



Evaluating the election: Midterms 2010

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Shortly after college students nationwide finish midterm exams, they and the rest of the country will be heading to the polls for the midterm elections. Will you cast your vote on Nov. 2? There has been much speculation over which party will eventually win the majority in Congress. The Republican Party, sensing widespread dissatisfaction with the last two years of a Democratic presidency, is hoping to increase its representation on Capitol Hill while the Democrats are going to fight to hold on to the majority.

Pennsylvania's two primary candidates for the Senate are Joe Sestak (D) and Pat Toomey (R). Dan Onorato (D) and Tom Corbett (R) are running for the position of governor. In New Jersey, there are 13 Congressional Districts, eight of which have a Democrat as the incumbent in this election. In New

Jersey's Fifth District, Scott Garrett (R) will seek to keep his seat in the House against his Democratic challenger Tod These.

Many candidates have websites that include their stances on various topics. Included are some of the issues to consider as you go to the polls -- or the post office, if you're voting by absentee ballot. For more information, please visit <http://www.joesestak.com>, <http://www.toomeyforsenate.com/>, <http://www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com> and <http://www.voteonorato.com>.

EDUCATION

Sestak voted to increase Pell Grants from \$4,850 to \$5,350 in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As part of that Act, Sestak also supported Title I Help for Disadvantaged Kids and IDEA Special Education, which provided \$13 billion and \$12.2 billion, respectively, to aid disadvantaged students and special education programs, respec-

tively.

Corbett plans to improve Pennsylvania's education system by "promoting portability of funding so funding moves with students; supporting school choice, giving parents greater control; and growing the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program."

ECONOMY & JOBS

Sestak voted for the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act and supports an "aggressive economic stimulus." Sestak also "authored [a] comprehensive bill to reduce residential foreclosures."

Toomey believes "[the government] can [make it easier for businesses to hire people] by cutting taxes and decreasing regulation. For example, if we rescind the stimulus and cut both employees' and employers' payroll taxes instead, every worker would see an immediate increase in their take home pay and it would be less expensive for businesses to hire new workers. If we eliminated the tax

on capital gains and lowered the tax on businesses, it would make U.S. companies more competitive, and lead to major job growth."

Corbett states, "We must make Pennsylvania more competitive by reducing tax burdens on our businesses and cutting regulatory barriers that are crushing companies and their ability to create jobs."

Similarly, Onorato "will improve the business climate by making business taxes more competitive, ensuring that the state is responsible to companies that want to invest in Pennsylvania." Onorato also plans to "boost export opportunities for Pennsylvania companies and attract foreign companies to the state [and] encourage entrepreneurship and innovation."

Scott Garrett has placed emphasis on what he refers to as "The American Taxpayers Bill of Rights," which is a pledge to limit federal spending and do more to promote
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News in the Brief

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Homecoming weekend came to an inconvenient end for some Albright students residing in the Oak Forest Apartments complex at 2230 Alsace Rd., Reading - in the pre-dawn hours of Oct. 10, 2010, the tires of over two dozen vehicles were slashed.

Morgan Snyder, a junior, stated that both she and her roommate, Rebecca Woskoff, also a junior, had one tire on each of their cars slashed. Other vehicles had more than one tire damaged, and were sequentially towed from the parking lot. Snyder doesn't know the cost of the damage, however, because she didn't file an insurance claim.

"Our renter's insurance would've gone up. This would've been deemed an unsafe area to live," Snyder said.

Security camera footage taken by the Oak Forest Apartments complex was reviewed by both the management and Muhlenberg Township Police Department, but it was hard to see during the nighttime hours.

Junior and The Albrightian's sports editor Amanda Mulcahy - her father's car was also damaged, with a slashed tire and scratched door. Mulcahy expressed concern over the incident. "It shouldn't be taking
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Dining services study underway

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"[This process] is not just about research, it's also about a different way of thinking," said Albright Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Gina-Lyn Crance. "As much as the dining services study is about the future, it also is about how we think about change."

It is with that mindset that the Dining Services Study committee commenced with their first two meetings on Oct. 8 and Oct. 22. Surrounded by much hype and a lot of angst among the student body, Crance indicated that there is a positive atmosphere thus far and "we're working together to study the options."

At the first meeting, the committee reviewed a plan of exploration and aired their opinions on the potential outsourcing of food services. Additionally, the committee discussed their roles with respect to their areas of expertise and how each of their roles in this committee would affect it. Also a topic of discussion was how the committee intends to effectively communicate their findings to the campus.

The main topic of discussion at the second meeting was the formation of a forum-like discussion group, which came from an Albright

student. Student discussion groups are being established, and they will be discussing the needs of the different stakeholders at the college. There will also be a similar forum for the faculty, administration and food services employees in an effort to give everyone in the Albright community the same opportunity to chime in on the issue.

In regards to skepticism, Crance added that the committee would certainly not explore "negotiating [a change] that is worse for the college."

The committee is currently exploring how to best review the options. Also crucial to the process is the members that comprise the committee. Crance was responsible for forming a committee that best represented every stakeholder involved with the Food Services at Albright.

There are a total of four faculty members on the committee. One member, Dr. Farhad Saboori, professor of economics, has served on the Budget Oversight Committee. Also on the committee is the chairperson of the Campus Life Committee, Dr. Margaret Rakus. Denise Greenwood is representing the executive faculty committee as well. Dr. Christian Hamann, chair of the faculty, recommended

Dr. Brian Jennings as a representative for sustainability.

Three students, SGA President Kat Biehl, international student Eugene Choi, and athlete representative Brandy Lagomarsino are also on the committee. One student employee from food services is also expected to be attend meetings

Athletics, Administration, Food Services, Human Resources, Facilities, Housing and the Degree Completion Program are among the many programs represented in this. Dottie McMillan is on the committee as a representative for catering events that she and the President Dr. Lex McMillan regularly host with guests.

Since *The Albrightian* investigated the food services committee in its Oct. 7 edition, a story was written by Greta Cuyler of the Reading Eagle newspaper on Oct. 25., which detailed some concerns of the student body over a potential change in food services.

The primary concerns among the opponents of the outsourcing are the loss of community, and the potential loss of jobs among the faculty. Proponents are emphasizing the much-needed capital a outside management firm will provide to upgrade facilities and save the college money over the long-term future.

Crance did note that the process "will take us well into the Spring semester." She encourages involved stakeholders to examine the Moodle page for the dining services study committee, and also to continue emailing concerns to campusdiningstudy@alb.edu. In the Nov. 18 edition of *The Albrightian* an article will be written reviewing, in detail, the switch from Barnes & Noble and from the independently operated bookstore to Barnes and Noble managing the bookstore and the changes that have occurred.

The following individuals are also on the committee: Stephen Amore, Director of Food Service; Alison Camlin, Director of the Schumo Center; Robert Cannon Ed.D., Dean of Continuing Education & Community Outreach; Lauren Cooley '03, Special Events Coordinator; Jared Epler, '09 Admission Counselor; Kevin Gaffney, Director of Facilities Services & Operations; Amanda Hanin-cik '00, Director of Housing & Residential Learning; Laura Heckart, Director AELC; Brad Smith '06, Director of Student Activities; Timothy Steinrock, SPHR, Associate VP & Director of Human Resources; John Stuhltrager, Head Swim Coach/Director of Aquatics; William Wood, M.B.A., VP for Administrative & Financial Services.

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[the police] this long," she stated, a week after the incident occurred and frustrated by the insufficient response from law enforcement.

In a phone interview last week, a Muhlenberg Twp. police officer stated, "We don't really have a suspect right now."

