

PROVOST'S BULLETIN

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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge. Pre-meeting refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in the South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Richard Androne (English) delivered a response entitled "'Sir, I am a Tourist,': Two Views of Henry Adams in the Post-Postmodern Age" to papers by Pierre Lagayette of the Sorbonne and Ormond Seavey of George Washington University at the annual meeting of the Henry Adams Society held at the American Literature Association Convention last May 23. He has been asked to organize the panel at the next meeting of the society in Boston, May, 2009. In July, Richard received word that his chapter, "'Never the Right Food': Eating and Irony in John Updike's 'Rabbit Angstrom Saga'" has been published in the volume "You are What You Eat: Literary Probes into the Palate" (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008).

Andrea Chapdelaine, Provost, has been invited to present at the upcoming AAC&U (Association of American Colleges and Universities) Annual Meeting, "Ready or Not: Global Challenges, College Learning, and America's Promise," which will be held in Seattle, Washington, January 21-24, 2009. Dr. Chapdelaine will be participating in a panel presentation entitled, "Transformational Learning through Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity: Models and Strategies to Build and Sustain an Institutional Infrastructure and Culture to Support this Type of Deep Learning" with other members of the Council of Undergraduate Research Board.

Christian Hamann, (Chemistry and Biochemistry) presented a portion of his sabbatical work on November 18 to the Chemistry Department at Lebanon Valley College in a talk titled "Computational Investigations of a Macrocyclic Carbenium Ion". Future studies on this and other systems will be carried out with Trevor Hamlin '11 with support from the Interim ACRE Program.

Richard Hamwi (Art) had a watercolor collage included in a juried exhibit titled "Absolutely Abstract, 2008" at the Philadelphia Sketch Club, November 7 through November 30th.

John Incedon (Modern Foreign Languages and Literature) taught a mini-course at the Jewish Community Center called "Scribblers on the Roof: Contemporary American Jewish Fiction."

Adam John (Modern Foreign Languages & Literature) presented a paper titled "The Prospect of Connecting Hearts and Minds in *Lettres de loin en loin* by Lyonel Trouillot and Sophie Boutaud de la Combe" at the Twentieth Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association. The conference was held in Montrouis, Haiti on November 6-8. Adam was also elected to serve a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of HSA.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) attended the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Boston where she presented a paper called "The Gleaners and Ruth."

Melissa Nicolas (English) attended Writing Center Assessment 101 and 102 (a full-day workshop) at the International Writing Center Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her article, "I Want a Bailout" appeared in the October 31, 2008 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (A 56). Melissa moderated the panel, "Feminist Issues in the Composition Classroom" at the Feminism in Practice Conference at Lehigh University on November 15, 2008.

Marian Wolbers (English) was inducted into the Gamma chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society at Kutztown University on November 20 in recognition of academic excellence and leadership.

PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Faculty Holiday Luncheon & Annual Faculty and Staff Holiday Party

Faculty Luncheon --Join your colleagues and the Provost and share in the spirit of the holidays and an excellent lunch buffet, at the Faculty Club on Thursday, December 11th from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP to X7643 or ssnyder@alb.edu by Friday, December 5.

Faculty and Staff Holiday Party --And don't forget to RSVP to Human Resources, X7654, or to sbehm@alb.edu by Friday, December 5, your attendance to the Albright Employee and Faculty Holiday Party. It's being held on Friday, December 12, 3-6 p.m. in the Campus Center Dining Hall. Childcare services will be available from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and attendees are encouraged to wear "all bright" holiday colors!

2. Save the Dates For Upcoming Dean's Seminars

Future Dean's Seminars are scheduled for: Monday, February 23, 4 – 8 p.m., CCSL; Monday, March 23, 4 – 8 p.m., CCSL; and Monday, April 20, 4 – 8 p.m., CCSL. On Monday, February 23, 2009, Melissa Nicolas will be conducting a Dean's Seminar entitled, "What the Heck Do They Do Over There?! A Conversation about Albright's Writing Center." The purpose of this seminar is to provide faculty with information about the writing center's purpose and mission as well as to dispel some common myths about the center. Faculty from across the College are encouraged to attend, even if they feel the writing center has nothing to offer their students--there may be some surprises. The March Dean Seminar will feature a guest speaker; his topic will be student engagement. Dr. Roger Martin is President Emeritus of Randolph-Macon College and a former President of Moravian College and Associate Dean at Harvard Divinity School. He is the author of *Racing Odysseus: A College President Becomes a Freshman Again* (University of California Press: 2008).

