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Albright names new dean

by Meghan Hurst
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After bringing five candidates for the dean and vice president of student affairs position to Albright and carefully reviewing the feedback from faculty and students, President McMillan and the search committee finally made their decision. Ms. Gina-Lyn Crance has accepted this vital position and will begin her new role on April 30. Crance will be leaving her current position of dean of students at Hofstra University on March 30.

McMillan said the process of searching for the right person to fill the position was "very, very thorough and very, very inclusive." He was very interested in the feedback from faculty and students and took every comment he received, written or verbal, very seriously.

McMillan said that Crance stood out the most amongst the other candidates because she had a "good personal chemistry with the students and faculty" and "provided thoughtful and engaged answers to questions."

"She was revealing to me right off the bat that everything at Hofstra wouldn't transfer to Albright," he said.

As dean and vice president

of student affairs, McMillan said that Crance's most important objective will be to connect learning inside and outside of the classroom. In this position she must also be accessible to students, faculty and administration, be able to relate to students and trustees, enforce discipline when necessary, and be an advocate of the students. "It's a very difficult job," said McMillan.

McMillan added that he was extremely grateful to the community and search committee for their input and hard work, as well as to all those who took the time to provide feedback.

Crance accepted the position on March 7 and said that she was "beyond excited" to begin her duties. McMillan expressed nothing but the utmost confidence in her abilities and personality, stating that Crance received the strongest support from students and faculty and that "the committee was clearly very, very supportive of Gina."

Crance said one of the first things she most looks forward to doing is meeting everyone and "really immersing myself in to the campus community."

"Every interaction I have had with the college has been positive on so many different

levels," Crance said.

When she saw the job advertisement for the position in October, she was immediately attracted because it was a combined dean and vice president of student affairs job. As dean she will closely interact with students and she hopes to use the knowledge and information gained from the student body to inform policies as a vice president. Crance added that she was very drawn to the fact that Albright is a small, liberal arts college and could provide her with the chance to expand her leadership potential.

She will be visiting campus Friday to meet with the various student affairs personnel and to search for a house, as she hopes to live close to campus and the students so that she and her family will be even more a part of the college community.

As she is starting towards the end of the academic year, Crance said she looks forward to meeting the students before they graduate and leave for the summer, as well as experiencing commencement.

Crance stated that she was "really thankful the college had the confidence to accept me" and expressed her gratitude to those who supported

her for the position.

Crance has spent the last 17 years working in various positions within the student affairs division at Hofstra. She joined Hofstra in early 1990 as an academic advisor. By 1993 she was promoted to assistant dean of students and by mid-1995 she advanced to senior assistant dean of students and director of the international students office. In 1997 she became the associate dean of students and director of freshman support services and in 2001 was named dean of students.

Crance holds a bachelor of arts in psychology and a master of arts in marriage and family counseling from Hofstra, as well as a master of education in higher education administration from Teachers College, Columbia. She is currently pursuing her doctorate of education from Hofstra in foundations, leadership, and policy studies and hopes to graduate in December 2007.

Crance is married to Robert Gutmann, who holds a masters degree from Fordham University and is currently working in a healthcare related field.

Crance and her husband also have a two-year-old daughter, Carly Joy Gutmann.

Albright receives \$100,000 to fight obesity in children

by Kellie Connors
The Albrightian

Albright College received a \$100,000 grant on Feb. 12 from Community General Hospital Healthcare Fund of Berks County Community Foundation to help prevent obesity in children.

Albright will execute the program from 2007-2009 with assistance from The Reading Hospital and Medical Center and Penn State Berks.

Frank Falso, vice president for advancement, said, "If you begin with children... you can instill lifelong education."

The grant will fund a three-year program proposed to become a model for use in schools to combat and prevent obesity. The three-phase program is aimed at children and their parents to teach children about nutrition, foster good eating habits, know how to emotionally appreciate food, and stay active through the physical education part of the program.

Each phase will be conducted in two, 10-and a half week sessions, according to

the original proposal.

The first phase will be open to 30 kindergarten students from the Albright Learning Center and their parents. Program coordinators will stress awareness of a healthy lifestyle in order

to foster healthy habits at an early age.

The following two phases of the program will encompass students from Reading's 13th and Union Elementary School. The target group will be children at risk for obesity from the first through fifth

grades, as well as children and parents interested in the program.

Albright plans to provide childcare for parents whose children are not participating in the classes.

Reading hospital will pro-

vide nutritional experts and consultants to advise certain aspects of the program. Penn State Berks will supervise the exercise portion with the help of students in the Kinesiology Program.

Albright's Wellness Committee submitted the program

to the healthcare fund to help create programming for the new Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being. Albright is set to provide the facilities as well as many students and volunteers. The college will also provide administrative support and the emotional well-being portion of the program.

Falso said, "The project is a great way for people to better understand us [Albright] as a leader."

The Schumo Center is set to open this June. Andrea Chapdelaine, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs, said that there are no major changes in the center.

Chapdelaine said the new fitness center will "provide increased space for cardio and weight rooms." The college hopes to be able to provide programs or classes pertaining to nutrition, yoga, aerobics, dance, personal training, and more community programs.

The Schumo Center was made possible by a \$4.75 million donation from Margaret Schumo who grew up across the street from Albright.



Photo provided by Albright website
Schumo Center construction still under way and on schedule.

