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District II SAA-SF conference a big success

□ After a year of extensive planning, the Lion Diplomats finally see the culmination of their efforts.

by Lori Thomas

During the weekend of Feb. 27 through March 1, the Albright College Lion Diplomats hosted the District II SAA-SF Conference. The conference began on Friday and ended Sunday morning with breakfast; however, the events in between kept everyone involved very busy.

The goal of the conference was to allow different colleges within a given district to meet with one another and exchange ideas intended to benefit their own organizations. Many schools have excellent programs and techniques implemented within their student alumni associations, and this conference provided an opportunity for others to benefit from them as well.

Senior Dawn Bryden, president of the Lion Diplomats, was very proud of how well everything turned out. With only minor setbacks, such as problems with busses, the conference was carried on to

schedule. She believes the conference is extremely beneficial in encouraging and informing organizations from other schools. Bryden knows that the roles of student/alumni organizations are different throughout the district. "I think you can really get a chance to see what other SAA's are doing. After all, when you say SAA it could mean giving tours of ambassadors, working for the annual fund, serving alumni or any combination. I think it is neat to see what exactly student alumni association means at each school," said Bryden.

Patty Martinez, Associate Dean of Students, was a key coordinator for this event. She worked with Bryden previously in RSA and was asked to help because of her experience with conferences and her leadership ability. Bryden asked her to help with the bid process and from there she continued to offer her assistance.

"It was a great opportunity to work with our students on a different level than usual. I was able to interact on a more personal level and could spend more time with the students," said Martinez. She believes that the Lion Diplomats were very successful in hosting the

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Senior Daphne Bilger, a SAA-SF conference committee co-chair, addressed the different schools at the Conference Banquet on Saturday night.

Greeks take a trip to the Big Apple

by Nathaniel Carey

Members of Greek organizations were invited to see a live taping of David Letterman on Thursday, March 5.

The admissions office received a phone call earlier that week from Rohit Sanj, the guest relations director for the Letterman staff. Sanj asked Michelle Fournier, student admissions employee, if a group of Greek students would like to come and watch the CBS Late Night Show free of charge.

Fournier thought the call was a prank, so she investigated further. The call was in fact legitimate, so Fournier had Sanj facsimile a confirmation.

Each nationally recognized social Greek organization was entitled to have seven students from the organization attend.

Jen Fox, Greek Advisor, coordinated the event with Lisa Terci, counselor for the Career Development Center, and the volunteering Fournier. Albright chartered a school bus for approximately \$500. Each student was charged five dollars, and the Dean of Students office agreed to cover the remainder of the cost.

Most of the students were

satisfied with the trip. "It was fun walking around New York with everyone laughing and being merry," said Jason Frame, senior and brother of Alpha Chi Rho. Sari Knopke, senior and sister of Phi Mu, said that she enjoyed everything because it brought people from all of the fraternities and sororities together, and it was a chance for students to get off campus.

Senior Mal Maher, brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said "the show itself was fantastic, funny and impressive because of the incredible organization."

However, some students were not as satisfied with the trip as others.

"The trip was a known in some ways because the audience was not involved really at all. We travelled so far to just sit there. Letterman cared more for the television viewers at home than he did for us," said Jamie Blau, senior and sister of Alpha Delta Pi.

Other students sympathized with Blau's complaint. Paul Peters, senior and Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother, agreed, saying, "It was not worth it. My expectations were not fulfilled. Although the bus ride was fun, I was pissed off they gave us a yellow bus and not a charter bus. I would have rather paid the extra money for a bus with a bathroom."

The bathroom-less bus posed a problem for many students because only one rest stop was taken. Maher said, "The trip would have gone smoother if we did not have to stop to let Bilo go to the bathroom."

Nurse practitioner now available for services

□ Albright's health center has recently brought in a nurse practitioner from The Reading Birth and Women's Center to give women exams and consultations.

by Jennifer Schestock

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) Samantha Wesner Boyer is now seeing students on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Gable Health Center.

"There used to be a satellite office of the Reading Birth and Women's Center on campus a few years ago, but it fell apart," said Wesner Boyer. She contacted Suzanne Nickeson to set up the program this semester.

The nurse practitioner can perform most of the same duties as a gynecological doctor. Wesner Boyer was an ob/gyn registered nurse for nine years and went back to school for more

education to be a nurse practitioner.

Wesner Boyer's office offers the services of gyn exams, pap smears, STD testing, can distribute many forms of birth control, condoms, emergency contraceptives and can treat minor gyn problems.

"I love taking care of women. I feel women are overlooked in society and in preventive care," says Wesner Boyer. She encourages more of the women to take advantage of having gynecological services on campus. "We need to get the word out," says Wesner Boyer, "I have an open-door policy so students can stop by to meet for a formal visit or to check out the services."

Payment is expected at the time of the exam visit. Wesner Boyer says that this has been a slight problem. She just wants students to be prepared to pay before they come an appointment.

On average, an exam costs about \$40 full fee and she does accept most insurances. The

fees are on a sliding scale basis, and all fees are already discounted. The

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Samantha Wesner Boyer
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

Plans for new, improved fitness center proposed

□ *Albright's strength and conditioning coordinator, Paul Bachia, has proposed to SGA that an additional \$50 be added to the student activity fee, \$25 of which will go towards gym renovations.*

by Kim Field

It's 3 p.m. on a Wednesday, and you decide to go to the gym. You actually have the motivation to get up and go over, but when you arrive you are greeted by a room full of bulky people lifting weights that are three times as heavy as you. The line for the stair master is never-ending, and the only free weights available are the ones that weigh 75 lbs. What are you to do?

Recently Paul Bachia, Albright's strength and conditioning coordinator, made a proposal to transform the Albright Weight Room into the Albright Fitness Center. He hopes that by doing this, the fitness center will be more appealing to the average student on Albright's campus.

"I'd like to see the non-athletic students come in and push themselves," said Bachia.

The gym is meant to be used by everyone, but currently it is used mostly by athletes. This is largely due to the intimidation factor of the gym. The gym consists mainly of large machines and weights that are used by heavy

duty athletes. Listening to 250-lb. people grunt as they lift can be intimidating to some people.

This is part of the reason Bachia proposed the new fitness center. In addition, he believes that the new fitness center would bring Albright "more fitness conscious people."

"Through this fitness a better sense of self-image is created along with a better self-esteem. Both of these conditions contribute to relieving hostility," said Bachia.

Overall, the center would provide a creative outlet to relieve the day-to-day stress college students experience.

With a new vision of what the gym should be, Bachia has been working closely with the Student Government Association (SGA) and Paul Gazzero to make the new fitness center a reality. SGA will be contributing to the funding of the new fitness center if the proposal is approved. This money will come from the student activity fee paid at the beginning of each semester. This fee will increase by \$50 per year, pending trustee approval. Of this fee \$25 per year will go toward the gym renovations.

In addition to SGA funding, Bachia is researching additional financial support from the Varsity Club. He is also working with Donald Kirkwood, Vice President of Advancement, to raise funding.

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Paul Bachia
Strength and
conditioning coordinator

These renovations would consist of new lighting, floors, ceilings and equipment, including new plate-loaded machines, 10 new cardiovascular machines (including new steppers and bikes) and free weights. The circuit proposed would be most beneficial to the average student. Ideally, the student would spend a minute or so at each station of the plate-loaded equipment. The large clock, already in place at the gym, could be used to do just this.

In addition to these renovations some other changes have already taken place over at the gym. Hours have been extended, and classes are available. The new hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

A one-hour circuit training class will be available in the weight room on Monday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. from April 13 - April 29 and from May 4 -

May 20. Another one-hour circuit training class will be available Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. from April 14 - April 30 and from May 5 - May 21. An advanced training class is available every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and between 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., also in the weight room. Finally, a speed development class is now being held every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Life Sports Center. All are welcomed and encouraged to take advantage of these programs; they are here for the students.

After 30 years, Jake's Place, South Lounge and the caf get a face lift

□ *Building and Grounds tries their hand at interior design, making plans for the re-upholstery and arrangement of furniture in some of Albright's facilities.*

by Hillary Cassarino

Albright's recreational facilities and eateries are shaping up for the next century.

Interior designing will be changed in the student cafeteria, the Billiard/Recreation Room, the South Lounge and Jake's Place. Two meetings have taken place, one last semester and another this past January.

Students gave considerable input concerning what type of furniture would be the best to use. The students' opinions were greatly appreciated by members of the faculty.

The renovation of Jake's Place, seems to be the most popular choice for renovation. With its framed pictures hanging on walls almost unchanged since the sixties, Jake's Place will finally become a contemporary setting with brighter colors and modernized seating.