3. Iceland Teaching Opportunity

For some time now, Albright has had a relationship with the University of Iceland, such that Albright faculty can teach there during their January-February session. Previous faculty who have participated in this exchange have found the experience extremely rewarding; both teaching a mixture of Icelandic and foreign students and encountering a most unusual and beautiful country.

Courses offered by Albright faculty have varied from about three to five weeks, but interested faculty should keep in mind Albright's preference that faculty miss no more than two

weeks of Spring Term, so plans to handle coverage of spring courses must be made well in advance.

If you are interested in possibly participating in this program in January 2010, please send a course description of no more than a paragraph (but as exact as you can make it since it may be used word-for-word by the University) to the Academic Affairs Office by January 15, 2009. Please also send information from the head of your department concerning how your Albright courses are to be covered in your absence. Transmit all items electronically. The Provost will then send materials to our Icelandic partners for review and approval.

Here are some relevant terms of the Albright-Iceland exchange.

1. Applicants must be full-time members of the faculty at Albright College.
2. Albright pays for transportation to Iceland.
3. The University of Iceland provides an apartment. In the past, this has been a two room, modern apartment with full cooking facilities and an attractive view of a bay and mountains in the distance. These apartments are in a building for married couples, so there are play spaces for children.
4. Customarily, Albright faculty have taught in English, although other options are possible. Almost all Icelanders speak English.
5. The cost of food in Iceland is high, but in the past, some Albright faculty have reduced part of the expense with travel allotment funds. There is no tipping in Iceland.
6. Most Albright faculty have wanted at least a few days to tour Iceland. It is best to plan to include these either before the course starts or on off days during the week, rather than at the end, so as to reduce the time taken out of teaching responsibilities at Albright.
7. The University of Iceland supports a number of these guest teaching partnerships, and the courses that start earliest in the new year seems to be prized, so the earlier you complete your arrangements the more likely you can obtain a space that does not run too far into our Spring Term.

If you would like to discuss with previous participants, those include the following faculty: Dick Androne, Archie Perrin, Barty Thompson, and soon, Chuck Brown (who will be teaching in the January 2009 session).

4. Invitation to attend the WYE Faculty Seminar

The Wye Seminar on Citizenship and the American and Global Polity will be held July 18-24, 2009, at The Aspen Institute Wye River Campus in Queenstown, Maryland. The seminar, co-sponsored by The Aspen Institute and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, addresses a central need of a liberal arts institution's faculty to exchange ideas with colleagues from other colleges and disciplines while probing ideas and values that underlie their teaching. Based on readings from original sources – from Puritan John Winthrop's "*A Model of Christian Charity*" to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "*A Letter from the Birmingham City Jail*" – discussions center around the relationship between the liberal arts education and the responsibilities of citizenship in American democratic society and the world. Albright is able to sponsor one faculty member to attend this program. Nominations should be submitted to the Provost by March 2, 2009. If interested, please contact the Academic Affairs office for an application.

5. Academic Learning Center Update

The Learning Center has seen the following activity to date: 349 tutor requests; 86 tutors on staff; 26 requests not assigned (due to lack of appropriate tutor – either as a matter of tutor load or classes not covered).

The office has had 337 student visits – 102 for exams; 80 for in-office tutoring; and 155 other consultations, either by appointment or walk-in.

The ALC wishes to acknowledge the contribution and hard work of Lindsay Krejci, our Education graduate student worker, who has had a large and positive impact during her tenure in the Learning Center. She will begin her student teaching in January.

6. ADP Update

Below are data measuring ADP's progress towards enrollment goals for the year. DCP is on target to meet inquiry goals, just under application goals, and ahead on registration goals. To date, thirteen new cohorts have begun, enrolling 150 new DCP students. One additional cohort is scheduled in December and nine more are projected for the spring. DSP goals are also listed below. Enrollment is 8% ahead of our registration goals.