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Forget the holidays, this is the best time of the year



Photo by Dr. Pankratz

by Adam Daney
The Albrightian

All winter, I sit and wait for these three weeks. I enjoy the end of the football season just fine and (what seems like) thousands of professional basketball and hockey games. But all that concludes with my absolute favorite sporting tradition in the world: March Madness. And the question isn't so much who else loves these three blissful weeks, but more appropriately, who doesn't?

The NCAA Tournament trumps all other sports traditions and I refuse to concede this point. Sixty-five teams battling over a grueling three week period to reach the pinnacle of college sports takes my breath away. It's the right way to determine a champion (the Bowl Championship Series of football is the wrong way...but hey, that's just me). There are no "what-ifs" left after March Madness is completed; a team either gets it done or doesn't.

It also seems that everyone becomes a gambling expert around March 10, which never ceases to entertain me. I had my pastor tell me once I was full of bologna when I thought Kansas would emerge victorious and that I was frivolously wasting my money (both accusations, unfortunately, ended up being quite true). After I felt like the Devil's right hand man (that's a bit of an exaggeration, but you get the point), he offered me a warm smile and instructed me that North Carolina was the correct pick and I had earned a milkshake on him when he outlasted the competition in his pool (which, luckily enough, turned out to be true. Boo Ya!).

High school was when the tournament took over my life during March, when I truly became a Madness Phanatic (sorry, I had to: Go Phils!). During my junior year, a technology teacher

in my high school, who shall remain anonymous, distributed hall passes to selected students and I was one of the lucky few. I kid you not; it was my Golden Ticket to his Wonka Factory. When we proud few arrived in his office, he had three TV's setup in perfect feng shui configuration, three couches arranged in flawless stadium seating, and every snack imaginable, and yes, even Wonka Bars! Just kidding. It was March Madness heaven and I had been struck down by the Truck of Destiny. Those were, bar none, the four (two days both junior and senior years) greatest days of my high school experience, which gives you a sick glimpse into my lonely social agenda.

The most frightening thought of my budding adult-life also occurs this time annually. It's something that I often overlook, and if this doesn't make your adolescence seem all-but-gone, well I suppose you're just more mature than me. But, here goes...these teams are comprised of kids. Now I know they aren't running around the play ground or sucking their thumbs, but it's true! I can't help but think about all the times I've heard upperclassmen at Albright complain about our freshmen and I wonder if our counterparts at Ohio State and Texas criticize Greg Oden, who recently turned 19, and Kevin Durant, who turned 18 at the end of September. Scary thought, right?

Now, don't get me wrong, I am still a fan of pro basketball. But, there is just something much more personal about the college game. There are almost 1,000 players in the tournament and most do not have the NBA in their future. They play for love of the game and school pride. The pain and anguish we see when teams are ousted after close games is always heart felt and genuine. There's no better way to say it...March Madness is pure sport, the way it is meant to be.

So now that March Madness has come around, I'll be avoiding all responsibility for the next three weeks. I probably won't shave and showers will be scarce. I know what you're saying to yourselves; this kid is pretty hardcore. He's willing to sacrifice his own hygiene to watch sports. But, hey (queue Dick Vitale voice), "It's March Madness Baby!"

Intramural basketball at Albright

A brother of Alpha Sigma Phi comments on his team's experience

by Brandon Ruppert
The Albrightian

Intramural basketball season was back in action for the last two weeks, and that can only mean one thing for the players of Alpha Sigma Phi: embarrassment.

Intramural sports are meant for students of any athletic ability to come together and play around with a little competition and lots of fun. I was looking forward to taking my driveway skills to the court and see what I could do. Having never played any sort of regulated basketball game, I had no idea what to expect. Sure, I have played in gym class, but I was one of the athletic guys who just ran around and shot the ball. We didn't even call fouls. Nothing could prepare me or my team for our first game.

Setting up to do the tip-off, we looked more like an offensive line for football

than a basketball team. With three guys over 250 pounds, we didn't even know who to elect to take the jump ball. Once the game started, I quickly learned that we weren't playing guys with mediocre skill who wanted to have fun. They were out to murder us.

After being outscored by almost 50 points, we knew we had to get some practice in. I looked around and thought, "Who practices for intramural sports? We have guys who can barely make time to come out to the game, let alone practice."

It was going to be a long season.

Things didn't improve much after that. Our worst loss came in game three, when we were utterly destroyed by 60 points. Towards the end of the game, and having no subs, some players didn't have much gas left to continue. I started launching three-pointers from as close as the stone-wall defense would let me

get, but to no avail.

However, it occurred to me during this game that the true colors of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity came out. We never gave up, except for one member of the team needed to bench himself after several missed shots in order to rest up and shoot some more. There were five pathetic basketball "players" looking like idiots, but looking like idiots together. Isn't that what intramural sports is all about?

The last few games held better results, but we were still unable to claim a victory. Our average score increased to 30 points, and our average margin of defeat fell to only 15. We considered this a moral victory for ourselves. There is just one thing for Alpha Sigma Phi to remember when basketball season rolls around again: We look like all the others, but we're better than the rest, and not just at basketball.