Unofficial statistics from victims of the vandalism indicate that over 50 tires were affected, including but not limited to patrons with Albright affiliated memorabilia on their vehicles. Community members beyond Oak Forest were also affected, including residents in the Hampden Heights neighborhood area below Oak Forest. Another tire-slashing spree, unrelated to the Albright incident, also occurred during the time frame on the same weekend in Exeter Township.

The Albrightian would like to honor those who have fallen in the service of our nation. The following people sacrificed their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan during the month of October. Aug. 31, 2010, marked the official end to combat operations in Iraq.

Spc. Luther Rabon, Jr.; Staff Sgt. Willie Harley, Jr.; Sgt. Anthony Matteoni; Sgt. 1st Class Lance Vogeler; Sgt. Brian Pedro; Pfc. Cody Board; Sgt. Karl Campbell; Spc. Joseph Prentler; Pfc. Ryane Clark; Senior Airman Daniel Johnson; Lance Cpl. Scott Lynch; Cpl. Stephen Sockalosky; Corpsman Edwin Gonzalez; Lance Cpl. John Sparks; Pfc. David Hess; Staff Sgt. Dave Weigle; Sgt. Frank Zaehringer, III; Spc. Matthew Powell; Lance Cpl. Raymon Johnson; Pfc. Jordan Byrd; Pfc. Victor Dew; Lance Cpl. Joseph Rodewald; Lance Cpl. Phillip Vinnedge; Cpl. Justin Cain; Sgt. Eric Newman; Lance Cpl. Irvin Cenicerros; Lance Cpl. Joseph Lopez; Pfc. Tramaine Billingsley; Spc. Rafael Martinez, Jr.; Sgt. Carlos Benitez; Lance Cpl. Alec Catherwood; Lance Cpl. James Boelk; Sgt. Ian Tawney; Pfc. Dylan Reid; Cpl. Jorge Villarreal, Jr.; Staff Sgt. Joshua Cullins; Lance Cpl. Francisco Jackson; Spc. Gerald Jenkins; Staff Sgt. Kenneth McAninch; Spc. Ronnie Pallares; Spc. Tom Moffitt.

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fiscal responsibility. This Taxpayers Bill of Rights would give Americans the right to have a government that does not live beyond its means, to receive each dollar back that they entrusted to the government for retirement, to expect the govern-

ment to balance the budget without raising taxes and a simple, fair and easy to understand tax code. Regarding taxes, Tod These values what he calls "tax fairness." For this issue, he has a plan called "Fair Share New Jersey" under which any state receiving less than 75 cents back on each federal tax dollar would be refunded the difference between their return and the 75 cent baseline. This is in response to the fact that New Jersey has only been receiving 61 cents back on each federal tax dollar.

ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Sestak states that "we must reduce greenhouse emissions, stop global warming now [and] end our nation's dependence on foreign oil."

Toomey supports drilling for oil in the Outer Continental Shelf, the development of natural gas in our Marcellus Shale resources and the production of nuclear power. Toomey does not support the raise of gas taxes or the cap-and-trade legislation, which "places an onerous tax on energy and, studies show, will cost thousands of jobs in Pennsylvania."

Corbett believes in "encouraging renewable, alternative and clean energy in Pennsylvania." This can be attained by "harness[ing] our energy potential to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and make energy affordable for all Pennsylvanians." The environment is also crucial, and should be protected by "regulating the natural gas industry, protecting the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, promoting state parks and forests and maximiz[ing] the potential of Marcellus shale."

Onorato also shares Corbett's stance on Marcellus shale, and hopes to lower energy bills for Pennsylvanians.

HEALTHCARE

Corbett plans to "adopt medical liability reform or 'tort' reform [and] embrace competition among health plans."

Both candidates support the expansion of programs to manage chronic conditions and increase the use of health information technology.

Sestak is a proponent of giving patients "the same choice as Members of Congress; expanding transitional health tax credits; and instituting mental health parity."

On the issue of healthcare, Garrett refers to the U.S. healthcare system as "the best in the world";

he advocates policies that would help contain the cost of receiving care, such as establishing health savings accounts and 'increase access to low-cost high quality health insurance.'" As for his opponent, These believes it is a "moral obligation to ensure all Americans have access to quality health care." He supports the recent healthcare bill passed under the Obama Administration, but believes more has to be done, like containing the cost of healthcare and eliminate corporate monopolies.

VETERANS' RIGHTS & THE MILITARY

Toomey champions the passing of the Military Voting Protection Act, which will ensure that the votes of military personnel are counted in elections. "Right now, many soldiers stationed overseas have trouble requesting absentee ballots, and have trouble submitting those ballots on time. The Military Voting Protection Act will require the Department of Defense to lay out clear procedures for making sure our soldiers' votes are counted."

Garrett believes that U.S. Veterans deserve the absolute best benefits possible and has plans on how to do that. Restoring quality healthcare for veterans by expanding community-based outreach clinics in order to make healthcare more convenient and accessible and he would also like to allow veterans to have prescriptions from private doctors filled by the Veterans Administration. Garrett has also offered legislation that would help families cover the cost of burying a veteran if they wish to keep the family together in a state cemetery. These plans to create "the kind of bedrock jobs that once fueled a prosperous middle class but have been shipped overseas for the past three decades" adding that it is hard enough transitioning to civilian life without having to worry about the economic situation. These also supports devoting a significant portion of available federal job funding to veterans, tax incentives or loan programs for veterans owned businesses or businesses that hire veterans and high quality physical and mental health

services available.

Garrett seeks to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and so far he has worked with bipartisan committees to make sure that funds are prioritized to high-risk terrorist targets in the New York City/New Jersey area. Garrett also wants to work closely with first-responders and make sure that they have the tools they need to cope with another terrorist incident. Finally, Garrett has also written the Safe Ports Act in response to the efforts of the government of Dubai to secure control over the Port of New York and New Jersey.

These's approach is more oriented towards overseas operations. He favors a quick withdrawal from Iraq and a full transfer of power over to the Iraqi government, adding that Afghanistan was where the war should have been more focused. Adding more troops to the war in Afghanistan will not solve the problem alone and he thinks that applying some of the lessons learned from the Iraq experience should be implemented in Afghanistan.

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The voice of Albright College since 1904

Driving disaster: a commentary on commuter student parking

by Mandie Mulcahy
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Students look forward to becoming upperclassmen for many reasons, including the opportunity to move off campus and the ability to bring cars to college. Dorms are fun for the first year or two, but anyone who has lived in one knows they are not ideal for the long term. However, many students who commute fight a battle each and every morning, trying to find an open parking space on campus.

Where do you park your car when you drive to campus each morning? Do you park in a parking lot, on the street or in front of an unknown family's house? The possibilities are endless.

According to Matrist-Circle.Com, "Schools often issue many more parking permits than available spaces. For example, at the University of Arkansas, 14,000 parking permits are issued even though the campus

boasts only 8,300 spaces."

At Albright College, commuters have a designated lot to park. However, what are students to do when this lot is full?

The commuter lot has recently been taken over by construction, which limits parking even within the designated lot. While construction is taking place, there are 76 open spots for commuters to park each day.

An unidentified Albright student expresses her frustrations, "I went into the lot, circled around and found nothing. Of course, it's a Tuesday so I can't park on part of 13th Street. I finally found an open spot all the way down by the tennis courts," explained junior Laura Van Bendegem, in a frustrated tone as she threw up her arms in exasperation. "At that point, I might have well parked at Wawa."

According to Public Safety's Lieutenant, Michael Gross, Albright's

athletic vans, which were previously parked under the dome, have been relocated to the commuter lot for the duration of the construction. The construction is expected to be finished by the end of the fall semester. There are also some people who are misusing the commuter lot.

