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Campus Center looking up

by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

Along with the more major renovations that have been going on across campus this summer, and are set to begin in the near future, there are still more changes being made at Albright to make the campus a better place for all those who enter it.

- New walkways will be laid down in place of the asphalt ones currently running through the older section of campus.

- Renovations to North Hall have been made, including the conversion of several lounge areas into dorm rooms.

- The construction of a new residence hall is on the horizon, and President Lex McMillan said that negotiations with contractors are still ongoing. He hopes to have a new dorm built within the next year or two.

- Renovations to the Campus Center Main Lounge have been put into motion this summer. So far the ceiling has been totally redone with new lighting added. Eventually new furniture, carpeting, a new Campus Center desk and other accents will be added to the area to give it a more welcoming feel.

Welcome Mat Edition

Schumo Center open for wellness

by Adam Daney & Meghan Hurst
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After seemingly-endless months of planning and construction, the new Schumo Center for Fitness and Well Being has been completed. The most eye catching feature of this new construction is the weight and cardiovascular training room. With its generously sized windows, high ceilings and spacious layout, the new gym truly compliments Albright's campus.

The new weight training room will feature some newer machines and equipment to compliment the nearly pristine ones purchased in recent years. Mirrors still need to be added to the area, and more machines are also coming in. The cardiovascular portion of the room also features a combination of new and used machines. But, unlike the previous

gym, entertainment will be provided for cardio-users in the form of "Cardio Theater." This system utilizes several flat-screen televisions stationed in front of the cardio machines. Individual cardio

Behind the weight and cardiovascular training room there are also several offices and conference rooms that are being utilized by different departments. Another attribute of the new center

gym users to purchase. This bar will be open soon, and will be run in the same manner as Jake's Place (accepting Declining Balance Accounts, Bonus Dollars or cash).

The completion has also shuffled the offices situation within the athletic department. The second floor of the center now houses the athletic director's office, as well as the sports information department. The football coaching staff has moved into the old athletics office, while other coaches have taken the vacated football offices.

The second floor is also home to the new Red and White Room. This meeting area overlooks the basketball court through a wall of retractable windows. It also showcases several sitting areas, a wet bar and a flat screen television. This room will be used not only for alumni events but

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The new Schumo Center is finally open for use.

machines will feature standard headphone jacks which will allow the user to select the audio for their desired programming.

is the lobby area. In addition to several sitting areas, it will also feature a snack bar, Jammin' Juice, providing nutritious food and drinks for

New VP of Administrative and Financial Services

by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

William Wood has recently accepted the position of vice president of administrative and financial services at Albright.

He will be taking over for Paul Gazerro, who is retiring after 13 years at Albright. Wood will officially take office on September 17, with Gazerro staying nearby to help with the transition.

The vice president of administrative and financial services oversees all financial administration functions. This includes budget development and management, investments and endowments, payroll, facilities management, risk and property management, insurance procurement, information technology, legal affairs, human resources and auxiliary services.

"It's a big, big job," said President Lex McMillan.

Wood has more than 30

previous years of experience in finance and administration. His most recent position was vice president for finance and chief financial officer at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.

He is a Certified Public Accountant, holds an MBA in finance from the University of Rochester and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Penn State University.

Wood is a native of Easton, Pa. and attended Wilson Area High School.

He said Albright's location and size are what initially drew him to the college.

"Albright College is the size institution for which I have a lot of experience and a size I enjoy," he said. "As I got to know more of the staff and faculty, I felt that Albright would be a good team to join."

"I am thrilled and delighted," said McMillan. "He [Wood] really connects with the campus."

Active shooter drill a success

by Meghan Hurst
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"We have an active shooter in North Hall."

This is the call that Albright security and Reading Police heard in a drill held August 13-14 at the college.

After the tragedy at Virginia Tech this past May, colleges and universities across the nation have been looking for ways to make their campuses safer. Albright and the institutions of Berks County are no different.