"We need a type of material that you could wipe off easily; I feel bad for faculty who come into Jake's wearing nice suits. The cloth chairs are just so old and just so stained," said Judy Bare,

Supervisor of Jake's Place. She attended the meeting and commented that vinyl seats would be the best choice for material.

"I like [the proposed change]," said Jane Valentino, who also works in Jake's Place, "We definitely need a change, especially a brighter one."

According to Physical Plant Director Howard Holden, this project will begin during Spring Break and hopefully be completed by the summer. "The goal within the next few months is to have most of this accomplished," said Holden.

Holden also said that there was a strategic plan for the design of the tables. "There will be more square tables so that more groups of people are able to sit. There is also a great concern for the 'Coffeehouse' at Jakes; the tables will be arranged so that the stage is visible from all angles of the room," said Holden.

Other students feel that Jake's Place should expand their food selection with healthier foods. Sophomore Nicole Gilman said, "Jake's should have food for vegetarians. The cafeteria doesn't have a great variety of foods-- maybe that should be another idea."

The selection of foods has yet to come up for discussion; however, Holden is very excited about the new furniture. "The Campus Center was built in 1966-- it's about time that we give it some life," said Holden.

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Lion Dips carry off conference successfully

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conference and she hopes that their hard work is recognized.

Albright's district, which is comprised of fifty-one colleges, had thirty-three in attendance. This is the largest attended conference for this district in the past ten years. Also in attendance was the District II representative, who was also elected to chair the representative board, Sheryl Westley of Frostberg State University. The Lion Diplomats had prepared for this event since last year and believe it was successful.

A group from Keuka College who came to the conference for their very first time agrees. "What was really great was that whenever we turned around, there was an Albright College student there to help. Everyone here is so friendly and wonderful," said their advisor, Jane Grein. They traveled from western New York near the Finger Lakes, and consider what they learned to be definitely worth the

trip. They are building their recently developed program and found the information to be extremely helpful.

Saturday contained the bulk of the informational sessions on Albright's campus. All of the attending groups arrived on Albright's campus around nine a.m. and were involved in activities until the afternoon. The sessions were held by both Albright students and students from the other colleges.

Albright shared their successful "Oozeball" story, and other colleges had their own successful events to pass around. Harrisburg Area Community College, who have struggled this past year with membership and funding, attended the conference and left with advice to help them in rebuilding their deteriorating group. Advisors from the University of Toronto and St. John's University came to learn how to begin a student alumni association on campus.

It was announced at the conference that the next year's convention will be held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. It is necessary for those schools interested in hosting to put in their bid early.

By attending our conference and obtaining information about going about instituting such a plan, both Brook University and County College of Morris have decided to put together a bid.

There was also plenty of fun

for the Diplomats and their guests. On Friday night there was a dance party with a Titanic theme, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many ambassadors from different colleges used this time to meet the students from colleges within their district. "This was the perfect way to allow the ambassadors to meet one another on an informal level," said one student from Buffalo University.

Saturday evening concluded with a formal banquet at the Sheraton Hotel. The food was delicious and the atmosphere was beautiful.

There was, however, a change in the original program. The planned Keynote speaker was in a car accident and unfortunately could not attend. Alternate speaker Dino Martinez, who is the assistant director of programming and leadership development at Kutztown University, delivered the speech instead. He spoke on the importance of confidence, happiness and the ability to recover from conflicts of the past.

After the dinner the ambassadors were given another chance to mix with each other. There were casino-like games set up and the prizes were paraphernalia from each college.

The conference concluded on Sunday morning. Those who attended were able to take with them great ideas for success and wonderful memories.

New e-mail system has a few bugs

Although the new "Albnet" system is easier to use, there have been certain disadvantages as well.

by Adrienne Mitchell

Technology is an ever changing entity at Albright College. Recently, the school's albsun server was replaced with the newer one called "albnet." As with any new system, there have been issues with the changes being implemented.

Albnet works directly with the World Wide Web on what is called a "pop3" mailer. This system allows students to receive images is to allow students fast e-mail in all aspects, including receiving messages from the inbox as well as sending them out.

However, the server is different from "albsun." If a student has a PC in his or her residence hall room or study lounge, and reads his or her e-mail from there, the mail will not be saved to his or her account, as before. To save messages, a student must now use a floppy disk or "forward" them to their address and

pick the messages up at another computer.

There are disadvantages to this. In the Honors House at Mohn Hall, study lounges with computers may seem to be a convenience. However, if one were to check albnet e-mail from one of those machines, the messages would go onto that computer itself. The process of removing them requires deleting them all messages from "Inbox," "Sent Mail," and "Trash" folders. If not, the next person to use the machine has access to all undeleted files by simply clicking "cancel" when the dialog box for a password comes up.

Besides a possible security problem on personal computers, a problem exists with identity. Students must remember to change their name and return address in the "preferences" box, so as to avoid confusion. An unchanged name may lead to misdirected replies or some mail not being read at all.

Dr. Dan Falabella, Director of Computing Services, did not respond to *The Albrightian's* phone calls or e-mails regarding the new system.

The 21st century is fast approaching, and Albright is making every attempt at keeping its students technologically equipped. With the introduction of the new e-mail system, students are one step further. There are simply adjustments to make.

International Women's Day devoted to ending violence against women

by Maggie Ward

Sunday, March 8, was International Women's Day, and human rights groups around the world, including Amnesty International, dedicated this day in support of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Genital mutilation, rape and beatings are some of the most serious crimes being committed. These crimes are only directed towards women, simply because they are women.

In Kenya, countless stories are told by women who have been arrested for minor offenses and then have been brutally beaten and tortured, including being raped by police.

In Bangladesh, one woman was taken into custody for walking down the street with a man to whom she was not married. She, too, was raped several times by police officers.

In many countries, such as Egypt, Gambia and Tanzania, governments still refuse to support the ban on Female Genital Mutilation, even though the health risks are well known and prevalent.

A large range of issues are covered in the CEDAW, including such matters as the right to own property. Courageous women's rights defenders around the world are on the rise.

The Nepali women's movement has been pushing to pass a crucial bill concerning the right of women to inherit property, raise the minimum age of marriage and establish stiffer

penalties for rape.

In Botswana, a women attorney, Unity Dow, won a case against her government for taking away her and her children's citizenships after she married a foreigner. Two Bosnian rape victims have recently documented a film about their horrific experiences and are demanding that accountability be taken for the war crimes committed against them.

The CEDAW is helping women from all cultures combat violence and discrimination. Over 160 countries on every continent have endorsed the CEDAW and over 120 organizations have pledged their support. Unfortunately the United States is one of the few countries that has not yet ratified the CEDAW. Although the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has already approved CEDAW by a substantial margin, and there is an apparent majority in the Senate for ratification, no progressive action has been taken concerning the convention in over three years.

Of Pennsylvania's senators, Senator Specter supports the Convention and Senator Santorum is leaning against it.

When the 105th Congress has adjourned, Amnesty International hopes the Senate will have taken a stand in support of women's efforts and basic rights around the world.

The Amnesty International group of Albright College would like to thank all those who signed appeals to Senator Santorum. If anyone would like further information concerning this matter, please contact Maggie Ward.

Women's Center delegates attend Young Feminists NOW conference

After a period of dormancy last semester, the Women's Center has reorganized to begin programming and activities.

by Bonnie MacAllister

Kicking off the agenda for the semester, ten student delegates travelled to Boston for the NOW Conference titled "The Power of our Voices: Young Feminist Summit" which took place Feb. 27 until March 1 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

The NOW conference was proof that, as Ellen Zucker said, "When a bunch of feminists get together, furniture moves." One student noted that the most striking aspect of the Young Feminists Summit in Boston was the devotion for causes found in the young women who attended.

The conference kicked off Friday night with a Cabaret and Open Mike speak out. Saturday's events included the exposition of the Clothesline Project featuring, to the surprise of the group, t-shirts from Albright students. Tabling activities were held by the Young Socialists, NOW and other grassroots young feminist organizations, small presses and indie corporations.

Saturday morning was stomped in by the Sharon High School Step Dancers followed by a series of sessions such as "The Issues Affecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning Youth, and Allies," "Speaking the Truth about Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault," "What's Our Medium? Creative Approaches to Making Feminist Voices Heard" and "Feminism and Race." The workshops continued through Sunday.

Saturday night theatrical performances were staged and a dance took place in the hotel's Riverfront Room. On Sunday, the second general session included NOW President, Patricia Ireland, and Georgia's state representative,



BONNIE MACALLISTER

Albright Women's Center delegates, Madiana Smith and Bonnie MacAllister, attended the NOW conference. "The conference gave me an insight into race and feminism—something I didn't have before," said Smith.