An Albright College student explains her observations while walking past the commuter lot in the morning on her way to classes: "Between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m., on my walk to class, I see many Reading parents parking in the commuter lot and then walking their kids over to school. All this while students are searching for parking," noted a perplexed Junior Tracy Christiani, who moved off campus this past year.

In all of the lots on campus, the ticketing process began on Oct. 4. Gross hopes that between the start of the ticketing and the end of the construction work, more spaces will be avail-

able for those students who do commute.

When the lot is full, commuters always have the option of parking on 13th Street. However, depending on the day, cars will be ticketed. All parts of 13th Street have street cleaning for a few hours each week. Furthermore, with Reading, Pa.'s crime rate, not all students feel comfortable parking their cars on 13th Street for the day, which is technically not a designated area of the college.

Another possible place to park is behind the college on the side streets. What many students don't realize however is that the spaces on the closest streets, Palm Street and Union Street, are one hour parking only. If a student plans to attend more than one class per day, this is not an ideal place to park either.

People are subject to be ticketed, "if more than half of the car is in the yellow zone," noted Gross.

The commuter lot is

not the only place where parking frustrations arise.

There are parking violations in "the main lot and faculty lots. Even Mohn Hall and the Woods are big issues. Court is a huge building with a very small lot, so that's a problem also," explained Gross in an understanding tone as he leaned back in his chair, placed his hands on top of his head, and shrugged.

Each year, the incoming freshman class gets larger. Theoretically, the larger the class size, the more commuters the class will have. If this is the case, it is likely that each year there will be more commuters fighting for the parking spaces on campus.

This issue isn't going to disappear with time. It will continue to grow until something is done to change it.

"We have ideas for parking in the future, but for right now, it's just not there," said Gross remorsefully.

Zoot suits and hijabs

by Adam Stamm, based in Cairo
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This week many Egyptians stood to witness a new invader that filled the historical citadel which overlooks the Islamic District of Cairo. Foreign and local jazz players filled the ancient grounds with the unique style of music that most of the general audience hadn't heard before.

The organizer, famous Egyptian jazz percussionist and producer Yehia Khalil, shared his enthusiastic vision for the event: exposing a wide range of Egyptian audiences to his favorite art form, regardless of the costs.

The festival was appropriately named, "Jazz Mania, International Jazz Festival." Acts ranged from the acclaimed French accordionist Richard Galliano, to local Egypt jazz bands, Cocoon and Sweet Sound Band, to a more alternative form of jazz with Ron Dziubla's Jazz-Rock band.

With the help of Khalil's radio and television programs "The World of Jazz," as well as through the work of his Foundation for the Culture of Jazz Music, Khalil aspired to popularize jazz and educate audiences of the region. This is precisely why

he insisted that no fee be charged to attend Jazz Mania.

"This was my main request from the beginning," said Khalil. "We got the embassies to bring everybody, and the opera provided us with the stage and the equipment, and any other expenses I pay out of my pocket. I didn't want to talk about the money from the beginning."

It wasn't clear whether the large audience came out because the concert was free or because they wanted to listen to jazz, but by the end of the night it became clear that the audience had a new appreciation of jazz. Egyptian women in traditional hijabs (the head scarf that women use to cover their hair) were tapping their feet and shrugging their shoulders to the beat. At some points over the three-day festival people even began to dance throughout the crowd.

Rena was one of those young Egyptians in the crowd who began to find her body slowly moving to the music around her. She swore that she never listened to the music before and came out with a European friend who really admires Jazz.

"I have a new appreciation for this music.

Before I never thought I would care to listen to it, but I found out tonight I really enjoy it," she said.

While throughout the crowd there were a large number of international viewers, the primary audience consisted of Egyptians. The festival was intended to cater towards Egyptians as well. Whenever Khalil walk on stage to introduce a band

or thank them for their performance he spoke in Arabic with little English translation.

While it was obvious that the audience appreciated the festival, the bands also expressed their gratitude for the chance to play. Ron Dziubla thanked Khalil before he began his last song saying, "While this is my third time playing in Egypt I always feel

very grateful to play in such a beautiful place for such amazing people."

The festival's three-day span allowed hundreds of people to enjoy a type of music that is completely foreign to the Middle East. For many of the audience members, they will wait in anticipation for next year's Jazz Mania line-up and performances.



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Midsemester blues

by Tom Spincic
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Senior Greg Gillespie sits on a black leather couch in his living room. Hunched over a coffee table, he feverishly punches numbers into a calculator, glancing periodically at a set of problems beside his workspace.

“Operations management,” he sighs, “...it’s a lot more math than I’d like. It’s not too bad, though, because [the professor] makes tests easier by giving us the formulas and a lot of multiple choice questions.”

Welcome to the week after midterms. Whether you believe it or not, this semester is already halfway over. The middle of the semester is an ideal time to assess academic performance because there is still enough time to recover if you feel as if you need improvement.

With less than 15 remaining scheduled course section meetings, are you on track to do well this semester? This question is twofold for this year’s incoming freshman class; for, in addition to assessing your performance thus far, do you think

you made the right choice in coming to college?

It is not uncommon to find oneself jammed up around this time of year. Work has the tendency to pile up. Deadlines can approach more quickly than you think. All sorts of potentially vexing situations beyond your control can present themselves at any given time.

Managing your time and prioritizing your day-to-day activities can help you keep a level head, but sometimes it is just not enough. It happens to the best of us.

Years before Gillespie even knew what “operations management” were, he was an 18-year-old freshman, loose in the lower echelons of higher learning. Freshman year is key for exploration and engaging oneself in new things. Gillespie, however, chose to explore the new-found freedoms endowed unto him by the structure of his academic career, as opposed to the academic career itself.

“It started with it just being easy to sleep in. Then my granddad passed away, I missed a bunch of class for that. Then I just didn’t feel like going. When

I would go to class, I wouldn’t do any work and only go on test days... my first semester was pretty bad. I definitely didn’t ask for the extra help I needed.”

“Then, sophomore year... I pretty much stopped going to all of my classes. They got really difficult and it was just demoralizing. I wasn’t putting any focus on my work, and on top of that, my other granddad passed away. I was much closer to him... I bummed out about that for a while.”

Gillespie was dealt another unpleasant hand over interim.

“Long story short, I wasn’t allowed to come back to Albright. They told me two weeks before the start of the spring semester, so I had to scratch and claw my way into community college. With the support and encouragement of my family, I wasn’t tempted to skip class, took care of business and got a 3.0 GPA.”

Gillespie seized the opportunity, reconvening with Albright.

“With the help of my dad and Dr. [Andrea] Chapdelaine [Provost and Vice President for

Academic Affairs], I came back. Dr. [Christian]

Hamann [Associate Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry and Chair of the Faculty] helped me manage my time, segmenting everything into blocks. I started going to class again. Sometimes going just sucks, but you gotta do it. It makes the learning a lot easier.”

Albright provides a strong support network for fledgling students. Most professors offer to make themselves available outside of posted office hours for those who need their help. Both the Academic Learning Center and Writing Center offer workshops and one-on-one tutoring for general and specialized guidance. The Career Development Center encourages not only upperclassmen, but also underclassmen, to seek their support and begin planning for life after college.

Junior James Zmiewski found solace in spite of hard times by being helped early on.

“I took some ‘personal time’ from my classes, with every intention of going back. Instead of doing the things I had to do, I put them off. One of my pro-

fessors sent out an attendance alarm- and I got an e-mail from the Registrar’s office. They told me to go the

Academic Learning Center, where I started considering my options. At first, I was going to make up all the late work, but after talking to my professors, I’d have gotten, like, straight D’s.” Zmiewski remained undaunted.