According to Officer Robert Gerken, director of public safety, after Virginia Tech he began to look into Albright's emergency response plan for an active shooter and see how it could be made safer and more efficient.

After much discussion with the Reading Police Department and other Berks County colleges, it was decided that an active shooter drill should be held at Albright to better prepare the area colleges and the police if a similar situation were to occur.

North Hall was chosen as the sight because of its various

exits and entries, doors, rooms and different obstacles. Volunteers from Albright helped out by acting as dead or injured victims.

Two scenarios were played out during the drill. The first involved a shooter on the second floor of North, where one team of officers went into the building to take out the shooter, while another followed to aid the victims. The second scenario was similar, except this time the victims rushed police in a mad attempt to escape the building alive.

In addition to active victims, soft pellet guns were also used by police and the mock gunman to make the drill more realistic.

Gerken said he had two goals in mind when planning this drill: to better know and realize how to respond to a similar incident, and to show that Albright was taking active measures to improve the safety of the campus.

Albright will also be instituting an emergency text messaging system this year. The

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Faculty news

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Albright welcomes several new employees this year and says goodbye to some as well.

Dr. Kristel Kemmerer, former acting dean of students and professor at Albright, is now dean of students at Alvernia College.

Dr. Tiffenia Archie, former assistant academic dean/director, now holds a position at Temple University in faculty recruitment and retention.

Several new employees joining the Albright community this year are:

Dwayne Clemens, public safety officer

Amy Gernert, teaching assistant at the Albright Learning Center

Jennifer Constantino, assistant director of housing and residential learning

Melanie Holodynsky, admis-

sion counselor
Yorelis Millayes-Rosa, admission counselor

Courtney Moser, admission counselor

Rebecca Anne Peal, assistant director of housing and residential learning

Joseph Ring Jr., public safety officer

William Schultz, auxiliary public safety officer

Taren Smith, assistant director of The Fund for Albright
Krysten Young, teaching assistant at the Albright Learning Center

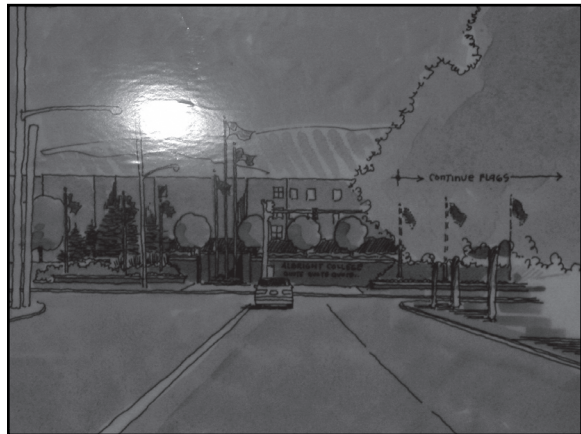
Samantha Wesner, nurse practitioner and health educator, has been promoted to assistant dean of students and director of the Gable Health Center.

The *Albrightian* would like to wish all new employees and promotees the best of luck this year, and send well wishes along with those who are pursuing careers elsewhere.

New welcome sign to add unity to campus

by Meghan Hurst
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Albright's aiming to be a little more welcoming with the construction of a new sign



Sketch of the new welcome sign to be built at the end of Rockland.

at the corner of 13th and Rockland Streets.

The sign will be made of stone and feature three flags in the middle of the structure, a United States flag, a Pennsylvania state flag, and the college's flag. On either side of the sign will be five additional flags, one for each country that the college's international students represent.

Funding for this project comes from the generous gift of a donor whose name has not yet been released.

Albright professor earns national award

by Meghan Hurst
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Albright College's own Dr. Teresa Gilliams, assistant professor of English, has been awarded the Christian R. & Mary F. Lindback Foundation's Minority Junior Faculty Award for her project "Retrievable Wrongs: Reading and Preserving African-American Women's Writing, 1950-2005."

The award includes a \$15,000 grant, which is the

highest amount the foundation awards.