Cynthia McKinney, who is the first and only woman serving in Georgia's delegation.

During the General Session, speakers included Lynnette Woodard, the first woman in the NBA and a gold-winning Olympic medalist in 1984, as well as Judge Nancy Gertner, a U.S. District court judge who has been instrumental in feminist policy as a litigator in *Moe vs. Handley* (which won the right to Medicaid-funded abortion in Massachusetts) and also in discrimination cases. Gertner stressed that a glass ceiling still exists since economic inequality between the sexes remains.

Women's Center representative and sophomore Nicole Batchelor commented, "I found the NOW Conference inspiring. There was such an air of optimism. Everyone voiced their opinions or had an experience to share. I walked away with a totally new perspective."

Senior Paula Fay responded to

the "Feminism and Race" session on a critical note, mentioning that racial differences in society should be recognized in individuals as opposed to in racial groups because she felt that there was a neglect of biracialness.

The Albright Women's Center is a place where women (and men) can go for information on women's issues. According to Student Assistant Rosemary Lanigan, "There are many books and videos on a variety of topics varying from health to sex to drugs. There are many resources if you have a problem or if you need to do a research paper. You can find phone numbers of agencies such as Berks AIDS Network and Reading Birth & Women's Center, to name a few."

The Women's Center office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30, and Friday from 1 to 3.

Gyn services now offered at Albright

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fees of any patient who is under 21 will be weighted on the family's total income, while the fees of patients over 21 will be based on their own income.

Wesner Boyer says that the program is working great. "I enjoy working here, this is my favorite age group to work with because they are a lot of fun," she says.

She adds that students wishing to see her need to call ahead and make an appointment because she is only on campus on Mondays. Students may call at 777-7222 or see her at the Reading Birth and Women's Center, located on 238 North Fifth St. in Reading and on 949 New Holland Road in Kenhorst.

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***Modernity, Postmodernity and the Critique of Knowledge**
March 11, 7 p.m., CCSL

***The Many Faces of Fathering**
March 12, 8 p.m., CCSL

***Militarism Meets Modernity: Navalism in Germany and the US, 1840-1914**
March 17, 4 p.m., Klein

***Chaplain's Interfaith Dialogue**
March 31, 4:30 p.m., CCSL

***Nietzsche, Authenticity and Zarathustra** with guest lecturers Weaver Santaniello and Jacob Golomb
April 1, 4 p.m., Faculty Club, Alumni Hall

***San Salvador Island: Current Marine and Terrestrial Ecology**
April 2, 7 p.m., CCSL

***Running in the Family** Freedman Gallery Lecture on the Generations Exhibition
April 7, 5 p.m., Klein

FILMS

Two Women -- Italian with subtitles
March 11, 6:45 p.m., Klein

White -- French with subtitles
March 18, 6:45 p.m., Klein

Lawrence Brose, in person
March 31, 8:15 p.m., Klein

Taka Ilmura, in person
April 7, 8:15 p.m., Klein

Effi Briest -- German with subtitles
April 8, 6:45 p.m., Klein

MUSIC

***13th Street Choir Concert**
March 16, 7:30 p.m., Main Chapel

***Heads Up Super Band (Berks Jazz Fest)**
March 17, 8 p.m. and March 18, 4:30 p.m., Main Chapel

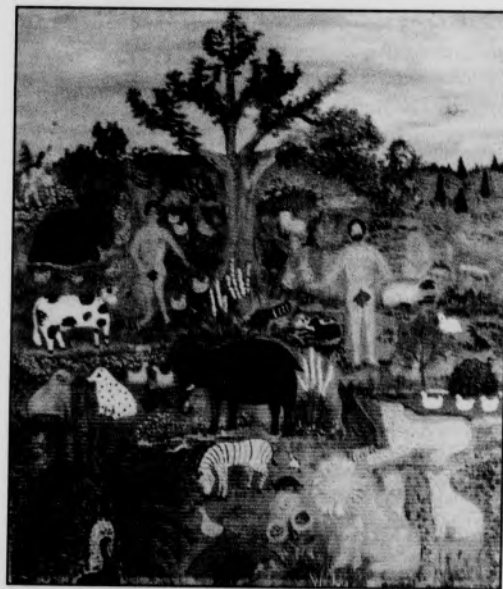
***Experience Event**

Generations opens at the Freedman Art Gallery

This exhibition, which opens March 13, profiles nine artists from three families with widely varied backgrounds: Susan Zeeman Rogers and her mother Vivian Fishbone; Victor Cicansky and his father, Frank; and Melissa Strawser and her mother Barbara, her grandparents, Walter and June Gottshall, her great-grandfather, Luke Gottshall and her great-great aunt, Hattie Brunner.

In Eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland, the existence of artistic talent "running in the family" has a tradition spanning three centuries. Famous families such as the Peales, the Wyeths and the Calders have demonstrated an ongoing family tradition. The question that has been raised in more recent years about the transmission of talent from parent to child is whether it is prompted primarily by genetic traits or by environmental circumstances.

Rather than pretending to be a clinical investigation of aspects of inherited talent, the viewpoint of this exhibition is more of a celebration of generational nurturing. The art in *Generations* would seem to suggest that there is some genetic transmission of talent, but it is also evident that inspirational examples are pivotal.



provided by the Center for the Arts
Barbara Strawser's Adam and Eve is one of the works being featured in the Generations Exhibition in the Freedman Gallery until April 19.

To be brought up in the company of artists contributes to one's visual acuity. The learning process in the home environment is prompted by both encouragement and example. The formal educational background of Vivian's daughter, Susan Zeeman Rogers, indicates that she benefited from the ground laid by her mother.

As well as tracing the influence of having an artist for a parent, in the Gottshall and Cicansky families, an interesting adjunct to this group

exhibition is the relationship between relatively self-taught artists and their formally schooled descendants. Melissa Strawser is a graduate of the Masters Program at the Slade School of Fine Arts in London. Her mother, Barbara Strawser, is a self-taught painter. Despite the expanse of time and the relatively sophisticated background of Melissa, there are some interests in her work that reflect more of an influence of her family than of her formal education.

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The Heads Up Super Band on March 17 - 18 is featuring Kenny Blake (saxman), Gerald Veasley (bassist) and Joe McBride (pianist), three accomplished jazz artists. They will be recording a live CD on campus. Tickets will be available at the door.



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Features

St. Paddy's Day: more than just drinkin' and jiggin'

Rayna McKinnon

Shamrocks, wild parties, parades and the color green. March 17, St. Patrick's Day, is almost here, and the celebrations will soon commence. But what exactly are we celebrating anyway? What is the big deal with shamrocks and the color green? Who was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday that originated in Ireland during the sixth century A.D. St. Patrick is the official patron saint of Ireland and is credited with converting the Irish to Christianity. Did you know, however, that St. Patrick was not even Irish? He was born around 373 A.D. in either Scotland or in Roman Britain.



His real name was not Patrick, but Maewyn Succat (Succat means "warlike"). St. Patrick was not known as Patrick until he took that name after he became a priest. At the age of 16, St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. At this time, St. Patrick was not a very religious person; he considered himself a pagan. However, during his captivity, he began to have religious visions and found strength in his faith. After working as a slave shepherd for six years, St. Patrick was able to escape and went to France, where he became a priest and later a bishop.

When he was about 60 years old, St. Patrick traveled to Ireland to spread the

Christian word. This is where the use of the shamrock comes in. St. Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). He said that, like the shamrock, all could exist as a separate elements but remain of the same entity. Over the years, he founded 165 churches. He died on March 17, 461 A.D., hence the date that we celebrate this holiday.

Legend has it that St. Patrick is also held responsible for the absence of snakes in Ireland. Apparently, St. Patrick pounded on a drum, and all the snakes in Ireland went to the sea and drowned. It is not certain as to why it was the snakes that St. Patrick chose to

exterminate, but it has been said that the snake was a revered pagan symbol. Perhaps St. Patrick simply wanted to eliminate this symbol of paganism to make way for Christianity.

Green is so closely associated with the holiday because it is the color of spring, which begins only three days after St. Patrick's Day, in addition to the fact that green is the color of the shamrock and Ireland.

The first American celebration of St. Patrick's Day was held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737. Today, over 100 U.S. cities hold St. Patrick's Day parades and festivities, the largest being in New York City. In the U.S., St. Patrick's Day is

usually celebrated with wild parties and drinking. Believe it or not, Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day with such fun and excitement that many people in Ireland actually tune in their televisions to watch celebrations and parades in the United States. In contrast, in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is still held as a religious holiday. Shops and businesses close for the day, and Catholics go to Mass first thing in the morning. Families get together for celebratory meals and spend the day at popular sporting events and parades.