“It was actually Dr. [Gerald] Ronning [Associate Professor of History] who suggested I take a leave of absence. I talked to Erin [Evans,

Assistant Dean and Director of the Academic Learning Center] again. We worked out a plan to take the semester off... she was very helpful, very compassionate. It paid off—looking back, it was taking the time off and working from March until August that let me get my head back into the game.”

Regardless of whether you’re planning out the rest of the semester or entertaining the idea of damage control, now is the time to start talking to your professors and getting an idea of where you stand. The results may very well surprise you.

Leaving Albright a safer place

by Andrew Schlegel
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Public safety on college campuses has evolved over the last decade as greater demands have been placed on public safety departments to modify their operations in wake of incidences like Columbine, the 9/11 attacks and Virginia Tech. Leading Albright’s Department of Public Safety for that difficult decade has been Robert Gerken, a man who brought with him a plethora of experience and expertise, has overseen the implementation of programs aimed at satisfying the calls for greater safety and who recently announced his resignation from Albright to head the Public Safety Department at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. He leaves primarily in order to shorten his commute to work.

A native resident of the Lehigh Valley, Gerken served for 25 years with the Pennsylvania State Police Department before moving into private investigation. He subsequently lead a security detail of over 20 officers to protect a high profile client in Philadelphia. Gerken reflects on this experience saying it was, “very stressful; it was almost like being a Secret Service agent for the President.”

Gerken’s tenure at Albright has been markedly less stressful than his previous work leading the security

detail, but equally as taxing. Here, Gerken has faced the scrutiny of parents who often inquire about what the college is doing to keep its students safe in the face of new dangers, to which Gerken has been innovative in providing safe transport and housing. Under his leadership, the school has implemented the text system for busing, run multiple drills and even worked with local police to simulate an intruder situation.

While his accomplishments on campus are multiple, he recognizes when asked by parents that Albright is “as safe as any other college campus” and that “anyone who expects everything is 100 percent safe is in for a surprise.” His modesty is enriching and displays his constant want to make Albright a safer place for its students and faculty.

Outside of his role as Director of Public Safety, Gerken advises the Criminal Justice Society, Options and Logos Christian Fellowship (formerly Albright Christian Fellowship). He also enjoys interacting with the students he works with inside the Department of Public Safety.

In and out of his role as Director of Public Safety, Gerken has shown great devotion to Albright College and to his career. He leaves behind at Albright College a community that has grown
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New employee, new outlook; Sitting down with Jason Hartsfield

by Tyler Parmer
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Recently hired as the assistant director of student activities and coordinator of multicultural affairs, his energy level is unparalleled.”

Hartsfield’s job responsibilities fit his gregarious persona. Based on the first two months, he certainly will not be bored at Albright.

“I want to helping students grow. I also want to give students a sense of self-efficacy.”

The question then becomes, what is “self-efficacy?”

In Hartsfield’s words: “I want to help them develop their confidence in their ability to create programs, to express ideas to express their culture and how they are. I really want that for all students.”

His initial goals seem simple, and attainable, but not without commitment and openness from the students.

“I plan on getting all students involved,” says Hartsfield. “Ethnicity does not stop with people of color. Students of all ethnicities and backgrounds should be involved. I plan on having a diverse program that will hopefully catch the eye of someone.”

Hartsfield graduated from Temple University with a bachelor’s in African-

American studies, and from Iowa State University with a master’s degree of higher education administration. Prior to his employment at Albright, Hartsfield served as an assistant director of residence life at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md. Education has been the foundation of his entire life, and learning in college goes well beyond the classroom.

“As the assistant direc-



Jason Hartsfield
Photo provided by Morgan Hanlon

tor of student activities, part of my duties include helping bring [performing] acts and artists to campus that will enhance the overall educational experience of students and help with the understanding of students’ needs wants, tastes, etc. outside of the classroom,” said the 32-year-old, St. Louis, Mo., native.

Hartsfield added that his

job also includes “creating programming around those tastes and ideas that will make their experience here enjoyable and educational.” However, his role as coordinator of multicultural student affairs carries a unique task list of its own.

“My role as [coordinator of multicultural student affairs] is to advise multicultural student groups and help them create programs that help them express their cultural background with the purpose of making them feel a part of the Albright community,” added the former fourth-grade teacher. Hartsfield also is conducting diversity training at the college.

Regardless of his job duties, Hartsfield has always found a home in education. His experience spending five years as a fourth-grade teacher in his native St. Louis inspired him toward working at the college level.

“Mainly because of my [own] college experience is why I went to the college level,” says the avid outdoorsman. “It was such a life-changing experience.” Offering the students the ability to find themselves during the college experience is another inspiration for his job.

“I wanted to help with the [students’] development out of high school,” add-
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Old faces, new places all over the basketball world

by Mandie Mulcahy
Albrightian

When the 2009 (National Basketball Association) postseason came to an end and with the 65th regular season just underway, many surprising changes are taking place. The biggest differences happened with the Miami Heat in the previous off-season. Two key players who are new to the Heat this year are forward LeBron James, who was the league's Most Valuable Player last season, and forward Chris Bosh. These two new forwards along with guard Dwyane Wade have raised a great deal of attention in Miami.

Wade and James potentially form the two best ball handlers in the game.

Pat Riley, president of the Heat, is the mastermind behind the trio. While some people view the trades in a positive light, there are people who are still criticizing the trio, including Cleveland fans and the Cavaliers' owner, Dan Gilbert.

When the trio agreed

to come together and play for the Heat, they all made financial sacrifices in an attempt to become the greatest trio ever. Over their lifetimes, each player is expected to make approximately \$15 million less. James and Bosh also agreed to switch jersey numbers. Wade remains wearing jersey No. 3, James switched to No. 6 and Bosh is now wearing No. 1.

Across the rest of the NBA, other important trades that changed the face of the league. The Boston Celtics, who fell to the Los Angeles Lakers in the finals last season, brought back guard Dwyane Wade. Guard-forward Tracy McGrady joined the Detroit Pistons after playing for the Houston Rockets for the past five seasons. Another major acquisition was the Celtics signing of center Shaquille O'Neal, a 15-time all-star.

Going in to the start of the regular season, many fans see Miami as the NBA's top team. In second place they expect to see the Chicago Bulls make their mark. Last year's NBA champions,

The Los Angeles Lakers, were bumped down to number three.

After a remarkable season last year, the coach of the 2009-10 NBA champions, Phil Jackson, mentioned leaving the NBA. He has now officially stated that this upcoming season will be his last. Jackson's star player, guard Kobe Bryant, was named NBA Finals Most Valuable Player last season. His jersey has been the top selling in China for the fourth consecutive year.

Officiating in the NBA has recently taken on some changes as well. Technical foul standards have been expanded. Referees are subject to call a technical on a player for less serious actions such as making aggressive gestures, expressing any form of disagreement with a call, and making any complaints about a particular call.

With the changes the NBA has seen during the off-season, all eyes are on the new trio and last year's finalists. There's no telling who will dominate this year's regular season.

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fond of his character, and a comfortable atmosphere supported by a decade of his work. The college held a farewell reception on Oct. 6, in recognition of his decade of service to the college. The Albrightian wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors, bringing heightened security and a leader of high character to a new campus.

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ed Hartsfield, after handing a missing cell phone to its frantic, rightful owner. "Forming their identities – I wanted to be a part of helping students find their identities."

Added Hartsfield, "I love college campuses – I love having conversations with students on a range of topics."