Gilliams has been at Albright since 2004 and received several other awards and recognitions, including the Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow and the Outstanding Faculty Award (Hamline University). She specializes in African American Literature and is the adviser of the Xion step team and member of the Albright College Honors committee.

Library plaza

by Meghan Hurst
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The plaza area at the steps of Albright's Gingrich Library will soon be a new outdoor



Construction begins on the library plaza.

common area for students.

All of the old, bumpy stone that the area is paved with will be replaced with a smoother, more "patio-like" stone, according to President Lex McMillan. Six new trees will also be planted, and for the final step metal patio furniture will be added to give the area a "sidewalk café feel," said McMillan.

"College is an extended

conversation," he said. The idea behind this project was to create more areas where students can continue to converse and spend time outside of the classroom.

McMillan said the project

may not be done in time for the start of the year, but it will be ready for students to enjoy before the academic year is over.

According to Barbara Marshall, vice president of college relations and marketing, the furniture will be purchased with a gift from the sisters of Phi Delta Sigma, along with a matching gift from one of the sisters.

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idea of the system is to send students a text message if a serious emergency ever does occur on campus. The message will include instructions for students depending on the type of situation at hand.

Gerken stressed that this system would and could only be used to alert students of a serious emergency. He said he hopes all students will be open to using this system, as it will serve to better unify the college community in the event of a serious problem. The service will not cost students anything except the price of an incoming text message, which is typically around 10 cents. Gerken said he hopes that the system doesn't even need to be used.

After the success of the active shooter drill, and with the implementation of the text messaging system, Gerken says he is confident about the safety of the college community for the upcoming year.

"I am very confident if we have an emergency Reading Police will know how to respond," he said.

Additional media coverage of the drill can be found on Albright's website.

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The voice of Albright College since 1904

Class of 2011

provided by Gregory Eichhorn
Albrightian

Each year the incoming freshman class gets bigger and better, and this year they have outdone themselves yet again.

Some statistics provided by Gregory Eichhorn, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admission, help to illustrate why the class of '11 tops them all.

Demographic

- 14 states represented- including California, Texas and Michigan

- 12 countries, including China, Ghana, Nepal, Romani, Russia and South Africa

- 15% identify themselves as a student of color

- 8% international (of new incoming students)

- 30 students completed summer program to earn admission

- 12 children of alumni

- 12 students who have a sibling attending Albright

Size

- Largest first year and entering classes in school history

- Chosen from over 4,700 applications – most in school history

Competitiveness

- 23% came from the top 10% of their senior class

- AVG GPA 3.32

- Class took, on average, more Advanced Placement courses than any class in Albright history

Scholarship

- 26 Shirk scholars

- 43 Jacob Albright scholarships, 138% increase from last year

- 122 are members of their National Honor Society

So even though the incoming freshmen have a lot to live up to, with statistics like these it shouldn't be too hard.

Groundbreaking for new Science Center set

by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

Groundbreaking for Albright's new Science Center isn't far away. The date is set for October 19, and construction could begin as early as November or December. The project is estimated to take about 24 months

and when that is completed crews will go in to completely renovate the old building. The end product, according to President Lex McMillan, will be a completely new Science Center.

The addition will be four stories high and primarily house the teaching labs. Once the current Science



The Science Center as it looks today.

to complete., and will cost around \$27 million.

Funding for the project was received primarily through monetary donations to the cause. To date, more than \$11.3 million in gifts has been received by the college to go towards the Science Center.

The new center will be over 41,000 square feet, while the one now is a little over 37,000. A new addition will first be added on to the current Science Hall,

Hall is renovated, it will be home to faculty offices, meeting spaces and several classrooms.

According to McMillan, this arrangement will not only provide the Albright community with a new and updated science facility, but also "protect and preserve limited green space" on campus.

The original Science Hall was built in 1929. It was last added to and renovated in 1965.

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also as a conference room, while doubling as a "luxury box" for sporting events on the basketball court.