So on March 17, when you are watching the parades on TV, or partying until all hours of the night, take a moment to remember what St. Patrick's Day is really all about. It is about a man who took time to bring the word of Christianity to the Irish -- St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.



Two African-American students reflect on black history month 28 days not enough to understand a culture

by Markita Edmond

In society there seems to be a lack of interest in understanding different cultures entirely. People of all races--Caucasian, African-American, Asian, Hispanic--do not put forth effort to understand their own ethnicity, let alone that of others.

This past February was Black History Month, but you would not have known by just looking around. Instead of taking the time to understand the significance of Black History, many people overlook it while others see this as a time to become culturally aware. But living in such a diverse society, should we not be culturally aware all year?

No one is saying that we have to learn every single aspect of every culture, but we all should be aware,

tolerant and respectful of all cultures and the differences amongst these groups. It seems as though everyone is in such a rush to notice the differences in each culture but not enough people are willing to see the similarities. Any person can pick out the obvious differences and negative stereotypes of groups and exploit them. But it takes an intelligent person with a lot of character to see past all of those negative stereotypes and see the person for who he or she really is--an individual.

Also, we are so quick to segregate, although it was abolished with *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. Yes, segregation is still alive! If it is not, then we as African-Americans and minorities alike would not need a separate month to celebrate our achievements and struggles. So, in an attempt to

understand where our problems of racial and cultural intolerance stem from, let us examine the facts: America's history is based on immigration and we cannot forget that the Native Americans were here first, and America was founded by the English, French, Dutch, Spanish and Africans. So, if we are all apart of American History, why should African-Americans be forced to confine their history into twenty-eight days?

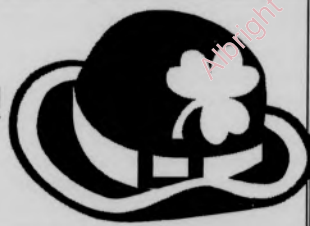
Twenty-eight days is hardly enough to truly comprehend the significance of any culture, race or ethnicity's influence in America. So here are two final questions as you reflect back on Black History month: If America is this great melting pot, then why are so many cultures who help build this country excluded from history books? Should we not all be a part of American History?

... there is a lack of interest I have witnessed or is it just me enough is not being done by everyone including myself to learn to gain knowledge and if it's wealth...ng wonder we're all poor Cultural Expression doesn't undergo termination at the door of a private college with a diverse public variation among the masses learning isn't limited to classes it surpasses the boundaries that we tend to box ourselves in I know it's said 28 days 28 days 28 days are not enough but this concept has been thrashed to death to dust in the hour-glass of time we have more than enough Seconds/Minutes/Hours/Week/Months/Years we should gear some time to enlighten minds a quest for consciousness about one another whether I am of A different color break stereotypes about each other regardless of sex/ethnicity/religion: Bridge the division. World Peace should not be a fantasy but a prophesy manifest lest history is forced to repeat Again? again 'n again When will the madness end? When I stop to say hello and you let go of your fears tear down walls of isolation a.k.a. segregation mental then you'll too see it's not all good nor peachy keen like some Utopian Dream we don't have to be best friends but at least the ignorance should end Don't hate me 'cause of ethnicity of some historical/religious grudge

"Judge not lest you too shall be judged" Don't rebuke my hue/political world view I don't oppose you or your opposition rather Institutions applauding seclusion. I fear secluded minds and need to weed them out of roots of ignorance. Yes 28 days is not enough time so don't condone it. When will the madness end? When you stop hating me for who I am before you know who I am know who I am except that I am different Instead of being bent all out of shape 'cause I prefer Alanis and you dig X-scape you can learn and not assimilate Don't smile to my face then plot my demise come correct if me you despise Father forgive the masses for they are still blind We have the solution to this prejudice pollution When will the madness cease? When our goal turns from war to peace --Bohemia V. Ghaya

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Critics Corner

Movie Review

by Lou Walters and Steve Carr

U.S. Marshalls

Yes, the popular movie *The Fugitive* is back with a new thrill-seeking sequel. But now Wesley Snipes is the new Harrison Ford being chased by the same crew as the last time, including the famous Tommy Lee Jones.

Snipes plays Mark Roberts, a tow truck driver who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. After he gets into a car accident and running into the law, old files on Roberts are stirred up causing major trouble for him. It turns out that he had held a position in the government until he supposedly "went bad." After an unbelievable plane accident, Roberts escapes and the hunt begins once again.

On his trail is the famous U.S. Marshal John Royce, played by Jones. Joining Royce are the old crew members from the original *Fugitive*, who try to track the escaped felon once again. Although time has taken a toll on Royce, he

always gets his man, and this time he has a personal grudge against the convict.

Morton Downey Jr. also starred in this movie as Sam Gerald, an agent hired by a high official to work with Royce and his crew. He adds an unexpected twist to the movie. Gerald also holds a personal grudge against Roberts for killing two of his friends and colleagues in the past.

As the hunt progresses, issues begin to arise that don't make sense. Skeletons are let out of the closet that cause some unanticipated complications.

The movie is slow at times, but overall it was a good flick. The actors played outstanding roles, and the special effects were astonishing. If you liked the original *Fugitive*, this movie would be a great one to see with its new and original scenes as well as those that give dues to the first film.

Music Review

by Emily Yoder

Celine Dion

OK folks... I am going to make this review as blunt and as honest as possible. When Celine Dion first hit the scene, I couldn't stand her nasal singing. It sounded to me like she was trying so hard to sound like someone else (i.e. Barbara Streisand). In fact, I remember initially thinking Dion's songs were Streisand's until I saw a video.

Well, two nights ago I listened to one of the most beautiful CDs ("Let's Talk About Love") I've ever heard. I was totally unprepared to hear something that wonderful coming from Dion. I even cried, which is something I rarely do, especially because of a CD (but there is a first for everything).

I am sure that anyone who listens to the radio has heard "My Heart Will Go On," the theme song from *Titanic*, so I am not going to run on in detail about that song. However, a word of advice is don't listen to the radio version of the *Titanic* theme song if you haven't already seen the movie.

But there are quite a few other songs that I found incredibly

touching. The first track is "The Reason" and this is where my tears began to flow. "Reason" is about a true love which means so much that it is a reason for loving. There are two duets on the CD, one with Barbara Streisand and the other with Luciano Pavarotti. Both of these duets manage to touch the heart.

For the most part the CD is great, but every CD is not without a downfall. Dion, in her song "Treat Her Like A Lady," makes a failed attempt at rap.

"She tried to reach all groups, which is great, but the rap was a bad idea," says senior Kristin Angellella. It reminded me of a Vanilla Ice comeback.

With the exception of an attempt to rap (skip track 3), I definitely recommend this CD. Listen to Celine Dion's new album with the love of your life or just a fling--either way, it is bound to enhance the mood.

One more warning is to not listen to this album if you recently departed from your partner. But get the tunes and watch out for Dion; she just may be the next Streisand!

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"LAST CALL" Bar Review

by Ben Reph and Jason Eberts



Welcome to week number two of the Ben Reph and Jason Eberts bar reviews. For this edition we'll be discussing one of our favorite bars in the entire Reading area, the World Famous Pike Café. Two years ago we had our first exposure to the Pike, and we've maintained close ties ever since. Our man on the street, Ferryfoot Ganderbach, first took us there as a few young cherubs. And as I recall, Eberts was known to pass out at the bar during our younger years.

Our favorite nights to attend the Pike Café are Mondays and Wednesdays. On these nights the major attraction is some of the best wings around for 10 cents each. It's not uncommon for each member of our party to consume at least 50 to 60 wings in one sitting. There are at least 12 different styles of wings to choose from, ranging from your basic hot and mild styles to beach style, Italian and Hawaiian. The beer prices are reasonable but not necessarily cheap. They do however offer a wide variety of brews, including domestics, imports and microbrews.

The main contingent of patrons

is made up of mostly older Reading natives, but they seem to be very accepting of the younger crowd. It does get crowded from about 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. so if you get there after 6 p.m., be prepared to have a few drinks while you wait for a table. It is well worth the wait, though.

If wings aren't your thing, Tuesdays are 25-cent clam nights, and Thursdays are all-you-can-eat shrimp nights. All of the dinner specials run from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. After 9 p.m. there is usually a D.J. or some other form of live entertainment on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Our suggestion for the Pike Café is that it be used for a dinner spot or for a beginning spot to get a jump on the rest of the night because we all know what a few pitchers of beer and a few dozen wings can do for one's popularity, not to mention one's digestive tract. Yes, you will have to use the bathroom within a few hours of finishing eating, but this is a small price to pay for excellent wings, good times with good friends and a few frothy beverages.