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Women's basketball ends successful season

Provided by Albright Athletics:

Albright saw its most successful season in school history come to an end with a 71-60 loss to Moravian in the semi-finals of the ECAC South Region Tournament March 9 in the Bollman Center. The Lady Lions end the season with a record of 18-10. Moravian improves to 17-11 with the win, and will play for the tournament championship Saturday afternoon at 2:00 against King's College, a 68-62 winner over Washington and Jefferson in Friday's second semi-final.

Albright jumped on top in the early going, as seniors Marie Levins and Jackie Hardwick combined for all the scoring in an 11-4 Albright run to open the game. The Lady Lions extended the lead to 17-8 after sophomore Charlotte Ciccone's jumper with 14:32 left in the half. Albright's lead was six, 19-13, with 11:00 remaining, when Moravian embarked on a 13-0 run that turned the Lady Lion lead into a 26-19 deficit with just over five minutes to play before intermission. Back-to-back buckets in the paint from junior Staci Waligorski stopped the bleeding for Albright, but Moravian ran off six more points to push its lead to nine, 32-23, with 2:57 on the clock. Waligorski continued to score inside at the end of the half, netting two more baskets to help Albright pull back within five, 34-29, at the half.

Moravian opened the second stanza with an Amanda Brown triple and two Jenny

Hackleman free throws to take a 10-point lead, 39-29. Albright came roaring back, however, putting together a 12-2 run to tie the score at 41 on senior Natalie Bizzarro's fast break lay up with 14:47 left in the ball game. The Lady Lions couldn't get over the hump, however, as another Brown three capped a 6-0 Greyhound spurt that put Moravian back on top to stay. Levins answered with a lay up to make the score 47-43 with 13:12 to play, but Moravian pulled away from there, outscoring Albright 14-2 over the next five minutes to extend the lead to a game-high 16 points, 61-45, with eight and a half minutes left. Albright got as close as seven 65-58, after a Hardwick bucket at the three minute mark, but could not overcome the lead as Moravian moved on to the championship game.

Hardwick led Albright with 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Levins added 11 points in her final game for the Lady Lions. Waligorski chipped in with 10 points, all in the first half. Jessica Foran led Moravian with 15 points, followed by Hackleman with 13 and Kelly Applegate with 12. Hackleman also grabbed 13 rebounds. Moravian enjoyed a sizable advantage from free throw line, making 20 out of 26 attempts while Albright connected on 9 out of 14 from the stripe.

In the first round of ECACs on Feb. 28, the Lady Lions defeated visiting Neumann College 98-73. It was the Lions' first-ever, appearance in the tournament.

Lacrosse team looks to gain experience

by Allyse Wolfinger
The Albrightian

The beginning of March brings the beginning of a new lacrosse season. This year the lacrosse team opened their season with a loss to Bloomsburg at home, 16-2.

Lacrosse is a club sport here at Albright that competes against many other schools traveling and competing at home in the Shirk Stadium. The team's goals this season, according to head coach Barton Thompson, are "to provide the players with an experience in a team competition on the collegiate level where it is necessary for them to push themselves

This year, like last year, the team will have no captains. According to Thompson, last year's team decided not to elect team captains, and they are following through with the plan this year.

Thompson said, "I think there was some merit to it because, as a team sport, everyone contributes, and if you identify one person as the captain, then they stand out."

The team has returning players seniors Dustin Thornton, Ryan Oliver, Brian O'Doherty and Dustin Quercia along with juniors Patrick Lacon, Jeff Brown and Joe Venonsky to lead

this season.

The men will face some stiff competition from teams in the eastern division of the National Collegiate Lacrosse League. According to Thompson, teams to watch out for are Kutztown, Lehigh, East Stroudsburg, Millersville and Wilkes.

"I would have to say that over the last couple of years, Kutztown has been consistently very good," said Thompson.

The team also looks to improve upon their performance from last year. This season they will be focused on "learning to improve the basic skills (throwing and catching), getting in shape,



Photo by Dr. John Pankratz

Men's lacrosse battles Bloomsburg in Shirk Stadium.

physically and mentally, as well as deal with the stresses and experience the rewards and joys of head-to-head competition against other players, and to further develop the players' understanding and performance of the sport of lacrosse."

the team in the absence of a team captain. The team has several newcomers, many of who played in high school, to help lead the team.

With the experience of veteran leaders and newcomers familiar with the game, the team looks to be strong

learning how to play as a team rather than as an individual, and learning some basic team strategies," said Thompson.

As lacrosse is "the fastest game on two feet," catch the team in action before they're gone.

Men's tennis season off to a rough start

by Meg Shaw
The Albrightian

After the resignation of head coach Jeremy Speicher and the cancellation of the first game of the season, Albright's men's tennis team is off to a rough start.

Speicher, a 2006 Albright graduate and a previous captain and member of the men's tennis team, was named head men's tennis coach last semester. A former Division I player before he transferred to Albright, he spent the past two years teaching professionally at Hillcrest Racquet Club and has over five years of teaching experience in the Reading area. After setting a new school record for career wins, he finished his career with an overall singles record of 54-17, according to Albright's athletic website.

Junior Dave Scherler

said Speicher left Albright "because he wasn't given an office or a place of business to do recruiting. He also wasn't given another job on campus. So, when he was offered a position at another facility as the tennis director, he took it."

"I played with [Speicher] for two years, and I loved being challenged by someone better than me," said Scherler. "Such talent is really going to be missed."

Scherler, the team's captain and a MASCAC Individual Flighted Tournament semi-finalist alongside

Speicher last year, will play in his first game of the season at York this Tuesday.