DCP Enrollment Goals:

	Inquiries ¹	Applicants ¹	Registrations ²
08-09 Goal	575	303	2891
08-09 YTD	208	135	1520
07-08 YTD	220	127	1352

DSP Enrollment Goals:

	Inquiries ¹	Applicants ¹	Registrations ²
08-09 Goal	150	81	825
08-09 YTD	68	28	582
07-08 YTD	56	30	522

¹Include figures from 6/1 – 10/31 of the corresponding year

²Include figures from 6/1 – 11/20 of the corresponding year

Other items of interest:

1. Just before Thanksgiving, President McMillan joined us for a ceremonial signing with Delaware County Community College as we announced our presence, offering our five programs on their main campus in Media. This site replaces the former Delaware County site in Concordville. Albright will be the only four-year college or university offering programs on-site.

2. December commencement is scheduled for December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Please contact our office if you plan to participate.

7. CELAR Update

The Center for Experiential Learning and Research (CELAR) has approved 10 students to study abroad next semester. Students will be studying in England, Scotland, France, Greece, Czech Republic and Thailand while one student's travels with Semester at Sea will take her literally around the world. Students will attend a December 4 pre-departure meeting to help them prepare for their semester away from Albright.

The Undergraduate Research Committee has selected 14 students to take part in the interim ACRE program. An increase in the number of submissions is making the selection

process more challenging, but this shows growing interest in research by our students. The ACRE program begins January 5 and runs for three weeks.

Honors students have elected their Executive Board. President is Jeff Plummer, Vice-President is Carrie Cowsert, Treasurer is Matthew Palmiere, and Secretary is Sara Bruno.

8. Writing Center Update

Rachel Liberatore has joined the writing center staff and is taking appointments to work with ESL students to improve their writing. Rachel's fall hours are Mondays 1:00-3:00, Tuesdays 12:30-3:00 and Thursdays 12:30-3:00. Students can call the Academic Learning Center at 921-7662 to schedule an appointment. The Writing Center will close on Tuesday, November 25 at 3:00 for Thanksgiving break and will re-open on Monday, December 1 at 1:00. During finals week, the writing center will be open December 7th, 8th, and 9th (Sun-Tues) from 3-9. The writing center will close at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, December 9th for winter break.

9. Career Development Center Update

The Career Development Center has had just over 500 appointments so far this semester with students and alumni. Attendance was down for the 18 workshops that were offered during the semester, demonstrating that students would rather meet with a career counselor one-on-one rather than in a small group setting.

We sent an email to faculty asking for recommendations of students to serve as “Career Ambassadors”. Career Ambassadors will be trained as liaisons for academic departments to inform students about CDC services and programs as well as discipline-specific resources. The Ambassadors will also represent our department at campus events and help us improve our services through their suggestions and observations.

Plans for the spring semester include offering 3 Job Fairs: Lehigh Valley Consortium, LVCCE, February 18th, noon to 5 pm at the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville, PA; Horizons Job Fair, March 4th, 10:30 am to 2 pm, Albright College; and Teacher Recruitment Day, April 1st, 9 am to 3 pm. We will have more “What Can I Do With a Concentration In....?” panel discussions, and offer the 4th annual “BYOB: Bring Your Own Briefcase” for seniors.

10. Retention Information & Enrollment Information

2009 SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT

FALL 2008 SPRING 2009 RETENTION

1-Dec-08

CLASS	F08 ENROLLMENT	S09 NOT REGISTERED	S09 REGISTERED	RETENTION
FRESHMAN (2012)	509	66	443	87.03%
SOPHOMORE (2011)	417	42	375	89.93%
JUNIORS (2010)	315	29	286	90.79%
TOTAL UNDERCLASS	1241	137	1104	88.96%
SENIORS (2012)	372	16*	318	
TOTAL	1613	153	1422	