The Pike Café is mellow. The service is good. The food is

Pike Cafe

excellent. It is one of the best places for just hanging out with friends for a few beers and dinner. However, some of my friends have been known to stay after dinner for a few extra drinks.

The Pike Cafe is located at 930 Pike Street, which is fairly close to campus. Parking is usually not a problem. On any given Monday or Wednesday you can expect to see Eberts and myself there with about six of our closest friends.

As the bar reviewer for the *Albrightian*, may I make a suggestion? Go to the Pike early on Wednesday for a few drinks and dinner and then go to the Firehouse to get a little crazy. But always be safe and don't drink and drive.

Ambiance Scale (Extravagant, Posh, Quaint, Fairly Unpleasant, Slumlike): This place really serves its purpose. We'll call it Posh because of its special appeal to us. **Overall scale (Excellent, Good, Fair, So-so, S.A.D.):** Good. What can I say? We like this joint.

Day After Scale (Made it to Class, Slept in, A Little Fuzzy, Hung Over as Hell, Still Puking): A resounding Made It To Class.

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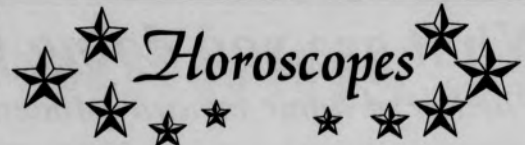
THE ROVING REPORTER

BY: PAULINE SKIADOPOULOS

Q. Who else do you think President Clinton has had an affair with?

**Note: Names have been withheld. Having the FBI open files on Albright students is the last thing we need.*

1. Dennis Rodman
2. John Demarco had a Washington Center internship last year and he came back with a big smile on his face. I'm just putting two and two together.
3. Lauren and Melissa. He saw them dancing and couldn't control himself.
4. Pamela Lee. I believe a video exists.
5. Everybody knows he's shagging all of Chelsie's Stanford friends.
6. He's been helping Oprah Winfrey deal with her issues about beef.
7. When Jena Jamison left Al's last week I thought I saw Bill's limo.
8. I'm not going to get into specifics, but I think it was a pledge activity for some group on campus.
9. All 203 members of the House.
10. Let's be real—he's slept with anything that moves.



PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Friends in high places are favorably disposed toward you. Charm and optimism reign supreme and others are magnetically drawn to you. Make those important phone calls and social visits over the weekend.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

The week is perfect for good times, just don't spend it foolishly. A small irritation with a family member could develop into something bigger if you let it. Remember, holding grudges has resulted in trouble in the past.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You'll be happy about the week's career developments. Although financial gain is possible, make sure that money that comes in doesn't go out just as quickly. Plan a budget and be sure to stick to it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You receive an honor or recognition, but you still need to exercise diplomacy with a co-worker. Make sure a family member is made to feel special as well. You need to exercise more sensitivity and compassion.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You don't end up dealing with the problem you intended to solve at this time since something else captures your attention. Home matters could be under some stress. However, you are able to sort everything out satisfactorily.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

It's best to have an alternative in mind, just in case plans are changed. Watch a tendency to exaggerate while socializing during the weekend.

This could get you into some trouble with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

If one career plan doesn't take shape, don't rush pell mell into another. Give yourself enough time to examine your ambitions in perspective. Then you can plan accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

There's a tendency to have a double standard. While you insist upon your own freedom, you don't give others room to breathe. This doesn't go unnoticed by friends and family alike.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Although you see both sides of a question, you still have to take a difficult stand with family members. Your first instinct is the correct one. However, some grinding and gnashing of teeth is bound to occur.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A major household project could get underway. However, you experience some trouble in making a very personal decision. Don't be too proud to turn to someone for advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Luck is with you in matters of your career. Your efforts pay off handsomely with both recognition and increased chances for success. You end the week on a very relaxed and easygoing note.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Interests of the heart are favored. Later in the week, romance and familial togetherness are accented. Students receive good news about an educational endeavor.

SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: Miles gave Edmund more information about the crash. The board argued over what to do about David. Travis and Erica shared a warm moment as they talked about Bianca's problems. Gillian proposed to Scott. The Mystery Woman snuck into Chandler Enterprises. Tad tried to get Stuart to talk about Joy. Later, Tad risked his life to try to save the Mystery Woman. **Wait To See:** The Mystery Woman is identified.

ANOTHER WORLD: Vicky caught Marley on the verge of telling Jake the truth about the day Michael died. Felicia told Rachel and Carl about the events connected to the book, "Embers in the Snow," and spoke of her concern for Cass. Matt wondered if Lila and Shane's divorce was valid. Carl was sure Matt was using the chauffeur as a spy. **Wait To See:** Cass and Felicia find new disturbing clues to Wally.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Molly told the police it was Teague, not Holden, who beat her. Lucinda told Lily she heard Holden's voice over the phone. Later, a devastated David heard Emily tell Tom she can never trust him again. Lily recognized Holden's handwriting on the matchbook and realized James could be holding him and Sam at the Mona Lisa. Meanwhile, Holden tried to stop the gas leak, but he and Sam passed out. As Jack watched, Carly repeated her wedding vows to Hal, but also passed out from the fumes. **Wait To See:** James' triumph seems complete.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Nick, Lauren, Maggie, and Judy began their gaslighting of Sheila. Brooke was stunned when Stephanie said she knows Ridge is the father of Taylor's baby. Macy

deflected any attempt by Thorne to get close to her by telling him she's engaged to Grant. As Lauren spoke of her growing attraction to Jonny, Rush got Jane to agree not to reveal his whereabouts on the ship. **Wait To See:** Sheila considers leaving the house.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES:

Edmund and Susan shared a close moment at the police station, and later announced their engagement. Meanwhile, the coroner ruled Kristen's death a suicide, but later a disturbing message on John's answering machine opened new questions. Eric came face to face with the person following him. Kate pressured Hope to allow Bo and Billie to have a life together with their baby. **Wait To See:** Roman saves a child's life.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Ned accused Alexis of being a Cassadine spy. Taggart called Alan a "pill popper." Nikolas shattered Lucky's growing respect for him. Jax turned down Brenda's marriage proposal. Later, Jason and Justus planned to thwart Jax's dock effort. Michael was taken from Carly's home. Tess placed a mysterious phone call and was told "James" would take the fall. **Wait To See:** Lucky checks Nikolas' accusations.

GUIDING LIGHT:

Although Josh agreed to Michael's plan, he began to believe he'd lost Reva forever. Rob told Hart he's not out of Cassie's life yet. Later, Rob told Dinah she won't find it easy to get rid of him. Baby Maureen made it through surgery. Later, as Fletcher tried to save his marriage, he realized Roger was still on Holly's mind. Harley went to check out what Beth wants kept secret. **Wait To See:** Ben makes a decision that could change Blakes' life.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: At Ian's memorial service, Todd accused Andrew and Tea of adultery. Max and Blair found a clue to the kidnapping in R.J.'s office. A troubling vision kept Dorian from reconciling with Mel. Todd asked Sam for help in saving his marriage. Barbara offered to help Kevin get his life back together. **Wait To See:** Nora meets an old flame.

PORT CHARLES: Serena's encouraging words helped Lucy awake from her coma. Later, Lucy was reunited with Kevin and Sigmund. Upset that Matt is back at General Hospital, Chris sent a photo of Matt to the people searching for him in Philadelphia. Lark tried to sabotage Eve's date with Scott. Rex warned Lucy the best is yet to come! **Wait To See:** Lucy has a plan to recover Jax's cookies.

SUNSET BEACH:

Ben was relieved that Meg wasn't hit when his gun accidentally discharged. Later, Eddie accused Ben of setting him up to kill Meg. Gregory and Bette wondered why Olivia was so far from home when she went into labor. Vanessa awoke to find a scaly rash on her arm. A nurse mistakenly brought a newborn baby to Olivia. **Wait To See:** Antonio has something to tell Ricardo.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:

After finding their wedding rings in Joshua's drawer, Veronica tried to seduce him. When that failed, she feigned illness, but was upset when Joshua had another doctor examine her. Neil's "performance" problems continued to thwart his and Dru's love life. Nick was puzzled over Sharon's fixation on Cassie. Danny told Chris he still loves her. **Wait To See:** Veronica makes a bold move.