The team, which only consisted of Scherler and returning player junior Phil Bobbitt a few short weeks ago, almost didn't have a season. After holding several meetings and recruiting across campus, Scherler finally pulled three other men together to help save Albright's Men's Tennis program.

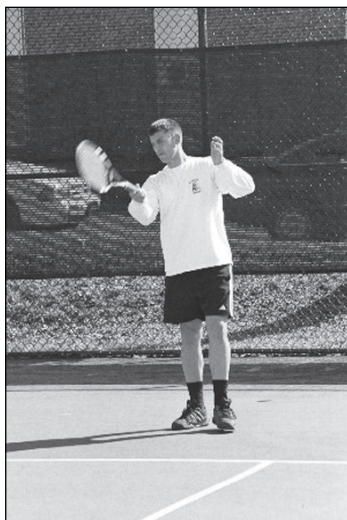
"It was extremely hard for me," said Scherler. "I've worked so hard to earn the

number one spot on this team, and then we almost didn't have a season." Despite the rocky start for his team, Scherler expressed some positive energy about the upcoming season.

"I am ecstatic that I still get to play this season. We don't really have the numbers to win a lot of matches this year as a team, but I'm

glad that we were able to get more guys so we can just play the game."

The team, hoping for student support at their upcoming matches, will see playing time twice before Albright's spring break. They played at York on March 13 and will play against Neumann on Albright's courts at 3:45 p.m. on March 16.



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Parking problems continue to vex Albright

by Meghan Hurst
The Albrightian

The increased difficulty of finding available parking spaces on and around campus this academic year has been an issue for students and faculty, as well as administration and the public safety department. While parking is always limited at Albright, it has become even more so due to the construction underway on the Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being and the current signage issue that has been plaguing the campus since September.

A lack of signs stating the specific parking restrictions in the lots on campus has been causing problems since the beginning of the academic year. "The main issue is getting the proper signs up that enforce the proper terminology," said captain Michael Gross of the public safety department. "The signs need

to keep everyone on the same page." The signs also need to be placed appropriately in the parking lots to ensure that they are visible and obvious to everyone. Issues of terminology and placement are the central problems behind the absence of the signs in certain lots,

including Mohn, the Woods and the commuter lots. Barbara Marshall, associate vice president of college relations and marketing, is in charge of deciding what the signs should say and where they are posted, but thus far none have been deemed suitable.

The lack of signage has caused a stir mainly with faculty and students, but has affected community members as well. Without proper restrictions posted in all of the lots, students who live off campus may technically park in any of the lots usually reserved for

when faculty arrive to work in the morning, they are left with nowhere to park. Community residents are also left with few or no parking spaces because of those parking off campus. Visitors to the college also account for a lack of parking spaces.

According to Gross and public safety officer Alfred Uliasz, students may park in the main lot after 5 p.m. on weekdays and anytime on weekends, in the Bollman Center lot after 7 p.m., and in the computer center lot after 10 p.m. The computer center lot used to be open to students after 5 p.m., but faculty members who teach night classes found it difficult to find parking and so the time was pushed back. The change in the hours is fairly recent, and many people are still unaware of it. "It's really nebulous," said Gross.

Gross and Uliasz both stated that while public safety is in charge of issuing parking citations, they are not solely in charge of what the signs should say and where they are to be placed. "It's a difficult issue for us [public safety] because we're the ones taking all the complaints," said Gross. Uliasz stressed that public safety has done their best to be fair with

handing out citations, and said that those students who have dealt with public safety regarding parking citations have experienced the effort they are putting forth to be reasonable. "This year, especially this year, we [public safety] have bent over backwards for the kids as far as being fair with the tickets," said Uliasz. "Sometimes that job has been made almost impossible."

Gross pointed out that parking issues are not exclusive to Albright. "There is not enough parking on every college campus that I know of," he said. To alleviate the problem, Gross and Uliasz encourage students to take advantage of the shuttle van that public safety runs on campus. According to Uliasz, the shuttle starts to pick students up at 25 minutes of the hour at Court, then proceeds to the Woods at 20 of. From there it arrives at

the Mohn lot at 10 of, and then drops the students off on the main campus. For the remainder of the day, the shuttle will pick students up on the hour in the main lot and departs to take them back to the dorms at five past the hour. Uliasz added that if it's cold outside, students can come and wait in the public safety building until the shuttle arrives. "We will take you from point A to point B," said Gross. "Why not use that?" Gross and Uliasz said this would not only alleviate parking problems at Albright, but save students money on gas and the extra effort of shoveling their cars out in the event of a snow storm.

Public safety hopes the signs for each parking lot are in place by the fall. According to Uliasz, the fine for a registered car parked in a lot with clear restrictions is \$20 and \$70 for an unregistered vehicle.



Photo by Meghan Hurst
View of the Computer Center parking lot.

those living on campus without fear of receiving a citation. While those living off campus may opt to park on the street, once those spots are unavailable students park in the main and computer center lots, which are saved for faculty and visitors to the college. In turn,

Bonfire was hot, hot, hot

by Sam Levine
The Albrightian

SGA held its first successful bonfire on March 9. Temperatures were ice cold, but the atmosphere was hot, hot, hot. How did the bonfire come to be? SGA president Stacey Ferraro said, "We were having a meeting, and the idea was thrown into the mix that Albright hasn't had one in years. When everything started to fall into place, that's when we decided to have it." The idea was suggested by Jacqui Kappler.