*Does not include 38 students completing graduation requirements

Fall 2009 Admission Report 12/1/08

	2008	2009	Number Change	Percentage Change
APPLICATIONS				
Undergrad	1781	3315	1534	86.13
Undergrad International	33	71	38	115.15
Partnership Undergrad	1	1	0	0.00
Total Undergrad Applications	1815	3387	1572	86.61
Partnership ESL/Degree	3	2	-1	-33.33
ESL/Degree	0	0	0	
ESL/DEGREE TOTAL	3	2	-1	-33.33
Partnership ESL	0	0	0	
ESL	0	0	0	
ESL TOTAL	0	0	0	
Transfer	31	45	14	45.16
Partnership Transfer	0	0	0	
TRANSFER APPLICATION TOTAL	31	45	14	45.16
TOTAL NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS	1849	3434	1585	85.72

Spring 2009 Admission Report 12/1/08

	2008	2009	Number Change	Percentage Change
APPLICATIONS				
Undergrad	32	43	11	34.38
Undergrad International	27	11	-16	-59.26
Partnership Undergrad	25	9	-16	-64.00
Total Undergrad Applications	84	63	-21	-25.00
Partnership ESL/Degree	31	13	-18	-58.06
ESL/Degree	0	0	0	
ESL/DEGREE TOTAL	31	13	-18	-58.06
Partnership ESL	0	0	0	
ESL	1	2	1	100.00
ESL TOTAL	1	2	1	
Transfer	71	66	-5	-7.04
Partnership Transfer	0	0	0	
TRANSFER APPLICATION TOTAL	71	66	-5	-7.04
TOTAL NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS	187	144	-43	-22.99

11. Fall Campus Programs

- Fall Welcome Day II, November 8th – Once again, Mother Nature decided not to cooperate with our open house plans. Despite the threatening weather, we attracted 179 families to campus. A 5% increase over last year.
- Design, Visual and Performing Arts Day, November 7th – 53 families attended this first time event. Thank you to all the departments that put time into planning their sessions. We've received a lot of positive feedback on the program.
- Pennsylvania Liberal Arts Tour, November 13th – 45 guidance and independent college counselors primarily from the mid-Atlantic region attended a four day program touring Moravian, Lebanon Valley, Juniata, Elizabethtown, Lycoming and Albright. These counselors that advise students on their college search and selection toured campus; met with the Science faculty and students; attended a student panel; were entertained by the Mane Men while viewing the Freedman Gallery; and dined with faculty, students and administrators. Our evaluations are very strong for this program.

As always, THANK YOU!

- Thank you to everyone who makes the job of recruiting students easier and enjoyable. Students and their families rave about the welcomes that they receive at the College. Recruiting and retention is truly everyone's job at Albright and the admission office thanks all of you for taking this responsibility seriously and passionately. We appreciate your time and effort with all our programs and visitors.

12. Athletics (Rick Ferry and Janice Luck, Directors)

Fall season wrap up:

Volleyball: 5-28

Field Hockey: 4-15

Men's Cross Country: 8th out of 14 in the MAC

Women's Cross Country: 8th out of 14 in the MAC

Men's Soccer: 5-11

Women's Soccer: 7-10

Football: 8-3, ECAC South Central Champions

Winter Sports Update:

Men's Swimming: 4-1

Women's Swimming: 5-0

Men's Basketball: 2-1

Women's Basketball: 1-2

Indoor Track & Field: no meets yet

Other News:

- The home basketball opener on Nov. 18th was held in honor of Derek Kehoe who passed from cancer in 2006. All of the proceeds from the game went to support Coaches vs. Cancer Charity.

13. Retention(Greg Eichhorn, VP of Enrollment Management & Dean of Admission)

The Retention Department recently hosted a 90-minute online seminar entitled, “What Faculty Members Need to Know About Retention.” A small group attended the webinar. The presentation was informative and has sparked a dialogue on what direction Albright should take in regards to retention initiatives.

Beginning in 2009, the Retention Task Force is dividing into two work groups – an Alert Group and an Institutional Research Group/Policy and Procedure Group. The Alert Group will continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis and they will focus on processing student alerts and providing assistance to students. The Institutional Research Group/Policy and Procedure Group will meet monthly and they will examine policies and procedures related to retention.