Wild with Wellness

column submitted by Dr. Suzanne Nickeson

For those of you who have desires and goals to improve your health, many opportunities exist on our campus to help. The Bolman Center provides an indoor track, racquetball courts, a weight room with aerobic machines (stair climbers, Nordic track and stationary bikes) and open swimming to help you keep that New Year's resolution. Listed below are the normal operational hours. However, hours may change due to a special sporting event. You can verify the hours by checking the monthly activity posting in the athletic area.

Bolman Center- indoor track, racquetball/handball courts, volleyball and free equipment checkout is available.

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Saturday	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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If you are interested in yoga, Ann Myers is holding free classes every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in A202 North Hall. Please bring a towel or a mat. (No class during Spring Break.)

Ken Tyler has published the Winter/Spring 1998 Intramural calendar and the activities' starting dates are listed as follows:

Water Polo	March 3
Softball	April 6
Soccer	April 7
Golf	TBA
Tricycle Races	April 18
Powderpuff Football	April 20

What are you doing for Spring Break 1998?

Whether at home or away students will be enjoying a week away from classes!

McNaughton shakes it up with 'Wild Things'

□ For those of you who have no big plans for Spring Break, you may want to consider checking out *Wild Things*, directed by John McNaughton, which premieres nationally on March 20.

McNaughton's ability to connect an audience with the characters on screen propelled his feature film debut, *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer*, into a cult classic and bumped him onto the filmmaking fast-track.

His latest effort, *Mandalay Entertainment/Columbia Pictures Wild Things*, premieres nationally on Friday, March 20. Here director John McNaughton again dives into the human psyche--this time he has created a thriller packed so full of greed, lust and revenge, it makes Danielle Steele novels read like fairy tales.

"It's completely perverse with a slick look," said McNaughton about his film that teams some of Hollywood's brightest young talent -- Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon, Neve Campbell, Denise Richards and Daphne Rubin-Vega -- with seasoned actors Bill Murray, Theresa Russell and Robert Wagner.

Clearly, McNaughton is a director fascinated with human behavior.

"I love human behavior, especially criminal behavior because it's always so idiotic," he said. "My favorite is the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan incident. Tonya and her friends hatch this plot and everyone involved thinks it's a good idea. Then they carry it out in the middle of a public ice skating rink during the day with camera crews around. So I wonder how long it's going to take to catch these people... 15 minutes?"

Set in the murky swamps of the Everglades and a yachting enclave called Blue Bay, *Wild Things* follows a path of twists and turns that weave an intricate web that ultimately leads to questionable allegiances, wealth and murder.

"When I started reading the [*Wild Things*] script, I thought I could easily surmise how it would end, as is the case with most scripts," said McNaughton. "After five pages, I thought it was going to be a cheesy high school movie or movie-of-the-week. When I finished it, I was completely astounded. As wild as the script was, I could easily believe it could happen because of all the crazy things that happen in reality."

Wild Things marks McNaughton's return to the studio system and bigger budgeted films since he directed the Robert DeNiro/Uma Thurman/Bill Murray picture *Mad Dog and Glory*.

"Though it's great making little pictures, I wanted to make a big picture," he says of his deviation from the independent scene. "With



Director John McNaughton (right) discusses a scene with Kevin Bacon on the set of his new movie *Wild Things*.

this picture, I wanted to do something I have never tried to do before -- make it look like a Hollywood picture, make it look commercial. I wanted to pay tribute to Hollywood with handsome men and beautiful women, but as is often the case, underneath that pretty surface is a bowl of worms."

To achieve the beauty, the director cast some of film's hottest stars. Kevin Bacon came on board first as Ray Duquette, a police detective apparently trying to get to the bottom of all the crazy things happening in Blue Bay. Bacon served as an executive producer on the film as well.

"Kevin became the cornerstone of the cast. He is solid, grounded, dependable and extremely skilled," McNaughton said.

Dillon was the director's first choice to play Sam Lombardo, the hunky high school teacher concerned with more than just his students' grades.

"The thing with Matt," said McNaughton, "is that women can't resist him."

McNaughton says he liked Neve Campbell immediately when he met her, but she was concerned with the nudity and lesbian love scenes involved with the role of the doped up Suzie Toller. "We wanted Neve, but it didn't look like it was going to happen because of her concerns. But it did, and she is very down to earth and easy to deal with."

For the part of Kelly Van Ryan, McNaughton said they saw every beautiful woman in Los Angeles. "We saw clips of Denise [Richards] from *Starship Troopers* and thought she could play the role. She read for it a few times and got better each time. She obviously worked on it

between readings, and when she got together with Neve, they were terrific."

It was the multifacety of these characters, in addition to the plot, that drew McNaughton to want to make the picture. "One of the great things about this film is that of the major characters, only one or two are telling the truth to each other," explained McNaughton. "A is what they're saying, and B is what they're up to. The deceit added to the difficulty of doing the film, both

most fun about the film."

The locale also contributed to the fun for the director.

"Playing with the levels of truth and deception deepens the picture. Couple that with the alligators and the swamp... I mean, these people truly are functioning on their reptilian brain level with greed and sexuality and the lower aspects of brain function."

Wild Things is a departure for the filmmaker because he says every other thing he's done has been motivated inside-out by character.

"The characters behave as they do which causes the story to happen. By working the opposite way, it's the structure of the plot that forces the people to do things that often violate the truth of their character. For this plot to work, I had to make the actors fit the plot, and it's very difficult

because if I'm working from the inside of the character I'm always safe, I can always go back to the truth, but not so when the characters have to serve the plot."

Though *Wild Things* is different on many levels for McNaughton, the director says he would welcome even more changes in the types of films he does in the future.

"I wouldn't mind doing a comedy, as long as it's not a dumb one. *Wild Things* is on the cusp of being comedic. There is a lot of comedy in it but it's inherent more in the human condition. If you can make people laugh, it's one of the greatest things you can possibly do, as long as it's not done cheaply. Do it with a good story and characters. I think we've done that with *Wild Things*, which has more twists and turns than any roller coaster in America."



Suzie Toller (Neve Campbell, left) and Kelly Van Ryan (Denise Richards) are caught deep in a plot of murder, lust and revenge in *Wild Things*.

rewrites and shooting, because you have the characters who are all in the same conspiracy together, but there's only one who really has all the pieces of the puzzle."

This intricacy created challenges for the actors as well as the director.

"It's very interesting in terms of acting because the actors have to act twice. They [actors] would say, 'well, wouldn't my character do this in this situation?' It got really mind-boggling; even I would forget sometimes. They're acting the characters as the character, and they're lying to another character, so it's always a double layer of acting. It got to the point where we'd have to go through it all once and understand it, then forget it all and play it straight. There's definitely a lot more going on than just the plot, and that's one of the things that's

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Personals

Lefty: Underneath your dockers is a liar, but beneath my reflectors is a girl who misses your dockers no matter what they cover. Let's undress and reveal.

--Chesney K.W.

I go to Phi Del's just to see Dan Kertin dance. Dan, you make me wanna . . .

KK -- "We're just two lost souls, swimming in a fish bowl, year after year."

Iancle #10 -- Great season! I miss you and love you; now let's get all kinds of loaded!
Sawicki #3

from a duck to a chipmunk

Bullis & Ullberg,
Welcome to Pigs 'R' Us.

D -- God only knows why you have always been there for me, but thank you.
--K

We have been baptized: Hunter A (like Madonna, no last name) and Zelda Raphael (with a last name). Know it, learn it, love it!!!

To all the people with broken hearts:
Get Over It!!! Enough said.

Yorgs,
The love machine is loose.
-- your bros.

To the Sisters of Sigma Kappa:
There are only 6 days left until St. Patrick's Day.
Love, Lou

Hunter A,
I'm glad that you know about your drinking problem and your solution is TOGA!

Love, Zelda R

Kara and Cole,
Wrestlemania 2000--'nuff said!
--Trina

Kim,
Here it is, my public apology: I am sorry from the bottom of my heart. And, yes, despite popular belief I have a heart.
--Melissa

Wouldn't you love to know who we (Hunter and Zelda) are?

Albright,
Psst . . . Here's a clue. We play Rugby
-- shhhh!
--Zelda and Hunter

Scull-Dog,
Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, The Dog's free at last.

To my suitemates in E-300:
Your season is over -- can we all get ****ed up now?
--Trina

Hunter A, Zelda R, Trudy, Gidget, Sally, Shaniqua, Grunt and Delilah:
What were we thinking? Change of costume, change of name . . . But hey, let's keep the names anyway.
--Hunter B

K-- We're about due for another "Kelchner." What do you think? --D

Tito, my hair.

Darren Was . . . gone but not forgotten. How could we forget; he's here every weekend.