Many of Hartsfield's hobbies, which include mountain biking, running and traveling, were developed during his college experience. He plans to travel to Brazil this summer, as rates are around \$500 for a flight out of Philadelphia to Rio de Janeiro, and would like to cruise the area.

Among many aspects he loves about Albright, Hartsfield remarked his love for the close-knit community and that the people genuinely seem to want to know you and want you to be a part of their experience at Albright. "I enjoy that the most," added Hartsfield with a smile.

Furthermore, Hartsfield observed students' enthusiasm for the organizations they enjoy and their desire to improve them.

"Students here want to establish legacies and traditions that they want to be passed down for future generations [of Albrightians]."

Hartsfield hopes he can leave a legacy of his own here at Albright, and from his own experience, he hopes "people are able to explore different ideals without being penalized."

In a sense, people can be proud of, and freely express, the culture which they call their own.

Reaching that point is the challenge standing before Hartsfield since his Albright tenure has commenced.

Francis Hall has his sights on success

by Mandie Mulcahy
Albrightian

Many students on campus are known for the activities in which they participate. Football players are known for the work they do on the field. However, many of these players have another side to their personality and unique hobbies that some people very seldom see.

Junior Francis Hall is a defensive end for the Albright Lions. This year he is a first year starter and for the duration of the season hopes to lead the defensive line.

"Francis really stepped up his game this year. He's very blue collar and does everything you ask of him. He's a very solid player both on and off the field. We know we can trust him," said Albright's head football coach, John Marzka.

Marzka squeezes me in for an interview between other meetings. His office is filled with game tapes, awards, plaques on the walls and a whiteboard consisting of football plays.

During his senior year at Lower Dauphin High School, Hall received a 1st Team All Conference award and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association award dedicated to the most aggressive player on the field who still plays with sportsmanship. Hall also made Mid-Penn top 100.

While playing for Albright, Hall spends an average three to five hours per day between practice, lifting and meetings. Recently, Hall has also been putting in extra time to watch game film in preparation for upcoming opponents.

In the apartment, as the interview begins, Hall and his three roommates are finishing dinner. Hall is explaining to his friends the basics of hunting season and which animals are and are not acceptable to shoot. The smell of hamburgers and chicken still lingers in the air, of which the guys ate numerous pieces. Along the counters are numerous protein shake bottles.

Today when Hall isn't playing football, he's: "hanging out with friends, lifting weights, spending time with family, hunting, and fishing."

Hunting is considered a sport in the Hall family. They eat everything that they kill. Hall's father and grandfather taught him to hunt at age 11 and Hall has spent a great deal of his spare time hunting. Although it may sound gruesome to some people, Hall takes pleasure in eating what he has killed with his own hands.

Hall mentions that he enjoys going home to hunt because then he's able to bring deer meat back for him and his

friends to eat. Some people find that strange, but Hall, a country boy at heart, always encourages people to try it.

"My best memory was when I killed my first deer when I was 12. My dad was showing me how to gut it out and said, 'don't cut yourself.' He walked away for like two minutes and I sliced my finger open and now have a scar on my left index finger," said Hall while laughing.

The scar is a reminder of the first deer he killed.

Before becoming a football player, Hall played soccer for an indoor and outdoor travel league in high school before becoming involved with football. He started playing football when in 7th grade.

"My dad and I were watching football and he asked me if I wanted to play someday," Hall said, chuckling as he reflected on the moment.

Hall attributes all his success since then to his parents and coaches.

In high school, "the defensive coordinator saw potential in me and helped me to go on and succeed in college," explained Hall.

When Hall isn't on the field, he roots for the University of Pittsburgh, University of Penn State and The Pittsburgh Steelers.

"My dad graduated from Pittsburgh," explained Hall. His family roots for Pittsburgh teams because, "that's just how I was brought up," continued Hall, with a tone implying that there's no other logical team to root for. "I like the concept of the Steelers as a defensive team," added Hall referring to their "steel curtain defense."

In the apartment, Hall and his roommates have a football game on in the background and numerous video games surrounding the television itself.

On the field today, Hall is a model athlete for his teammates.

"Francis is a solid student, solid citizen, and solid player. He sets a great example for the younger players," said Marzka.

Like most players, Hall hopes to start throughout the entire season and be successful for the duration of the season.

Hall wants to have a "good solid season since this is my first real playing time," explained Hall.

Although it is still early on in this year's season, Hall has already showed great improvement and dedication to the team.

"Our goal is to be a little better than you were yesterday. Francis strives to be a better student, better athlete, and better person every day. That's what we ask of our players," said Marzka.

Albright Sports Primer

Thursday, October 28 2010

Field Hockey at King's College
7 p.m.

Saturday, October 30 2010

Cross-Country at Middle Atlantic Conference
Championship Meet
All day

Swimming vs. Lycoming College
12 Noon

Women's Soccer vs. Lycoming College
12 Noon

Football at FDU-Florham
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Lycoming College
2 p.m.

Rangers and Giants head to 2010 World Series

Texas, San Francisco seek to end lengthy title droughts

by Tyler Parmer
Albrightian

With regards to Berks County, it was dreamed to be a match-up of the metropolis, two big market teams in a rematch of the 2009 World Series. The Philadelphia Phillies would return armed and ready to get a second chance at redemption against the New York Yankees. They would claim their second World Series title in the last three years in a chance to redeem last year's disappointing finish.

Clearly, history was not meant to be rewritten this season and that dream was never destined to happen and the 2010 Major League Baseball playoffs has been pitching-heavy and upset-laden. All the way to the World Series.

Both the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants were underdogs in their respective league championship series, but both relied on an arsenal of spectacular pitching and timely hitting to respective 4-2 series wins. The Rangers, led by staff ace and playoff extraordinaire Cliff Lee, as well as a line-up full of key role players and sluggers dissected the Yankees' pitching staff en route to advancing to the World Series for the first time in club history. The Giants, also absent from the World Series since 2002 and in a title drought since 1954, relied on the deepest pitching staff in the National League to outduel the Phillies' Big Three of Roy Halladay, Roy Oswalt and Cole Hamels. The San Francisco starting rotation in the playoffs, excluding two

ugly outings by Jonathon Sanchez, was lights out, posting a 3.40 ERA and a 53:13 strikeout to walk ratio.

Needless to say, both teams responded with strong performances in the underdog role and closed out the NL and AL championship series in six games. Now the focus shifts to whether or not the strong pitching will continue in the World Series.

While the FOX network and Major League Baseball quietly sulk over the likely drop in television ratings from two smaller market teams, the matchup will feature two teams that are relatively evenly matched.

The Giants will be displaying the same strong pitching that has guided them to the Fall Classic. Headed by ace Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Jonathon Sanchez and rising southpaw star Madison Bumgarner. Lincecum, while struggling throughout a relief appearance, has a 3.14 ERA in the playoffs. Cain, his right-handed counterpart, also was lights out in the NLCS, pitching seven shut-out innings, allowing just two hits while striking out five and walking three. Sanchez was disappointing against a left-handed heavy Philadelphia squad in allowing four earned runs in two starts and being wild. However, he walked five and struck out eight over that span, and lasted two innings in Game 6. The bullpen also is solid as Jeremy Affeldt and Javier Lopez are reliable left-handed relievers, with hard-throwing right-handed relievers Ramon Ramirez and

Sergio Romo bridging the gap to black-dyed bearded closer Brian Wilson firing 97-mph fastballs in the ninth inning. Wilson led Major League Baseball with 48 saves in 53 opportunities in the regular season.