Ferraro believes the bonfire was a success because there were a few hundred students in attendance. She would like to point out that the bonfire could not have been successful without several people and organizations. Ferraro wanted to thank juniors Jesse Bloom and Matt Giguere because they

built the bonfire and got the wood to keep it going strong. She also wanted to thank facilities, public safety and the local fire department for all their help.

There was a D.J. who played good music to help keep up the atmosphere. Hot chocolate and cookies were also served. Students and adults alike had a good time talking and dancing.

Junior Tony Wambach said, "Stacey did an awesome job. It was the best bonfire ever."

Sophomore Jared Epler added, "It was a great time. We should have two bonfires; one at homecoming and one in the spring semester."

Ferraro said, "My main goal was to set [the bonfire] up so it would become a tradition—to carry it on for years to come."

Black Maria Film Festival

by Chip Schwartz
The Albrightian

On Feb. 27 Berks Filmmakers hosted the 26th annual Black Maria Film and Video Festival at Albright. The festival travels to over 70 venues across the United States and abroad and borrows its name from the first American film studio constructed by innovator and inventor Thomas Edison.

Black Maria seeks to maintain the art of experimental cinema. The festival awards cutting edge, independent video and filmmakers for their work before showing their pieces in its exhibitions. A prevailing theme in this year's show, and the topic of much discussion, was the use of "found footage" or images appropriated from other sources for the artist's own use. Aaron Valdez's "Life and Times of Robert Kennedy," starring Gary Cooper, is a haunting work which uses images of Robert Kennedy layered over scenes from the film "High Noon" as a commentary of our times via American mainstream culture and media. The longest film in the

show, "Uso Justo," by Coleman Miller, is a comedic juxtaposition of the more serious found footage shorts. This work uses images from a black and white Mexican soap opera to produce a zany satire of avant-garde filmmaking.

The exhibition also included a wonderful assortment of animated motion pictures such "Phantom Canyon." In this piece Stacey Steers constructs a dark but fanciful story about the life of a woman through the media of collage animation. In stark contrast is the cartoon by George Griffin, "It Pains Me to Say This." In this piece, a man is confronted with a variety of experts who try to establish what is wrong with him after creating a scene with another woman at a class reunion. One entry, "Daddy I'm Scared," by Tijmen Hauer, layers footage borrowed from Disney animations to create a nightmarish hallucinatory piece which serves to analyze and satire popular entertainment.

One entry appearing in the show was a submission by Albright professor Gary

Adlestein. The expressionist video, entitled "Gaudi," is a non-narrative using footage from the still-under-construction Sagrada Família, an Art Nouveau style basilica in Barcelona, Spain, designed by architect Antoni Gaudí.

"I didn't know what form it would take at the time I shot it," explained Adlestein, "I just shoot what fascinates me and respond to the subject rather than a script." He also noted that the Black Maria festival allows experimental artists a wonderful chance to exhibit their work nationwide as well as internationally.

This show is a great opportunity for people to see what independent as well as world-renowned filmmakers and animators have to offer.

"It's a refreshing break from the narrative style of mainstream media," said junior Kevin Vogrin, an amateur Albright filmmaker.

For anyone with an interest in experimental cinema devoid of the usual Hollywood cookie-cutter styles, this is most certainly an event to check out.

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Albright Channel movies

by Jessica Bilello
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“A League of Their Own.” Starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Lori Petty, Madonna and Rosie O’Donnell. This movie tells the story of the formation of the very first professional female baseball league while World War II was taking place.



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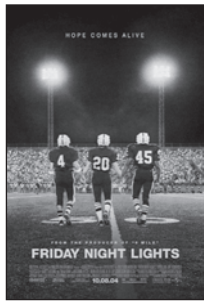
“An Inconvenient Truth.” Starring Al Gore. Gore has traveled around the world presenting his project on the global climate change, and he is trying to prove that everyone needs to realize that global warming is a serious issue with life altering consequences.



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“Friday Night Lights.” Starring Billy Bob Thorn-

ton, Lucas Black and Garrett Hedlund. It is about a high school football team that crowds Ratliff Stadium Friday from September through December in West Texas. The Panthers have established themselves as a successful football team, and now their goal is to win their fifth straight championship.



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“Memoirs of a Geisha.” Starring Ziya Zhang, Ken Watanabe and Michelle Yeoh. In the years before World War II, a Japanese child is taken from her poor family to work as a geisha. She undergoes many challenges, yet she flourishes into the legendary geisha Sayuri. Sayuri is preoccu-



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“Mission Impossible 3.” Starring Tom Cruise, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Ving Rhames. Ethan Hunt, played by Cruise, retires from active duty, but is called back to confront the toughest villain he has ever faced.



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“Over The Hedge.” Starring Bruce Willis, Gary Shandling, Steve Carell, Wanda Skyes and William Shatner. An animated feature where the main character Verne and his woodland friends awake from hibernation and discover a hedge has taken over their natural habitat.



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“The Grudge 2.” Starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, Amber Tamblyn and Arielle Kebbel. In Tokyo, a woman is exposed to the mysterious cure that afflicted her sister in the past. This cure brings together a group of unrelated people who attempt to discover the secret in order to save lives.