B. Fulforth -- I've had my eye on you since last semester. Can I just bite you so I can take some of you home and save it for later?
--your not-so-secret admirer

Now I know how we all fit . . .

To everyone going away for Spring Break: When you start packing remember to throw the most important thing in your suitcases . . . sunblock.

Who else misses Moffa's tight buns?

Nut,
There are plenty more fish in the sea, now go find some tuna!
--your friends

Sexy Pajama Night Part III coming soon! Get your see-through lingerie ready.

To the ex-Pi Kaps:
You're like school on Saturday . . .
No Class.

Go Albright Softball -- Spring Break '98!

Rachel Phelps:
For our opinion of you, watch the locker room scene of Major League.

Survey sez . . . Jacuzzi + Tiki Bar = BDS poolside!
8 days and counting!!!

Chach,
Whipped after one week???

Zelda Raphael,
Glad you weren't caught in any closets at this Rugby party.
Love, Hunter (A)

Sweeney,
Here's your article:
Sweeney sez, "BDS for all!!!"
Happy now?
p.s. Rag a little more from left field..

Chuckles,
I miss you!!!
--Shweetie :(

M -- I may have gotten kicked out of Moose's, but who got kicked out of Whalers General Store.

Spirit! We love it! Who knew? Does anyone remember the last one?

Mel -- "Doesn't mean much doesn't mean anything at all."

Happy St. Patty's Day, Pauly. And by the way, for future reference, I am *always* happy to see you.

I'd like to order another hot sosinavage sandwich. This time I'd like some of that special sauce (sos).
Love ???

Coppertone girl -- Where's that imaginary pod of yours? Maybe it's with M's lone man.

No really, we're just friends like that . . . cause ya never know.

Guck,
Fighting with Rachel! You're not drinkin' are ya?

Penna -- Serving #72 . . . #72?

BF-- We need to spend lots of quality time together before Spring Break.
--Cooter

Dom -- Can I borrow your socks??

D-300 -- 53 and counting.

BF -- Thank you for making Butch, Spike, Cooter and Dep so very, very happy.

Marc -- If I were to guess I would say YJ likes you like Brad likes looking at himself in the mirror. --D

To all the D-300 girls -- Thanks for your support!

Skins, we're only having a couple people up tonight.

Famous Last Words:

#23 "Don't worry. There aren't that many Indians." --George Armstrong Custer #45 "She is just an intern, nobody will ever know." --Bill Clinton

#72 "I will just restructure the position. I am the president." --Ellen Hurwitz #98 "Sure, I can hold it until we get to the Ed Sullivan theater." --Mandy Eastman

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Softball looks to fill holes left by graduation

by Kurt Krebs

When a team loses three of its top five hitters to graduation, it's seldom expected that the team will improve the next season. When a team returns only one senior and two juniors, few programs expect to at least double their win total from the previous year. That is the optimism, however, with which the '98 Albright softball team approaches this season.

Co-captain Liz Demarest will be asked to shoulder the majority of the offensive burden early in the season while the younger bats develop. Demarest led last year's squad in hits and RBIs, despite being only a sophomore. A career .377 hitter, she will be the focal point for the opposition. If she responds, she will take her place among the top hitters in the MAC.

The other captains, junior Jen Moll and senior Jarra Rusnock will also need to produce offensively to offer some protection for Demarest in the lineup. Moll returns to right field, and hopes to continue what Coach Jim Campbell described as, "a strong second half of last season at the plate."

Coach Campbell is expecting more than simply hits from Rusnock. He expects her to fill the leadership role.

"She brings leadership, a positive attitude and the best work ethic on the team," Campbell said of Rusnock. "Experience, being here four years, knowing how to handle herself on the field and off... she brings all the positives."

Coach Campbell feels that the strengths of this season's team will be improved pitching and defense.

Freshman Jodi Coleman should provide a long awaited boost for a pitching staff that has struggled in recent years. Sophomore Abbey Draper returns as well, but one might not know it from talking to Coach Campbell.

"Abbey is a completely different player," he said. "She worked hard all summer and also in fall ball. She is a totally different pitcher."

Only Amy Lincoln returns in the infield, but she provides a solid foundation around which to build. While still adjusting to the college level at the plate, she showed a slick glove at second last season. Her partner up the middle this season looks at this point to be the tandem of Coleman and Kelli Bracken. Bracken, though an outfielder last season, is an outstanding all-around athlete. Her talent will be exploited to its fullest at short. Bobby Butterweck is penciled in to fill the big shoes at first base. Butterweck, limited by a knee injury last season, is still working to get her swing back to where it once was. According to coach Campbell, her defense has already returned to an exceptional level.

Coach Campbell is counting heavily on his freshmen to contribute right out of the gate. Jaime Eisenhower takes over in center and will bat in the leadoff spot. Ellen Terrible steps in at the hot corner to complete the infield. The Lions will need valuable contributions from the rest of the freshmen class as well if they are to achieve their goals this season.

The Lions open their season with an eight game stint in Ft. Myers, Florida.

From where I stand...

It's opening day. The bright sunshine, a warm breeze, a sky so blue that it seems endless....

Ok, so maybe it wasn't quite like that this year. It was still opening day, and opening day always elicits the same feelings in a ballplayer. This year was no different.

It has become a tradition of mine to watch *The Natural* and *Field of Dreams* the night before opening day. I guess it takes me back to the first time I saw those movies and how I felt about baseball back then. The game still had innocence and so did I.

It's funny because I didn't see many movies in the theater when I was growing up. I did see both of those, however, because my parents took me. We didn't get to the ballpark much, so I guess that was the next best thing. I still remember it like it was yesterday—the feelings that I had during those movies. The homerun. The soliloquy by James Earl Jones. The catch with his father. I can admit that I got misty eyed at both.... I still do.

Were they just that well written? Acted? Directed? Were they just about baseball? Winning? I don't think so.

They're both about life. They're both about the choices we make and living with the choices we have made. Finally, they are both about fathers and sons.

I don't know how many people would recognize my dad. You may have seen him at games over the past four years because he hasn't missed many. That includes last Thursday's game. There were about 75 people there at the beginning, but only 25 or so braved the cold and the rain/snow to see the end. My dad was one of them. My dad is 61 years old, and he didn't have the aid of potent beverage like I suspect some of the other fans did. He stayed so that he could watch his son play baseball.

He's always the same, whether I'm hitting the ball or whether I couldn't hit sand in the desert. He's always supportive but constantly mindful. He always makes sure that I keep it in perspective and remain respectful of the game.

I think that's what it's about. The game. It transcends me, you, all of us. It transcends time. Like James Earl Jones says, "It reminds us of all that was good once, and it can be again."

Baseball. From the time you have your first catch with your dad until the day you die, it's a part of you. It gets in your blood, and you can't get rid of it. Nor would you want to.

"My dad wanted me to be a ballplayer."

Thanks dad... for everything.

--Kurt Krebs

Golf team prepares to tee it up

by Emily Wagner

A strong finish last season and an entire returning cast has this year's golf team strongly optimistic.

Last season, the golfers finished in fifth place overall in the MAC standings.

"This was a good finish for the team," said coach Raymond Mest. "We only missed a higher standing by a few strokes."

Coach Mest is looking forward to this approaching season because everyone from last year's squad is returns to the lineup, and there are capable newcomers to solidify the ranking ladder.

Coach Mest predicted that it will be the experience gained by year's squad will be the strength of the '98 team. Seniors Carl Dellabadia, Geoff Foytack and Dana Larose, as well as juniors Tim McNichol and last season's top golfer Andy Mest have the skill and experience to carry the group. Freshman Kevin Snyder, although untested at the college level, also has the potential to capture one of the top five spots on the team.

Others on the team who will push for spots are Sean Adam, Steve Deihl, Joshua Funk and Jeff Tantom.

Although official practice has not begun, the team is gearing up in preparation for their season, which begins on April 1 at the Elizabethtown Invitational.

Indoor track ends -- just in time for spring track season to begin

by Kurt Krebs

Albright College had three athletes qualify for the ECAC meet held on March 7 at Wheaton College. Seniors Lauren Summa and Maggie Ward and junior Skye Tandy all qualified for post-season competition in their respective events.

All three members represented Albright very well by achieving personal bests at the ECAC meet. Tandy took seventh place in the shot put with a throw of 38'2". Summa finished 11th in the 500m with a time of 1:22.24, an Albright indoor track record. Ward took 20th in the 800m with a time of 2:22.64, an Albright school record.

There is no rest for the weary, however, because the spring track and field season is only weeks away. Coach Don Gottshall pointed out that for the runners who participate in cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track, it is a year round commitment.