The San Francisco offense, while not as dominant as the pitching staff, features a couple of players who have the ability to take over the game with one swing of the bat. OF/1B Aubrey Huff led the team offensively during the regular season, hitting .290 with 26 homeruns and 86 RBIs. Standout rookie catcher Buster Posey lived up to and possibly exceeded expectations this season, hitting .305 with 18 home runs and 67 RBIs as a mainstay in the heart of the Giant line-up. Infielder Juan Uribe had a career year with a .248/24 HR/85 RBI line, and also hit the NLCS winning home run in the 8th inning. However, much of the credit for the line-up goes to mid-season pick-ups by General Manager Brian Sabean.

Former Phillies outfielder Pat Burrell, despite struggling in his Tampa Bay Rays tenure hitting a horrid .218, has found himself at home in his native Bay Area after being designated for assignment and signing a minor league deal with the Giants. After five games in Triple A, Burrell hit a much-improved .266 for the Giants, adding 18 HR and 51 RBIs. Sabean also hit the bulleye on outfielder Cody Ross, acquired from the Florida Marlins in August off waivers. Ross was a Phillies killer, posting a .350 (7-for-20) clip with three home runs and five RBIs in the NLCS.

The Texas offense features more offensive firepower on paper, led by sluggers Vladimir Guerrero and Josh Hamilton. 22-year-old shortstop Elvis Andrus, acquired in the Mark Teixeira trade to the Atlanta Braves two seasons ago, provides consistency at the top of the Ranger line-up and is a catalyst for scoring runs. Hamilton and Guerrero are lethal threats that anchor the middle of the line-up. Third baseman Michael Young, the longest tenured Ranger who had previously never appeared in the playoffs, is a professional a nice blend of power and speed with 21 home runs and 91 RBIs, while hitting .284. The line-up possesses youth and pop from top to bottom.

Lee, as his playoff-dominant self, has held opponents to a .161 batting average against him, including an overall playoff record of 3-0 with a 0.75 ERA. No other pitcher has proven more dominant in recent playoff history. Number two and number three starters C.J. Wilson and Colby Lewis also had nice regular seasons with a combined record of 27-21 in the regular season; however, both have been solid in the playoffs with a 3-1 record and a 3.99 ERA against the Rays and Yankees.

Some key match-ups includes the two aces, Lee and Lincecum, as they battle potentially twice in what should be a long series as the teams are very evenly matched. The other starters in the rotation, Wilson and Lewis for the Rangers and Cain, Sanchez and Bumgarner. In the bullpen,

both managers, Bruce Bochy for the Giants and Ron Washington for the Rangers, will rely on their go-to left-handed relievers Javier Lopez (4-2, 2.34 ERA in the regular season) for the Giants and veteran Darren Oliver (1-2, 2.48 ERA) for the Rangers.

All eyes will also be on the managers, as both have made risky decisions that have paid dividends. Washington, after struggling with a cocaine addiction in the offseason, received a vote of confidence and patience from Nolan Ryan and has ridden his young guns in the rotation and in the batting line-up through the thick and the thin. Washington's counterpart, Bochy, has made some gutsy calls, including one in Game 6 that will be remembered for a long time. After Sanchez struggled, Bochy followed by putting in four consecutive southpaws before handing the end of the game to Lincecum (in relief) and Wilson for the save.

In this series, the road to a championship for the Giants goes through Lee. Beat Cliff Lee, and the 2010 World Series can be yours. In these two cities, championship baseball has been more of a treat than an expectation. Whether the Giants will prevail as champions for their first title in over 50 years of playing in San Francisco or the Rangers win their first title in team history is one simple fact alone that makes this series, despite the dearth of flair from the metropolis one worth watching.

The results of Game One of the World Series were incomplete at press time.

The "Year of the Pitcher": MLB 2010 in review

by Justin Choate
Albrightian

The 2010 Major League Baseball season will go down in history for being one of the most historic years the MLB has ever seen. On Sunday, April 4, the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees opened up the 2010 Major League Baseball season, one that was said to be a great year, at Fenway Park in Boston, Mass., where the Red Sox beat the Yanks 9-7. Before even 20 days went by from the start of the regular season, Ubaldo Jimenez of the Colorado Rockies pitched the season's first no-hitter beating the Atlanta Braves 4-0. The Colorado Rockies' ace went 19-8 this season holding a 2.88 ERA with 214 strikeouts on top of that. He helped to lead the Rockies to an 83 win season.

Just 22 days after Jimenez pitched his no-hitter, Dallas Braden of the Oakland Athletics topped Jimenez by tossing a Perfect Game, to beat the Tampa

Bay Rays 4-0, just the 19th in MLB history and the second in 42 years for the A's. Braden and the A's finished the season right at .500 with a record of 81-81.

May 29, just 20 days after Braden's Perfect Game, Roy Halladay of the Philadelphia Phillies repeated the rare pitching feat and threw Major League Baseball's 20th Perfect Game in history to beat the Florida Marlins 1-0. Halladay finished the regular season with an amazing 21-10 record where he was tied for first with C.C. Sabathia of the New York Yankees for wins. Halladay had a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts. H2O (Halladay, Cole Hamels and Roy Oswalt) and the Phillies won the National League East Division and defeated the Cincinnati Reds in the National League Division Series.

On June 2, Armando Galaraga, of the Detroit Tigers, was one out away from throwing Major League Baseball's 21st Perfect Game and the third of

the season when first base umpire, Jim Joyce, made a terrible call saying that when Galaraga went to cover first on the play he did not beat out the runner when replays clearly show Galaraga winning the race to the bag by a wide margin. Joyce later apologized for his bad call with a tear in his eye because he took away the perfect game from young Armando Galaraga.

On June 26, Edwin Jackson of the Arizona Diamondbacks pitched the fourth no-hitter of the regular season to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 1-0. After being no-hit twice in the season, Matt Garza of the Tampa Bay Rays threw the fifth and final no-hitter of the regular season exactly one month later, after the fourth one was pitched, on July 26 beat the Detroit Tigers 5-0. Garza and the Rays would later win the American League East Division, were soon kicked out by the Texas Rangers in an intense five game series.

The season ended with

great numbers for both pitching and hitting. Halladay of the Phillies, C.C. Sabathia of the Yankees and Adam Wainwright of the St. Louis Cardinals were the top three winning pitchers of the season. Halladay and Sabathia ended the season with 21 wins and Wainwright right behind them with 20. Félix Hernández of the Seattle Mariners held first in the MLB for ERA with an outstanding 2.27. Josh Johnson of the Marlins and Clay Buchholz of the Red Sox were not far behind with a 2.30 for Johnson and a 2.33 for Buchholz. As far as strikeouts, Jared Weaver of the Los Angeles Angels struck out 233 batters to lead the majors. Félix Hernández was right behind him with 232 and Tim Lincecum of the Giants was right behind him with 231.

In hitting, Josh Hamilton of the Rangers lead the majors in batting average with .359. Carlos González of the Rockies followed with a .336 and Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera came in

third with a .328 batting average. In the RBI category Miguel Cabrera batted in 126 Tigers while Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees batted in 125 and Jose Bautista with 124. Bautista's RBI count was so high because of his 54 home runs this season putting him first in the Major League. Albert Pujols of the Cardinals smashed 42 and Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox hit 39 bombs.

As for standings the Tampa Bay Rays took the American League East with a record of 96-66. The Minnesota Twins took the Central with a record of 94-68 and the West was won by the Texas Rangers with a 90-72 record. In the National League the Philadelphia Phillies took the East with the best record in baseball of 97-65. The Cincinnati Reds won the Central 20 games over .500 with a record of 91-71 as for the West the San Francisco Giants took it with a 92-70 record.

