauer broke the school record with a time of 3:47.85. Bracken swam a record-breaking 100 yard leadoff leg with a time of 56.84. Goodreau, Stumhofer, Long, and Jack Miller swam the 400 yard free relay in 3:24.04, earning a bronze medal.

Assistant coach Joanne Stockholm was pleased with the finish at the MACs.

"Some of our swimmers swam their personal bests and most swimmers were pleased with their times," she said. "All the relays swam exceptionally well. The men's 400 yard free relay knocked 9 seconds off of their time. They were really burning up the pool."

According to Stockholm, the team exceeded all expectations. With most of the swimmers returning next year, they anticipate another prosperous season.

Congratulations to all of the seniors who participated in winter sports.
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Sports

Heavyweight wrestler Alexander places 4th at Eastern Regionals

by Abe Antler

This year's wrestling team took six wrestlers to the Eastern Regionals held at King's College on Feb. 21-22 with the hopes that a few of the men would place or receive a bid to go to the national championships held this year at Ohio Northern University on March 7. As it turned out, however, only one of those wrestlers came close to achieving these goals.

Sophomore Jason Alexander, this year's heavyweight with an individual overall record of 16-7, placed fourth in the sixteen team tournament. He lost his first-round match to a top-seeded opponent from Muhlenberg College 6-3. Alexander, however, came back with a vengeance in the consolation bracket. In the second round, he beat his opponent from Gettysburg College by a major decision of 15-2. Alexander pinned his opponent from Western Maryland College in the first period (2:00) of the next round, and in spite of suffering from severe fatigue due to a long bout of illness, he beat an opponent he previously pinned from Johns Hopkins University in overtime.

Alexander was not able to get by his consolation finals opponent from Delaware Valley College. He had wrestled him twice before, once during the regular season and once at the MAC championships, losing both times by the very narrow margins of 7-6 and 5-3, respectively. This time, however, a mistake made early in the match would prove costly. Alexander got pinned.

"I could have done better. I might have taken third had I not gotten caught against my opponent from Delaware Valley College," said Alexander. "Maybe my performance would have been better if I had come out for the team earlier. But because football had an extended season, I was forced to miss matches and tournaments. It was also difficult going heavyweight this year, having been last year's 190-pounder. I would always give up 20 to

40 pounds to each of my opponents this year, which was a challenge in and of itself."

Second-year head coach, Steven Ohnsman, had nothing to complain about in response to his team's performance at the Eastern Regionals or throughout the entire season.

"The guys we had wrestled really well this year," said Ohnsman. "We, however, were plagued with injuries and people quitting the team early on. Certainly contributing to the adversities that we underwent were our facilities, having to work out in the upstairs portion of the gym. The heating was inadequate, which caused several injuries and sickness to spread."

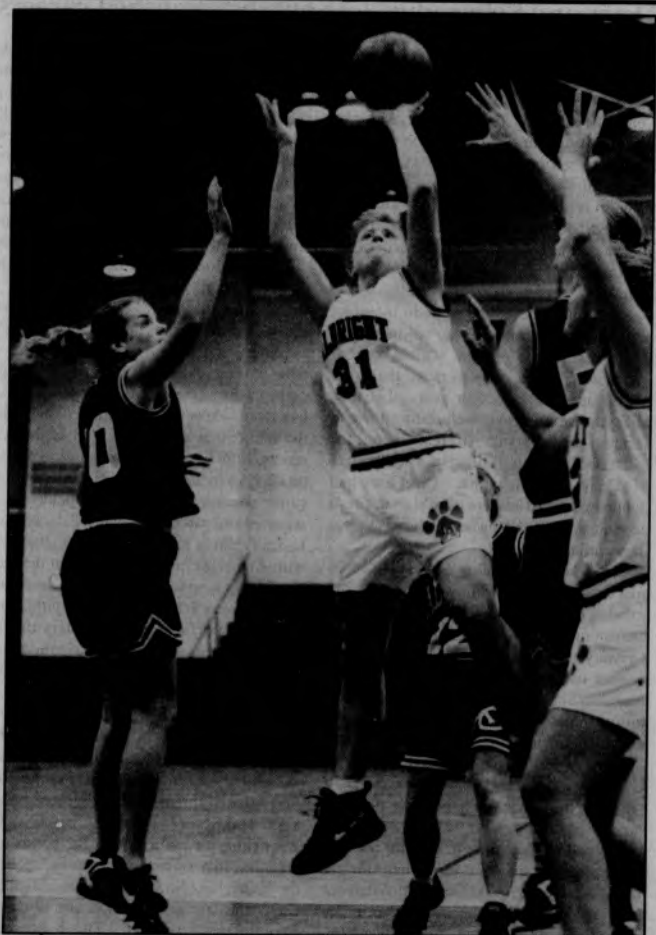
Freshman standout, David Armstrong was disappointed by the results of his first year with Albright's wrestling program.