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“Rent.” Starring Rosario Dawson, Taye Diggs, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, Jesse L. Martin, and Idina Menzel. In New York’s East Village, a group of bohemians struggle to express themselves as they undergo many obstacles including poverty and the AIDS epidemic.



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Movie to check out



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Based on the epic graphic novel by Frank Miller, “300” is a ferocious retelling of the ancient Battle of Thermopylae in which King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) and 300 Spartans fought to the death against Xerxes and his massive Persian army. Facing insurmountable odds, their valor and sacrifice inspire all of Greece to unite against their Persian enemy, drawing a line in the sand for democracy. The film brings Miller’s (Sin City) acclaimed graphic novel to life by combining live action with virtual backgrounds that capture his distinct vision of this ancient historic tale.

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DCP celebrates 10 years of excellence

by Dan Nester
The Albrightian

The Degree Completion Program, which started in 1997, is celebrating a decade of providing a second chance to adult students here at Albright. Its course modules and syllabus were created by Jerome Lee and Ronald Green, both professors of psychology.

The DCP allows adults to earn the exact same degree as a traditional student would, but at an accelerated pace. The program was initially started with the aid of Paul Gazzerro, Jr., vice president for administration and finance, who allocated funds from other college resources to create the program. The program itself was created to help adults who have already completed at least two years of post-secondary education with an associates degree accelerate the time to complete a four-year degree. Adults who work and have families may not have the time to take courses as a traditional student.

"We're trying to meet the needs of adult students," stated Director of Accelerated Degree Programs Mickey Baines. The students must follow and complete the same course requirements as a traditional student would.

The criteria to be admitted into the DCP consists of

being at least 23 years of age, having five years full-time work experience, and a minimum of 48 college credits. If a person fulfills these requirements they would apply for admission through Albright's Accelerated Degree Completion Program. If a person does not meet the 48 credit requirement, the individual would then apply for admission into the Degree Start Program.

The DCP offers courses for general studies and electives, but was designed for adult students who do not have the college background that Degree Completion students do. With the Degree Start Program, students would then complete the two years of general studies and then move into the DCP.

In the DCP, the student only takes one course at a time, but for one full night a week from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. for five weeks. The students also have about 20 hours of work outside of the classroom, along with no breaks in between courses, and a very short summer and winter break.

Each class covers about three to five chapters in one night. Once one five-week course is completed, the next new course begins the following week. About half of the professors are full-time faculty members and the other half

are working professionals in their field. The cost of tuition is reduced for students in the program, but the students are ineligible for scholarships and grants given by Albright that traditional students are able to receive. However, they are eligible for grants and students loans and to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The DCP started with only two majors, but now has been expanded to five: business administration, applied psychology, accounting, information systems, and crime and justice. Along with the expansion of majors, there has also been an expansion in enrollment. The Degree Completion and Start Programs now enroll about 470 total students.

Not only has the program expanded in majors, but also in location. Albright has created sites at eight different locations. About a third of the Degree Completion and Start Programs are on Albright's campus. The rest are at the other eight possible locations which are located in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Allentown, Bethlehem, Pottstown, Blue Bell, Exton, and Concordville. The students in the DCP have commencement in both December and June in Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel with their class.

Ask Felicia

Dear Felicia,

So I'm really on top of things this semester. I've already started to do research for this term project I have, only some of the books and articles that would be awesome to use, aren't in Albright's Library. That's so annoying! Now what?

Wrathfully,
Homer

Hey Homey,

First let me say, good for you! Felicia congratulates you exuberantly on your take-charge attitude toward those term projects. Good research simply takes time. Even with a direct broadband link to your brain, you can't speed up the process of finding material, refining your scope and digesting what it has to say.

Now let me say that for many years, our faithful Gingrichian staff has requested materials from other libraries to fill the needs of Albright students whenever necessary. This often involved students painstakingly filling out long print or online forms while deciphering the citations. Felicia is very pleased to announce that we will finally delegate much of that grunt work to computers,

to free you the student, and Felicia the librarian, to use our brains to tackle what's inside the books, not how to get them.

ILLiad is a new Inter-Library Loan software that is compatible with most of our databases, so when you click the special ILLiad request link, the citation information will be filled in for you automatically. You'll have to use your login name (same as Blackboard and stuff), create a password, and provide an e-mail address your first time through. Once you do that, you'll get to check where your orders are (just like on Amazon). You can use ILLiad for books, media and journal articles too. You'll want to be sure to update your e-mail address if you change it because ILLiad also means a better system for getting you those articles electronically. So Homer, right after Spring Break, head to the library home page, sign up for your ILLiad account, and request away! As Felicia already pointed out, we can't condense "research," but ILLiad offers a new way to bring the steps toward understanding closer together.

Ship-shapely,
Felicia

Albright sorority members celebrate International Badge Day

National Panhellenic Conference celebrates "Wear Your Badge With Pride" theme on March 5

Information Provided by NPC Press Release:

Albright College's Greek women, as well as the 26 organizations of the National Panhellenic Conference, celebrate International Badge Day in March, an annual event during which sorority women everywhere honor their fraternal affiliations by wearing their badge or letters. The theme this year was "Wear Your Badge With Pride." International Badge Day was celebrated on March 5 this year.

Led by 26 national and international sororities and women's fraternities that are its members, NPC provides support and guidance for its member organizations and serves as the national voice on contemporary issues of sorority life.