As of November 14, 2008 the Retention Task Force has processed 101 cases. Many of these cases remain open as the group continues to monitor the students. Our success will be measured by the retention of these students.

14. Development Fall Phonathon

As part of the fall phonathon, we began a “day caller” program where student phonathon callers are endeavoring to reach constituents during the day as opposed to our usual evening calling program. This is a new effort which has proven successful. Based on this success, we will continue our “day calls” through the first week in December and will formally schedule “day calls” for our spring phonathon. This year’s phonathon evening program concluded on Monday, November 24th. Individuals whom we were trying to reach through phonathon efforts will receive a “Sorry We Missed You” card and business reply envelope.

15. Senior Walkway Legacy Program

For the past three years, Albright’s senior class has generously supported the Senior Walkway Legacy Gift Program, which raises money to replace the walkways on campus, one section at a time. This year it’s the Class of 2009’s turn to contribute to the program and show future generations of Albrightians just how much the Albright experience has meant to them. The committee is being formed prior to winter break and the program will be launched to the entire Senior Class when they return for the spring semester. Look for program information around campus as the semester unfolds. We are hoping to make the 2009 Senior Walkway Legacy Class Gift Program the most successful one yet!

16. The Annual Pushman Cottage Holiday Open House

All Albright community members are invited to our annual Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 17, 2009 from 2:30-5p.m. Please join your hosts, the Alumni Relations Office and the Alumni Association for refreshments and good company to put you in the holiday spirit. We hope to see you there!

17. Alumni Relations December E-newsletter

Do you have great news you want to share with alumni? The Alumni Relations Office e-newsletter, a feature of A-Space, is sent out bi-monthly to over 2,500 registered users. If you have news you'd like to share with our alumni in our December 15th e-newsletter, please send to Megan McGrath mmcgrath@alb.edu no later than December 8th. Inclusion in the e-newsletter will be based upon content of the information and space limitations. Questions? Contact the Alumni Relations Office at ex. 7510.

18. Albrightians in the News

Albright faculty and staff in the news in the past few weeks include President McMillan on the proposed PA Dept. of Education changes in the education certification, Gerry Ronning for his Industrial Arts course, Tom Brogan, Liz Freund and Irene Langran on the elections, David Martin and Farhad Saboori on the economy, John Kramer for the Center for Community Leadership programs, Christian Hamann and students on pre-med studies, and Philip Dougherty and Bob Gerken for their middle school forensics program.

19. Community Standards: (Submitted by: Sally Stetler)

Community Standards Report			
In Violation of:	Aug./Sept.	Oct.	Nov. (to date)
Alcohol	6	17	4
Assault	1	---	---
Drugs	1	1	---
Theft	---	1	---
Vandalism	1	---	---
Harassment	---	1	---
Failure to Comply	---	3	---
Disrespect to College Officials	---	---	1
Breach of Security	---	---	1

20. Health Center: (Submitted by: Samantha Wesner)

We have 10 doses of flu vaccine remaining please call ext. 7532 to schedule an appointment.

On November 4th Albright College hosted the elementary physical education teachers from the Reading School District for their day long in-service program. We shared information with them about the Schumo Center, graduate programs available at Albright as well as the various components of "A Wellness Adventure". It was an enjoyable day filled with lots of very applicable information.

The third session of "A Wellness Adventure" the childhood obesity grant program ended on November 18th. Appreciation was voiced by the parents and children regarding their participation in the program.

On November 18th the health center staff presented a residence hall program regarding eating healthy while studying for finals. The participants of the program indulged in healthy snacks while learning how to prepare to eat healthy during times of stress.

On November 26th a Community CPR class will be held, 10 people have signed up for the class.