The temporary weight training room will not be going to waste either. After relocating the equipment, crews resurfaced the room with a spring-loaded floor, identical to a basketball court's flooring. This room will be used for a variety of activities, like serving as a warm-up room for the cheerleaders and dance teams. Also, new classes such as yoga, dance and aerobics, will take place there.

Newly appointed director of the Schumo Center, Allison Camlin, is currently in the process of creating these different programs, along with a host of other responsibilities.

Camlin is in charge of expanding the center's staff with trained individuals who can teach and instruct the various classes that will be offered. She has been working in fitness centers for the past 15 years, and so has been exposed to a variety of settings and various programs.

"I am certified in a large variety of group fitness classes and can't wait to bring exciting, innovative classes to Albright," Camlin said.

She hopes to have classes offered mid-day and evening, including sculpting, Pilates, yoga, cardio kickboxing and

cardio dance. Overall, Camlin said that her main objective is to "find something to catch the interest of all the students here, and inspire them to implement some form of activity into their lifestyle."

While this may seem like a lot of activity and addition to Albright, it doesn't stop there.

This is only the beginning of the "Athletic Master Plan" that was put into effect in 2004. According to Dr. Steven George, athletic director, this is a major step for the Albright community, athletes and non-athletes alike.

The construction of the new Shirk Stadium put the plan into motion, with the Schumo Center following shortly afterward. On the horizon there are plans for a scoreboard for the baseball field as well as batting cages, renovations to the athletic's "cage" and locker rooms, an outdoor track, an additional turf field, and renovations to the natatorium.

While everything seems to be rolling smoothly now, George stressed that there was still quite a road to travel before everything is finally completed.

In the meantime, students and faculty can take advantage of what has been accomplished thus far, and step into a the dawning world of health and wellness at Albright.

The grand opening for the Schumo Center will be held Sept. 28.

Hours of Operation

For your convenience, here is a brief list of the operating hours for a few of the buildings and services on campus. Hours may change throughout the semester.

For further information, you can visit the Albright College website or get information at each destination.

Library

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 a.m. – Midnight
Friday: 7:45 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday: Noon – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – Midnight

Bookstore

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
*Check outside the bookstore for special hours at the beginning and end of each semester, and for Saturday football games.

Computer Center

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. – 1 a.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday: Noon – 1 a.m.

Health Center

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Jake's Java

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Jake's Place

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Sylvan Pond gets a facelift

by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

One of Albright's best-known features—Sylvan Pond—underwent some major renovations this summer. Thanks to a generous

shrub were planted around the area. Machmer made the donation in memory of her late husband and son, who graduated from Albright in 1974.

A new water system was also installed, making

rounding the pond were also updated, thanks to the Senior Walkway Legacy Program. Students from the classes of '03, '04, '06 and '07 who donated \$100 to the program now have their names written in the stones of the new walkways.

Future renovations to the area are still on the horizon, with a small outdoor classroom or amphitheater being added as well as new handicapped access to Science Hall. These changes must be coordinated with the construction of the new Science Center, however, and are planned to happen some time down the road.

A dedication ceremony was held August 12 at Sylvan Pond.



New renovations on Sylvan Pond make it easier to "pond" students on their birthday.

donation by Albright alumna Rosemarie Machmer '49, and smaller donations from recent college graduates, new trees, flowers and

the traditional "ponding"—being tossed in the water with your clothes on—on one's birthday much safer.

The walkways sur-

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

Monday, August 27

Welcome Back!