Founded in 1902, NPC is one of the oldest and

largest women's membership organizations. It represents more than 3.8 million women at more than 620 college/university campuses and more than 4,600 local alumnae chapters in the United States and Canada. Each year, NPC-affiliated collegians and alumnae donate more than \$5 million to worthy causes, provide \$2.8 million in scholarships to women and donate 500,000 volunteer hours to their communities.

Celebrating 105 years of excellence, partnership and Panhellenic spirit, the NPC looks forward to the future because of the continuing collaborative and dedicated efforts of its 26 groups. International Badge Day recognizes the contributions of sorority women and promotes the value of fraternal membership; both as a collegian and an alumna.

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Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. You can't change the digits already provided in the grid. You have to work around them. Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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Campus Calendar

- Thursday, March 15
The Real Labors of Womanhood
4 p.m. South Lounge
Is Madonna really Argentinian?
7 p.m. Klein
- Friday, March 16
Student Housing Closes for Spring Break
6 p.m.
Men's Tennis v. Neumann 3:45 p.m.
- Saturday, March 17
Baseball v. Lebanon Valley
12 p.m. Kelchner Field
- Monday, March 26
Classes Resume
Evolution vs. Intelligent Design
7 p.m. Memorial Chapel
- Tuesday, March 27
Baseball v. Messiah
12 p.m. Kelchner Field
Men's Tennis v. Juniata 3:30 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse v. Valley Forge
4 p.m. Shirk Stadium
Facul-tea:
4:30 p.m. Library group study rooms
- Wednesday, March 28
Softball v. DeSales
2:30 p.m. North Hall Field
"The Power of One-The Passion of Sister Rose" Film
Screening*
7:30 p.m. South Lounge
- Thursday, March 29
Parker House & Theory-Band*
8 p.m. CCML
- Friday, March 30
Baseball v. Elizabethtown
3:30 p.m. Kelchner Field
- Saturday, March 31
Men's Lacrosse
10:30 v. ESU
3:30 v. Wilkes
Shirk Stadium

* = Experience Event

Horoscopes

Compiled by Meghan Hurst

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

The planets have generated a lot of activity and things to think about for you over the past few days, but today you're being urged to take it easy! A rather obstructive aspect from the moon suggests that today will feel like an uphill struggle, so if you can cut any corners do so.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Romance is likely to provide the main highlight of the day today, thanks to the transit of the moon into Scorpio. You'll be both intense and affectionate, which can be a sizzling combination! Whether you're single or attached, you'll certainly be turning some heads today.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

A couple of excellent planetary aspects should guarantee you a fabulous day, as long as you don't allow that pesky Saturn to hold you back. Work or school should enable you to positively shine, a friend is likely to come through for you, and romance will provide a few tender moments later.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

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Leo (July 23 - August 22)

If you find you're struggling with the feeling that things are getting on top of you a little today then don't worry. The very beneficial sun/moon aspect indicates that someone close to you, most likely a family member, will be only too happy to come to the rescue.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

A couple of very auspicious planetary influences mean that you'll know exactly what to say at exactly the right time today. This sense of impeccable timing will serve you particularly well in the field of romance; whether you're single or attached you're likely to have someone eating out of your hand today.

Libra (September 22 - October 22)

A boost to your income is highly likely today, thanks to the sun/moon aspect, but in a similar way to another sign your best day will be this coming Sunday, so hold off spending till then. A minor success at school or work will also give you something to celebrate

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

You could find that you have a bit of a mixed day today, thanks to the moon in your sign, which is likely to dampen your mood considerably, even though things are going to go very well indeed, especially when it comes to romance. Someone will manage to make you smile by the end of the day.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Communication features highly for you today, and thanks to the powerful aspect between Mercury and Pluto you're likely to either be on the receiving end of a secret, an intriguing piece of gossip, or you might even stumble across some information; however, the planets suggest you keep what you learn to yourself.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)

You might be struck by the fact that everything seems to have its opposite today, especially when it comes to friends. If you find that someone is being irritating and unhelpful you should also find that someone else's actions more than compensate for this.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)

Thanks to a couple of positive influences you could find yourself burning the midnight oil. You will want to shine out when it comes to your work or school challenges, but the problem is that you could over commit yourself to too much if you're not careful.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

If you feel that the daily routine is taking its toll today, if work or school seems to require that extra bit of energy that you just can't quite summon, then blame the challenging aspect between the moon in Scorpio and your ruling planet. Keep a piece of malachite with you to stave off the worst.

Photo of the Week



Photo provided by Caitlin Graff

Albright softball players Jennifer Lynch, Erica Romond, Meredith Mayes, Alex Keyes, Jessica Powers and Lauren Every strategize on the field before a game at the Virginia Beach Softball Tournament from March 2-4.

Spring break 2007 safety tips

by Meg Shaw
The Albrightian

Your back aches from being hunched over books reading until 2 a.m. Your eyes hurt from staring incessantly at the computer screen trying to write those four, eight-page papers due, well, yesterday. You're sore from the lack of sleep and you probably haven't even had the chance to hit the gym for weeks. You've got a common ailment that can only be cured by one, week-long remedy: the Spring Break Treatment.