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American Association of University Women returns to Albright

by Sjanna Liptak
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A campus branch of The American Association of University Women (AAUW) existed at Albright college several years ago. However, according to Denise Greenwood, the original campus advisor of AAUW, "All of our officers graduated at one time, and the momentum slowed." However, in January of 2010, Sarah Bruno - a student here at Albright and now the president of Albright's branch of AAUW - alongside of Mrs. Greenwood and other passionate volunteers, re-launched the existence of AAUW here on

campus.

Sarah relates: "I wanted to reestablish [AAUW] here at Albright because I felt that it would be beneficial for college women in particular, but also important to the college community as a whole." Although this is only the semester since the club's "rebirth," this organization has big plans for the future and has already conducted its first fundraiser at this year's homecoming.

Nationally, the purpose of AAUW is to destroy barriers that hinder women in the workplace and in everyday life. AAUW raises funds to pay court fees of women who

have been sexually harassed in the work place, conducts research on women who have stereotypically masculine professions - such as women in mathematics and the sciences - and publishes journals with their research to benefit the efforts of women's equality across the United States. Additionally, they sponsor larger projects to raise awareness about issues that affect students (men included)!

Here at Albright College, AAUW's purpose is "to inspire and support women in higher education as well as women who are either pursuing additional schooling or employment in a professional field." In order

to accomplish this, Albright's AAUW holds monthly meetings where they discuss events and plan fundraisers. Recently, the Albright branch of AAUW held an event called "How to be Campus-Savvy," which was a female-focused discussion event where females from different college departments, including housing and public safety, were asked to discuss their past experiences and knowledge about safety issues for women here at Albright.

Members of AAUW encourage others on campus to get involved. Sarah commented on the eagerness of her current members' plans for the future.

Sarah says: "There are many opportunities to help out - either with planning events, fundraising, making connections with other groups, advertising, etc. Plus, it's not a huge time commitment, so people who are busy can still feel like they are contributing." Sarah also mentions that over half of Albright's campus is composed of female students making AAUW imperative to the Albright Community.

If interested in joining, contact sarah.bruno11@albright.edu or Denise Greenwood at dgreenwood@alb.edu. Sarah Bruno says that both men and women are encouraged to join!

Silent absence: minority Greeks on campus

by Amir Hardy
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At Albright it is nearly impossible to go a moment of the day without seeing a jacket, wallet or bumper sticker that has some type of symbol or representation of one of the 12 existing fraternities and sororities on campus. In a sense, this aspect makes Albright like any other American college or university. But there is one perspective of Albright Greek life that make it unlike many other schools—the lack of historically black and other multicultural fraternities and sororities.

These organizations stand out because they were initially created by people of color and represented their respective cultures and histories. These types of Greek organizations are found in many colleges nationwide and like the Greeks organizations on the Albright campus, commonly accept members of all races and ethnicities.

Considering Albright's emphasis on the value of diversity, why do these organizations have no existence at Albright? It's a question that can be answered from multiple perspectives.

"I feel that minority Greeks are not are not well respected simply because many students at Albright know nothing about them," says senior Antoine Stroman who had interested in joining a fraternity at one point of his college experience. "Like race or culture, there is a general xenophobia out there, a fear of the unknown." Stroman also believes in the past, there has been an issue with lack of racial diversity within faculty, administration and student body that has halted multicultural Greeks' arrival to the Albright campus.

Senior Joy Soto also touched on some of the issues that Stroman raised. "From my experience, Albright has no idea what to think of us and is just trying to comprehend a little at a time," she says.

Last year, Soto and junior

Vanessa Mndolo made history after joining the Hispanic-based sorority Chi Upsilon Sigma. From that moment, Chi Upsilon Sigma became the first multicultural Greek organization on campus. "It was surreal at first," said SotoIt's still a work in progress getting officially recognized on our campus and trying to explain to people who we are and what we are exactly about."

Senior Kat Biehl comments from the perspective of a sister of Phi Mu, one of the campus' predominantly white sororities. "I think that some ... students of color may not feel as comfortable with joining the Greek life we currently have on campus for a variety of reasons; whether it is the history of the sororities or our traditions," she says. She emphasized that students all of backgrounds are welcome to join Phi Mu, but she believes the addition of multi-cultural Greek organizations could ease the discomfort that some students of colors may feel with existing organizations. "Being a member of Greek organization has done and meant a lot for me. I have gotten to grow as a leader, contribute to a philanthropy I love and I have made lifelong friend. And I wouldn't want anyone to miss out on such a great experience."

Gina-Lyn Crance, dean of students, affirms that if enough student interest was gained, more multicultural Greeks could have visibility on Albright's campus. "If there is any interest and enough students are committed to forming and sustaining an organization, then I would support their pursuing this," she says. "If there were students who found value in a multicultural-oriented Greek organization and they joined, I can only see if enhancing the community."

Although there is only one multicultural Greek organization on campus, both Stroman and Soto feel confident in the possible contributions that Dean Crance alludes to. "How can the

school use their tagline if there is no difference? I feel that minority Greeks lend to the concept of diversity. They allow the school to provide something for everyone," Stroman assures.

Soto agrees to the benefit that could be made with the inclusion of these organizations. "The importance of the multicultural organizations is to have variety and options for the entire student body and those to come. The word 'multicultural' says it all. This idea of enhancing a community through diversity is one of Chi Upsilon Sigma's goals and missions," Soto says. "We are a support team to all our members and interests. We take the time to educate those around us as well as creating a bond with our fellow students."

Despite the advantages that multicultural Greeks bring, there has been opposition due to concerns that these organizations will promote segregation amongst racial and ethnic groups because of their historical and cultural origins.

On this issue, Stroman is split in the middle. "It's a two-way street in that case. I can see segregation occurring; however, if minority Greeks are accepted by other Greek organizations, I feel they could function together."

Like Stroman, Biehl worries that the addition of multicultural Greeks could lead to a greater divide amongst the student body. "I think multicultural Greek organizations could go both ways. If people start to think that only certain people fit in with certain organizations based on race, than yes, that would lead to segregation," she admits. But if the focus is on which organization feels comfortable rather than race, Biehl feels racial segregation would not be an issue.

Soto, however, firmly dismisses this notion of increased segregation as a result of more multicultural Greek organizations on campus. "Multicultural Greeks would diversify

the campus because the student body will get to see how we are all different. It would be a positive influence if we all learned to work together under Greek unity."

Regardless of the amount of support or opposition multi-cultural Greeks are experiencing, students have taken initiative by launching these organizations on campus. Despite the failed attempts of the past, sophomore Alysha Bellamy is determined to follow in Soto's footsteps of breaking Albright history.

"I haven't always wanted to become a part of a sisterhood. Until I got to college, I had no knowledge of black Greek life," Bellamy admits. "I started doing research and found an organization that I really felt fit me and fell in love with their principles," she adds.

Earlier this month, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority made a visit to Albright. Bellamy had a major role in ensuring that their visit was a success which generated positive response from the student body. Not only because it is the organization she hopes to become a member of, but because of the impact it could have on campus. "There is an entire body of students that are not represented. Many minorities give up on their dream of being a part of a multicultural organization because there are none that they can relate to. These organizations represent more than brotherhood and sisterhood; they represent a history of a people," she declares.

Even though organizations like Zeta Phi Beta have strong historical and cultural ties, Bellamy encourages people of all cultures to take part. "Just because an organization is historically black, predominantly white or has Hispanic roots does not mean that only people in those categories can join," Bellamy states. "The organizations are open to everyone and people should seek the organization which best fits them. Adding multicultural organi-

zations to the mix just extends the selection and serves a wider audience."