First day of classes

Sunday, September 2

Field Hockey vs. York

Noon @ Shirk Stadium

Wednesday, September 5

Women's/Men's Soccer vs. Immaculata
5 and 7 p.m. @ Shirk Stadium

Thursday, September 6

"Strange Like Me"

7 p.m. Campus Center South Lounge

Saturday, September 8

Football vs. Kean

7 p.m. @ Shirk Stadium

Women's Soccer vs. Cabrini

Noon @ Shirk Stadium

Men's Soccer vs. Frostburg

2 @ Shirk Stadium

Monday, September 10

Neighbors Who Disappeared Exhibit Opening*
7:30 p.m. Gingrich Library

Wednesday, September 12

Field Hockey vs. Immaculata

6 p.m. @ Shirk Stadium

Thursday, September 13

Men's Soccer vs. Gwynedd-Mercy

7 p.m. @ Shirk Stadium

Friday, September 14

Murder in the Library!

7 p.m. Gingrich Library

Saturday, September 15

Field Hockey vs. Misericordia

1 p.m. @ Shirk Stadium

Golf vs. Elizabethtown

Noon @ Berkshire Country Club

Monday, September 17

"How to Stay Motivated When You Feel Like Quitting"

7 p.m. Campus Center South Lounge

Field Hockey vs. Gwynedd-Mercy

6 p.m. @ Shirk Stadium

*Experience Event

For a complete list of experience events, watch around campus for posters and announcements, or visit Albright's website.

Horoscopes

compiled by Meghan Hurst

Aries – March 21- April 19

You're determined that this year will be different; that this year will mean more; that this year, you will outshine everything you've done before; that this year will see you triumphant. Well, since you've been saying that for the past five years of college, let's see you actually do it.

Taurus – April 20- May 20

This year will be a fierce battle of wills between you and a professor, both intent on gaining the upper hand in the student-teacher relationship. Well to heck with that. Who gives the grades out in the end, genius?

Gemini – May 21- June 21

The fact that your mom insists on putting a pudding cup in the lunch she packs for you every day makes this year of college particularly embarrassing. That, coupled with the fact that you actually live off-campus this year.

Cancer – June 22-July 22

A whole new group of friends awaits you this year. Where did all your old friends go? Probably something to look in to.

Leo – July 23- August 22

This year, you'll be mortified if you fall down the stairs on the first day of class, again. So maybe you should grab some crutches, fake an injury and try and use the elevator. Just as a precaution.

Virgo – August 23 –September 22

You shouldn't worry so much that it's taking you more than four years to complete your bachelor degree. What you should worry about is the fact that you're in year five and haven't declared a major.

Libra – September 23 - October 22

"Why Halle Barry is Hot" is not a suitable topic for your senior thesis in African-American studies. Albeit they do recommend you write about something that interests you, consult a professor for some guidance.

Scorpio – October 23- November 21

You need to take a long, hard look at your reasons for wanting to go out for cheerleading this year. Sure, there's the camaraderie of long hours practicing with the squad. And, yeah, it's a great way to get a good workout in, and it's an excuse to be tan all year long. But all that talk you keep doing about a full scholarship is a little bit off.

Sagittarius – November 22-December 21

You really ought to consider joining a fraternity or sorority. It's a great way to meet new friends, give back to the community, and it's a good way to keep you from partying too much...

Capricorn – December 22-January 19

You're right! Your spectacular job back in high school doing the morning announcements is a great launching pad to a career as a highly-paid disc jockey.

Aquarius – January 20-February 18

The fact that you truly believe that you'll get more out of every class this semester if you go drunk does not bode well for your dean's list status.

Pisces – February 19- March 20

Don't worry. Mommy will dry those big tears in your eyes as she drops you off for your first day of class. You have to try and be brave, little trooper. Those angry-looking kids in the Caf aren't going to beat you up. Unless you steal their table! ::gasp::

Albrightian Openings

We're looking for students who are interested in journalism and writing to become news, sports and feature writers, and anyone else interested in getting involved. The Albrightian is also in need of photographers. If interested in any position, send us an e-mail at albrightian@alb.edu. Office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 3 – 5pm. We are located in Selwyn Hall, third floor, rooms 307 & 308.

First Albrightian Staff & Informational Meeting:

Monday, Sept. 3 @ 7pm

Campus Center Main Lounge

FREE PIZZA!!!