Whether it is home to work for some spending money or off to Cancun to work on that pasty skin, all of you will be traveling somewhere for this year's spring break. For almost 10 days, we will all finally have the opportunity to sit back, put our feet up, and not think about school. (This applies only to those of you who don't already do this on a regular basis while school is in session.)

This college vacation, for as carefree and wonderful as it usually turns out to be, can get pretty wild for many. Everyone wants to

have the time of their lives, so let's brush up on some spring break savvy so everyone can also come back safely and alive.

WARNING TO ALL SPRING BREAK DRINKERS:

- Trust no one. Never leave a drink unattended, even if it's soda. If you even so much as set it down to head to the restroom, buy a new one.

- As much as we'd all love to be heading to Mexico or some beautiful non-American island, some of you will be traveling to places such as Miami or Fort Lauderdale. Remember, Florida State Law, just like in any other state, requires that you must be 21 to purchase, consume, or even possess alcoholic beverages.

- Many of you 18- to 20-year-olds are looking forward to getting away to a place that may let you slide through the doors to grab a brew. Sorry to burst your bubble, kids, but all clubs, though you may be permitted to go in, will not condone underage drinking.

- Though it may not be as scary for many of you to parade around on the streets

or even drive while drinking when you're in your own territory (even though it is illegal), you should think twice before trying this in another state or country. Mom and Dad are really going to be mad if they have to drive down to Myrtle Beach or fly to Panama City to try and bail you out. This applies to everyone, 21 or not.

- For those who are traveling to Mexico, this might be good to know for any of your younger siblings: anyone from the age of 16 and older is tried as an adult in the court of law.

- If you are legally of age to drink, do not forget your identification. Do not expect to get into the bar or the club on your good looks alone!

WARNING TO ALL SPRING BREAK ROAD TRAVELERS:

- If you're taking a road trip, make sure to have your car checked out so that it doesn't break down. For emergencies, make sure you have tools, a cellular phone, a first aid kit, a flashlight, an AAA card, flares, water and snacks.

- Don't bring magazines or anything with your name and address on them. Keep your name and address on

your luggage, but don't make it highly visible. You don't want anyone to know you're away from home or where you live.

- Before you even turn the key in the ignition, check for your license and registration. Also, is your car up to date pertaining to inspection?

WARNING TO ALL SPRING BREAK AIR TRAVELERS:

- Do not say bomb. Not in an airport, not on the plane, not even in the parking lot. One 21-year-old was just reported to have been arrested for joking that a bomb was in her bag. It's not funny, don't do it.

- No matter who you are, if you are traveling to another country, there is a new requirement stating that you must have a passport, no exceptions. If you don't, you'll be partying in good ol' Reading, Pa.

- Make sure your family and friends know where you're going and for how long. If something were to happen, they'll be able to come to your rescue.

- Don't pack any nail clippers, camera film, water, or lip gloss in your carry-on

bag (pack it in your suitcase). You can bring a laptop, but it has to be in a case where you can remove it at security. I really shouldn't need to say this, but do not transport anything illegal, including drugs, alcohol, or weapons.

WARNING TO ALL SPRING BREAK SWIMMERS:

- A nice tan looks gorgeous. First degree burns? Not so attractive. The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wear sunscreen, preferably waterproof sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays, and reapply it every two hours.

- No matter what anyone says, most of you will most likely consume alcohol. If you go on the beach, you're drinking alcohol, and you pass out, it's not because you're just drunk. You must constantly rehydrate even if you aren't drinking!

- You may think you're a great swimmer, until you get smacked in the face by a wave. Be aware of rip currents. If you should get caught in a current, don't try to swim against it. Swim parallel to shore until clear of the current.

What to do on spring break

by Meghan Hurst
The Albrightian

Do you know where you will be this spring break? For many, this is a time to relax and unwind, whether by simply going home for the week or setting off for a more exotic destination.

Other students may use the time to work a few extra hours to earn and save some cash, or catch up (or work ahead) on some school work to ease the burden for the remainder of the semester.

Essentially, spring break is a "to each his own" situation, but

for those who aren't entirely sure how to spend their week away from classes, here's a list of ideas:

- If you have the money, splurge and take a trip out of the country. Ever-popular spring break destinations such as Cancun, Acapulco, Bahamas, and Miami are

sure to be teeming with college life.

- Get a friend or seven together and take a road trip. Head out west, down south or tour the New England states (not much for sand and sun, but still a fun and entertaining way to do some sight

vacation you maybe couldn't afford in time for spring break.

- If you've been bogged down with school work all semester, take some time to catch up during your week off. Probably not every student's ideal way to spend their break, but at least it will ease the burden for the rest of the year.

- Do some job or internship hunting. It can be hard to make time for this in between the hustle and bustle of the semester, and it's definitely time well invested.

- Plan for next year's spring break. Search for all-inclusive resorts and hotels on-line, or go visit a travel agency and see where some of the best destinations for 2008 will be.

- Start applying for summer jobs. Whether they are around your hometown,

around the college, or even at the beach for the summer.

- Join a gym and start an exercise program to prepare for the beach season. If you're already a gym advocate, keep it up!

- Start some spring cleaning!

- Catch up on your TV time and watch that DVD season of your favorite show

you've been meaning to. Or watch some of your favorite movies you haven't had time to over the semester.

- Go shopping for your spring and summer wardrobe, especially that new bathing suit.

- If all else fails, sit and wait in anticipation for classes to start again and for everyone to come back to campus!



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