"I found this season to be pretty disappointing. We lost 15 of our wrestlers, all for different reasons. Having lost so many people from the team really hurt us a lot. Nevertheless, I am satisfied with how I did. I had a much better season this year than I had my freshman year in high school, so I am happy," Armstrong said.

The Eastern Regionals closed the season. This year's team, with an overall record of 5-14, did well in spite of all of the adverse circumstances they had to overcome. Both poor facilities and a great loss of players unfortunately became the grounds for the final results in their dual meet season.

However, the team had an outstanding finish, tying for seventh place with Lebanon Valley College at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships, in spite of having only six wrestlers that day, and the performance at the Eastern Regionals was in many ways very positive. Certainly head coach Ohnsman feels this way.

"I firmly believe that the wrestlers we had who stuck it out for the duration of the season were a great representation of the school."



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Senior co-captain Jennifer Myers powers her way to the hole for two

Women's basketball makes it to playoffs; loses to Scranton

by Chad Eisenhower

Last week marked a very special time in the history of women's basketball at Albright, as the Lady Lions qualified for the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs for the first time since the 1982-83 season.

Today, Feb. 25, the women traveled to the University of Scranton to take on the Royals, the defending MAC champions, for the first round of the playoffs. The Lions fell behind early and never recovered, losing 68-46. However, this is not the kind of loss over which the Lady Lions should hang their heads. They struggled through various injuries toward the end of the season and were still able to achieve their primary goal for the season.

"I'm really proud of what we've accomplished," said junior guard Cathy Quigley. "I'm looking forward to next season."

The Lady Lions have good reason to look forward to next season as they will only graduate one player. Although it will be difficult to replace the leadership and hustle of captain Jennifer Myers, the team has several young players who were able to gain some valuable experience due to the untimely injuries. The improvement of the underclassmen was evident in the last week of the season.

In a 80-67 win over Delaware Valley, four players scored in the double digits. Sophomore Jennifer Houser scored 24 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Myers recorded a season high 15 points and 12

rebounds. Sophomore Kristyann Marshall and first-year Rachel Connolly both scored 12 points. Connolly also tied the MAC record for most assists in a game with 14. The freshman phenom also broke the Albright record for most assists in a season with 113.

The Lions closed out their regular season with a win over Lebanon Valley. The Lions defeated the Dutchmen 57-45, finishing with an 8-6 conference record and 12-12 record overall. Connolly scored 13 points, dished out 10 assists, and had six boards. Houser contributed 13 points and nine rebounds. Freshman guard Erin Wreski also added some spark to the Lions game by posting seven points and five rebounds.

Along with the two wins and the playoff berth, Albright had two players named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Holiday Inn Division III Southern Region Women's Honor Roll. Jen Houser received the honor as she averaged 14.7 points and 9 rebounds a game for the week. Rachel Connolly also made the honor roll and was named MAC Player of the Week, putting up 12 points, 10.3 assists, 5 rebounds, and 2.3 steals a game. Two Albright players also received post season honors. Connolly was named as a second team 1996-97 MAC Commonwealth League All-Star. Junior forward Jarra Rusnock was named to the first team despite missing the final 12 games of the season because of a stress fracture of the foot.

With such a vast improvement in the younger players and now a taste of playoff experience look for big things from the Lady Lions next season.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball			Softball		
3/12	MD-Eastern Shore	A 3:00	3/13	Alvernia	H 4:00
3/17	Miscordica	A 3:00	3/15	Allentown (2)	A 1:00
3/18	Kings's	A 3:00	3/17	Franklin & Marshall	H 4:00

Track teams put forth good individual results at MACs

by Maggie Ward

Although the men's and women's indoor track teams have struggled with their numbers throughout the season, they had an impressive performance at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Lebanon Valley College. Several ribbons were awarded to members on both the men's and women's sides.

Outstanding efforts were given for the women by junior co-captain Lauren Summa who placed in the 55 meter dash, 200 meter, and triple jump and who took third in the 80 meter run. First-year Meghan Rourke took fifth place in both the 200 meter run and the 55 meter dash. Junior Kristy Hering ran a personal best in the 800 meter and participated in several of the relays. Sophomore Skye Tandy placed third in the shot-put and sophomore Monica Wells took

fifth in both the high and long jump. Junior co-captain Maggie Ward finished fourth in the 1500 meter run and her second place finish in the 800 meter earned her a place on the Coaches All-Star Women's MAC indoor Track team.

On the men's side, sophomore Jim Delp placed third in both the 55 meter dash and 55 meter hurdles. Junior Gia Pham placed third in the triple jump and freshmen Jeremy Wawmizski and Matt Soltész both placed in the pole-vault. Sophomore John Saldibar helped the men by running the 1500 meter run and both the 4 x 400 meter and 4 x 800 meter relays. Junior co-captain Paul Peters ran well in the 200 meter as well as both relays.

In addition to these good results, Pham, Delp, and Tandy qualified for the ECAC's which were held at Boston University this past Saturday.