Coach Gottshall is optimistic about the upcoming track season. He hopes to improve and build on a solid season last year. In addition,

several team members really stepped up and showed something during the indoor track season. In addition to the three ECAC qualifiers, co-captain Kristy Hering and Sarah Webb had exceptional indoor seasons.

On the men's side, co-captain Jim Delp had an outstanding indoor season. Tim Redding and Gia Pham also had solid winter seasons. Coach

Gottshall is expecting big things out of these competitors during the upcoming spring season.

Coach Gottshall credits his assistants Ray Feick and Barry Stebbins as being instrumental in the development of the Albright track

program.

"We have assistant coaches who are willing to work with the kids," he said. "They are willing to put the time in."

Coach Gottshall also credits the athletes themselves.

"The ones who put the time in are successful, and you can see that in Jim Delp, Maggie Ward, Sarah Webb, Gia Pham and others," he stressed. "They're out there, they're working and they achieve."



The Albrightian would like to recognize the senior student-athletes who have given their time and effort to their respective sports. The class of 1998 has brought something special to this school, both on and off the field.

Swimming

Adrienne Bowman
James Goodreau
Amy Naylor

Women's Basketball

Cathy Quigley
Jarra Rusnock

Wrestling

Bilo Bouab



NOTE

In a glaring omission in the last edition, I neglected to mention Kristy Ann Marshall as a key player on next season's women's basketball team. Marshall was a solid rebounder who showed a soft touch around the basket. Never was this more evident than in the season finale at Lebanon Valley.

It was a simple oversight on my part. Nevertheless, it was one that needed to be corrected. I apologize to Ms. Marshall, and I would like to thank Ms. Marshall and Coach Bonner for calling it to my attention.

Sports

Baseball braves elements for opening day victory

by Dana Peterson

Despite the snow that began to fall on Kelchner Field Thursday afternoon, the men's baseball team defeated Rutgers-Camden 6-3 in their season opener.

The Lions fell behind 3-1 early in the game. The game nearly ended, due to the weather, with Albright trailing after four and a half innings. Despite the adverse conditions, Albright rallied to tie the score thanks to back-to-back RBI hits by Chris Rickards and Dave Miller. Freshman Shawn Wettig pitched five innings, striking out five, walking none and giving up two hits, for his first collegiate win.

Saturday's match up with Drew University proved to be a slug fest. Although the Lions put up nine runs on 12 hits, Drew's offense put together one more rally, scoring four runs in the eighth inning to win 13-9. However, head coach Stan Hyman does not believe that this game is going to become a trend.

"I am really excited for the season," said Hyman. "I feel that this is the best team I have coached in the five years that I have been here. The enthusiasm, dedication and camaraderie are unmatched, and they will play as big a role as the talent."

Hyman explained the sense of urgency the team is feeling at the start of this season. The team consists of 12 seniors, most of whom have played together for the

past four years. Although these men have not yet managed to exceed their expectations, they are hoping that this will be the season they do so.

After winning the MAC Commonwealth League title in 1996, the men finished third in the league last season with an overall record of 19-14. However, according to Hyman, last season was an eye-opener, and they are now working to avoid another season full of peaks and valleys.

"Our offense will be very difficult to shut down," said Hyman.

"We have five players who can hit the ball out of the park at any moment and four that can run like the wind. Defensively, we have

seven gold glove caliber players so our defense should remain strong."

According to Hyman, senior pitchers Dan Bingaman and co-captain Jason Thompson are proven leaders that he can count on. Both Jim Whited and Joel Swoboda have rebounded well from injuries and hope to regain their previous form on the mound. In addition, three freshmen pitchers Wettig, Paul Grevy and Ryan Gallatig will need to play major roles in order for the team to be successful.

The men will face Eastern on March 14 and Neumann on March 15, both at 1 p.m. on Kelchner Field, before traveling to Ft. Myers, FL for spring break. While in Florida, the men will face Messiah College in a doubleheader for their first league game of the season. They will also face Big Ten power Ohio State.



March Madness NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

East Region

- 1 North Carolina
- 16 Navy
- 8 UNC Charleston
- 9 Illinois - Chicago
- 5 Princeton
- 12 UNLV
- 4 Michigan St.
- 13 Eastern Michigan
- 6 Xavier
- 11 Washington
- 3 South Carolina
- 14 Richmond
- 7 Indiana
- 10 Oklahoma
- 2 Connecticut
- 15 Fairleigh Dickenson

West Region

- 1 Arizona
- 16 Nicholls St.
- 8 Tennessee
- 9 Illinois St.
- 5 Illinois
- 12 South Alabama
- 4 Maryland
- 13 Utah St.
- 6 Arkansas
- 11 Nebraska
- 3 Utah
- 14 San Francisco
- 7 Temple
- 10 West Virginia
- 2 Cincinnati
- 15 Northern Arizona

Midwest Region

- 1 Kansas
- 16 Prairie View A&M
- 8 Rhode Island
- 9 Murray State
- 5 Texas Christian
- 12 Florida St.
- 4 Ole Miss
- 13 Valparaiso
- 6 Clemson
- 11 Western Michigan
- 3 Stanford
- 14 College of Charleston
- 7 St. John's
- 10 Detroit
- 2 Purdue
- 15 Delaware

South Region

- 1 Duke
- 16 Radford
- 8 Oklahoma St.
- 9 George Washington
- 5 Syracuse
- 12 Iona
- 4 New Mexico
- 13 Butler
- 6 UCLA
- 11 Miami (FL)
- 3 Michigan
- 14 Davidson
- 7 Massachusetts
- 10 St. Louis
- 2 Kentucky
- 15 South Carolina St.

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Albrightian 1998 NCAA Tournament Contest

OK, Here's the deal. Cut this out and fill in your picks from the first round, all the way through to the NCAA Champion. For each first round game you get right, you get one point. For each second round game you get right, you get two points, and so on through the championship game. First prize is \$25, second is \$15 and third is \$10. Winners will be announced in the Albrightian.

Entries due in the Albrightian mail slot or in box #781 no later than noon on Thursday, March 12. No entries will be accepted after that!

Sportschat

Baseball

Thanks to all the fans who braved various elements with us on opening day. You are Hard Core!

Reading Phillies prospect to watch this season -- Rob Burger.

NBA

Poor Kenny Anderson... first the Nets, and now this.

The losers of the next Nuggets/Warriors game should be forced to disband (or be taken out and shot).

NCAA basketball

When is the National Championship game -- a.k.a. Duke/UNC IV?

Is 64 teams too many? Two words -- Nicholls State.

NHL

The Dominator is unbeatable.

Hey Lindros... in case you were wondering, the license plate on that truck said "Kasperitis."

NASCAR

Due to rain, there were no sightings of you-know-who this weekend.

WCW/WWE/ECW

Wrestling quote of the week:

Tenay: "Are we going to argue about this all night?"

Heenan: "Unless you leave..."

* If you have any comments for Sportschat, drop them in the Albrightian office or box 781 any time.

Men's hoops ends memorable season

by Dana Peterson

After defeating Lebanon Valley on Feb. 21 for the MAC Commonwealth League title, the men's basketball team hosted FDU-Madison on Feb. 24 in their conference playoff opener.

In front of a crowd of a thousand, the Lions pulled off an astounding 90-79 victory in order to advance to the next round. Sophomore captain Shawn Swavely had a career high 36 points, scoring his 1000th point in this game.

"It was such a great feeling," said Swavely, "not only to reach the 1000 point mark but to win the first round of playoffs at the same

time."

However, this "great feeling" would not continue for Swavely and the Lions as they hosted Scranton on Feb. 26 for round two of the playoffs.

Although the men were ahead 55-43 at the half, Scranton came back strong in the second half, shooting 57 percent. Scranton sophomore Henry Condron was hard to shut down, hitting 4-of-6 3-pointers and scoring 22 points in the second half alone.

With 13.9 seconds left on the clock, Albright leader junior Summer Hemphill hit 1-of-2 foul shots to tie the game 91-91. Scranton's T.J. McNulty threw up a shot and at the buzzer which hit the side of the backboard, but not before Swavely

was called for a foul. With no time showing on the clock, McNulty made the first foul shot to win the game for Scranton, sending them to the MAC title game.

Although the loss was a big disappointment for Swavely and the Lions, they know that their season was very successful overall.

"The whole season was such a big accomplishment; we can't let this game bring the season down," said Swavely. "During pre-season we were picked to finish sixth, yet we came in first, and we did it with no seniors."

With no seniors graduating in May, the Lions should dominate the Commonwealth League again next season and make another run at the MAC title.