21. Housing and Residential Learning: (Submitted by: Amanda Hanincik)

- Highlights this month (Thank you to Facilities for their dedicated efforts on these projects):
 - Mohn Hall Honors Housing received new desk chairs per individual student requests, and new shower benches replaced damaged ones in all restrooms. Six new PCs were replaced in all computer rooms. Blue lounge furniture (from Campus Center) was relocated to ground floor lounge, and purchase orders were approved to purchase & install coffee tables, end tables and area rugs in this lounge. Additionally, a purchase order was recently approved to purchase and install high tables, bar stools, and square tables and chairs in the ground floor lounge adjacent to the kitchen that was fully renovated in January '08. Both ground floor lounges also received new yellow paints, brand new ceiling tiles and lights this past summer!
 - Residence Hall Entrance Door Project Update: We are in the final phase of this major security project as the installations of the Woods Apartment Doors are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving Break!
 - Sophomore Year Experience (SYE) - Two events held this month just for sophomores: Coordinated with Kim Justeson to hold a Study Abroad Program in Krause Hall, and worked with Karen Evans to advertise the administration of Strong Career Interest Inventory.
 - **SYE this month:** The Housing Office, in conjunction with various departments on campus, will host a Leadership Opportunity Fair for sophomores on **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in the CCML.**

22. Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs: (Submitted by: Nikki Detwiler)

The Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs office and Housing office have worked together to provide break housing for those international students who've indicated a need for housing during the Thanksgiving break. Twelve students have confirmed the need for break housing and will be residing in North Hall during the break. We will also be working to provide break housing for the winter break for the ten students who have indicated a need. Reminders have been sent to international students regarding signatures on their I-20s and documents they need to have with them while traveling during the breaks.

The International Student Association (ISA) Dinner was held on Friday, November 7, 2008 in the dining hall at 8:00pm. The crowd enjoyed authentic dishes from different countries prepared by international students and entertainment provided by international students and a professional dance group.

On Friday, November 14, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Campus Center South Lounge, Wesley Dunn from the Museum of Indian Culture presented a display of Native American artifacts, furs, food and musical instruments. This experience event, celebrating Native American Month, was well attended and students, as well as members of the community, enjoyed the program.

The Multi-Ethnic Office is beginning to plan for the spring international orientation, to be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 and Friday, January 23, 2009. We are also working with

student organizations to plan for events for Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March.

23. Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being: (Submitted by: Alison Camlin)

Student Programming

The Be Fit Be Well Challenge is in the final stages; students, administrative staff members, and faculty are handing in their requirements for participation. The challenge will be followed up with a participant survey for further enhancement of future programming. The purpose of this challenge was to bring awareness to current fitness/wellness levels, target a specific goal and plan of action, and encourage steps taken toward reaching that goal. A large variety of categories were offered in hopes of inspiring our diverse campus.

Community Programming

Our "Senior/Silver Sneakers" challenge required our participants to exercise 10 times in 4 weeks. We had 35 members complete the challenge and receive their Schumo Center for Fitness & Well-Being t-shirt. This incentive program was designed to boost our monthly utilization for the Silver Sneakers program in an effort to maximize our revenue, monthly revenue is based upon participation and our numbers are steadily increasing.

24. Student Activities: (Submitted by: Sally Stetler)

Orientation 2009

The Orientation Steering Committee attended the NODA Conference in Boston. The Steering Committee attended a special track for undergraduate students. The group is reviewing the evaluations from last fall and working on the schedule for the Orientation '09 program.

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The activities for the spring semester are nearing finalization. The selections of entertainers were made during attendance at the NACA regional conference in Lancaster in late October. The planning includes some late night activities, including BINGO, ice Skating and a trip to Ozzy's.

Volunteer Center

The Hunger Banquet was held on November 19th. There was also a canned food drive and collection of blankets. The students also volunteered at the Greater Reading Food Bank and cooked breakfast at Opportunity House.

The Alternative Spring Break Trip is gaining momentum. Twenty-six students will be going to Galveston to assist with Hurricane Ike relief. Fundraising is underway.

25. Student Government Association: (Submitted by: Kyle Bredbenner)

The Student Government Association has worked hard this past semester in their positions and in serving the student body. All of E-board is very excited for the plans and events that will be occurring next semester and are doing everything to their best capability. The following is a summary of some of the activities that we have been working on since our last report.

Concert research/survey- Student Government has been working very hard in making a survey for the student body so that we may know what to bring for spring's 2009 Concert. This year we are trying to emphasize in capturing the students opinion on what genre they would like. We are trying to make the survey so that we may gather enough information to compile a list of possibilities, while making this survey short. We are finalizing all of the information for the survey and it will be distributed to the student body by the end of the semester through

blackboard. The Government is taking a different approach to the survey by doing it through blackboard, this way every student will have the opportunity to give their voice. With this method it will be easier to do the counting and it will also be easier for the results to be projected. After the survey the Student Government Association will compile all the results and present it to the student body, so that everyone may see the outcome of the survey.

Bonfire- The Student Government Association prepared for a Bonfire this semester on Thursday November 20th. Everything was prepared with wood, the firefighters, food, a DJ and security. What seemed like a great day ended up with the cancellation of the bonfire due to inclement weather. However, the bonfire was run for one hour and in that hour various students did come out to get warmed up and to have a good time. The firefighters did their best in starting the bonfire and keeping it going, but due to the snow it did not start. The DJ kept the hour lively and fun for everyone that was out. The Student Government will be rescheduling the bonfire for a later date, when the weather cooperates better.

Holiday Cards- This year the Student Government is trying to create better relations with faculty, staff, administration as well as the student body. Therefore, holiday cards will be sent out to everyone on December 1st. This is just a way to show administration and students that we really do care and that we are here for them.

Christmas tree Lighting- On December 1st the Student Government Association will be hosting the Christmas tree lighting by the pond. There will be refreshments such as tea, apple cider, egg nog, pumpkin pie, apple pie and more. There will also be a performance by gospel ensemble, Albright angels and Mane men; WXAC has also contributed to this event by DJing the event. This is a great way to unite the student body for this holiday season; we encourage everyone to come out.

NCSL Conference- The newer members of SGA attended the NCSL Conference in Orlando from Friday November 21st till Tuesday November 25th. The members that have gone to the conference will be learning various ways on becoming a great leader and how to exemplify all of their strong qualities. They will also come back as certified leaders, and will demonstrate what they have learned. The members of SGA will be combining everything that was learned from this conference and the ASGA conference to present to the Student body. The splitting of SGA for the conferences is very beneficial because it provides two different perspectives on how to run the school and how to make better student leaders.

Snowstoppers/Leaflifters- SGA is wrapping up Leaflifters for this semester, they had a good amount of students to help rake leaves for the houses around campus and had at least six clients this year. With the drastic change in weather the Student government association has started Snowstoppers. The list of clients is piling up and there are approximately twenty five students that are eager to help. On Tuesday November 18th there was a training session for all the volunteers from the Albright community that are helping out. We are eager to work with the community and in making Albright a better place.

Town Hall- On Sunday November 2nd SGA held a town hall meeting with the student body. This was a way for the student body to voice their concerns about the college and give feedback to what they like and dislike. The town hall meeting was run differently this time as to the previous times because the vice presidents were not present. This seemed to be easier for the student body to express their concerns and not be intimidated. The town hall meeting was run with ten tables, at each table there was a different topic discussed from Academic, Activities, Housing to Security. At each table there was an SGA member to help and start the discussion of the topic. Everyone had a chance to be at each table and voice their concerns about the topic for a five minute period. Each table ended up with a pro and con list of the topic and the leader of each table typed up the list so that they could all be compiled. The list was compiled and is being presented to their respective departments as well as discussed with Dean Crance. Some of the

main issues that were discussed were the need of more security, more professor for certain departments, student voice for the concert, want a traffic street at the turtle dome and by the bank, etc. Some of the concerns are already being worked on and we are meeting with the dean to see what can be resolved and to decide which ones are top priorities. Even though this may take a while, the list will be presented to the student body along with the improvement that is being made. This way the student body can see what Albright is working on and how we are all listening to their concerns.

This semester has been very successful for SGA and for the college, we are so pleased to work for the student body and we cannot wait for another exciting semester. Thank you and I look forward for the upcoming year.

26. WXAC: (Submitted by: Mindy Cohen)

WXAC assisted the Hispanic community after false voting information was distributed. We helped in correcting the falsehoods and I think we can take a tiny bit of credit for increasing turn out in Reading this year.

WXAC sponsored an event that helped other student organizations raise money for various charities, and we hosted a very successful Battle of the Bands that same week.