Regardless of the differences in perspectives that Stroman, Soto, Dean Crance, Biehl and Bellamy may have, they all have faith in the advantages that multicultural Greeks may present. With full support from administration for the integration of the Zetas into the Greek realm, the ideas that have been discussed may be launched in the near future. Whether they will increase unity or segregation amongst students is uncertain; however, it is clear that the arrival of more multicultural Greek organizations will provide a different way to live the Albright student experience.

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Even though five no-hitters were thrown this regular season, and according to MLB.com two no-hitters in a season in the average, that was not enough for Halladay. On top of his perfect game, Halladay on Oct. 6 made his postseason debut in the National League Division Series against the Reds. He pitched MLB's second postseason no-hitter to beat the Reds 4-0 in game one of the NLDS and the Phillies went on to sweep them. The Giants got through the Braves with a 3-1 series win. However, the Giants advanced to their first World Series with a 4-2 series victory over the Phillies courtesy of strong starting pitching, beating the Phillies. In the American League, the Yankees beat out the Twins 3-0 to advance to the ALCS. The Rays and the Rangers battled it out for five tough games, but the Rangers came out victorious, and went on to upset the 2009 World Champion Yankees in six games. Will baseball crown a team its first World Series title in the Rangers, or give the out-of-nowhere Giants their first World Series title since they moved to San Francisco? Only time will tell, but it already is sure to be one of the most memorable postseasons in MLB history.

Shanelle Gabriel shows Albright her poetry skills

by Jordan Bonte
Albrightian

Shanelle Gabriel, a singer and HBO Def Poet, took the stage on Wednesday, Oct. 13, for an AC2 Event. Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., She began the night with "A Message to My Girls," a poem focusing on the messages she wants to teach her nieces that she learned while growing up.

Her next poem, titled "She Had Everything," was based on a true story about a girl she used to be friends with. Initially, Gabriel admitted that she wanted to be this girl; but in time, she learned that the girl was a victim of domestic violence. She

then reminded the audience that it was domestic violence month and discouraged domestic violence of all types, whether the abuser is male or female.

Her next poem, "Crushing Hard" centered on her first crush at age five. The poem began by her singing in the beginning, which began with age five, then went to age 10, then 16, then 25. The beginning of the song later became the chorus, which would change with each age: "5 doesn't seem so far away, when you got a crush on someone today, I'm crushing hard, I'm crushing hard" After singing about age 25, she finished the song by singing about being in love.

After this portion of the performance, Gabriel then went on the opposite end of the relationship spectrum by talking about break-ups. She noted that we usually end up dating crazy people and the reason for this is so we don't marry crazy people. The poem, "Possibilities," is about relationships, or also called situations, and how to get out of these situations. She once again, mixed a little singing in with her poetry and sang a few of the lines of the poem.

The next poem focused on lust. "Games" was about one of her friends who got an STD. Gabriel then explained how we live in a birth control society

and that we think we are protected from getting pregnant and that's all we have to worry about when we are sexually active. However, we usually do not think of the other danger of being sexually active: contracting an STD. She then talked about STDs and how some can even be contracted with protection. Additionally, Gabriel how difficult it is to tell if someone has an STD. She told the audience to "be careful and be safe."

Her sixth poem, "Permanent Imprint" was about a real life situation she experienced in college when her boyfriend cheating on her. After she recited her poem, she explained that most of the time you can't

change people. "If you let a man make garbage, you'll be taking out trash."

Her last poem was about her college life. "I'm not a millionaire, I have one lifeline and if it flat lines, I don't want to have any regrets." During this poem she explained how she was diagnosed with Systematic Lupus and that she didn't listen to her body. Gabriel explained that everyone should listen to his or her body and "Don't confuse neutral with drive." She then explained how she thinks it is rooted in stress and that a person has to have seven out of 10 symptoms to be diagnosed. Her show closed with a very interactive Q and A.

"The Event" becomes the latest primetime action-packed sensation

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If the series finales of "24" and "LOST" left fans searching for a replacement, NBC's new fall thriller "The Event" fits the bid. "The Event" acts as an intriguing combination of the two now-ended blockbuster series.

The show's protagonist, Sam Walker, is determined to rescue his girlfriend, Leila Buchanan, from a mysterious woman who kidnapped Leila

during the couple's cruise. At the same time, an attempt to assassinate the president is made when Michael Buchanan, Leila's father, is blackmailed into flying his commercial plane into the president's retreat. Seconds before the plane collides with the retreat, however, it is sucked into a wormhole and in a few brief seconds crashes thousands of miles away. The wormhole is revealed to be the work of a group of individuals whose DNA differs from humans by one percent. Though

they are never directly referred to as aliens, the show hints that these beings have abilities that surpass those of humans. The others' intentions for saving the president are not yet revealed; however, a government conspiracy is brought to the viewer's attention.

In 1944, a crash nearly identical to the one that occurs in the show's pilot episode occurred, but the passengers on this flight were the same strange beings that created the wormhole. Though some of the survivors managed to escape, the injured were rescued from this crash, but were discovered to be part of the others and were detained at a government security site in Alaska. The intentions of this group are unknown, but the CIA and president are divided on how

to deal with these other beings who exist among the general population and the ones who are being detained in Alaska.

The show transitions between short present-day segments and flashbacks that provide both character and plot development. Though it can be chaotic at times, the style is very reminiscent of 24 and builds the suspense for each major revelation the show has to offer. The government conspiracies and the tension between different sections of the government and even agents themselves also reflect some of "24's" best moments. The idea of the existence of a group of "others" who are imprisoned by the government appears to be a nice twist off of one of "LOST's" greatest plot conflicts. As the show contin-

ues to evolve throughout the season, the writers have done an excellent job of developing ambiguous and interesting characters. Though the audience may have felt motivated to immediately despise Leila's kidnapper, different flashbacks that characterize the kidnapper's life lead the audience to develop sympathy for what she has endured.

Only as the show progresses will the audience discover the answers to such burning questions as, "What are the goals of the others?" "Why was the Buchanan family chosen to be involved in the assassination attempt?" and "How will the president deal with the CIA and the detainees?" To get the answers, many across the country will be glued to their TV screens awaiting for the plot to

Warning: They're back one last time

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"Jackass 3D"- who would have ever thought to put these guys in 3D? Not like it's crazy enough in it's original state, but now it's in high definition and in your face! Picture this: a thrill-seeking, fart-bombing and bull-guarding adventure with all the boys from the first two movies. Johnny Knoxville, Weeman, Steve-O, Bam and other "Jackass" members have thought of more crazy stunts to pull off for their last movie.

You thought it was over? Not for these guys. They thought they would surprise the world one more time, and believe me, they did. From porter potty bungees to bull chasing, these guys know how to make an audience laugh.

The show first aired over 10 years ago and was an instant success. The show has always consisted of stunts and pranks; however, when it moved to the big screen, the world was in for a surprise. Unlike television, they were now given the opportunity to do whatever they wanted. These movies are suited for adults and contain vulgar and just plain disgusting scenes.

Though I am a difficult person to shock, the guys from the movie did just that. I will admit that it made me laugh

harder than everyone else in the theatre but it also made me turn away from the screen a few times. Regardless, it was worth paying the money to see it in 3D. And, I do not seem to be the only person who feels that way. Over the first week-end of its release, the movie made \$29 million at the box office. Apparently, performing stunts that nearly kill you are a great way to make millions.

From the slow motion opening with Beavis and Butthead until the finale performance, the third installment of the film is much more over-the-top, especially because it is in 3D. At first, many people were turned off by the fact that Jackass would be in 3D; however, it was their best idea yet and in my opinion what is better than body parts and bodily functions right in your face?

Having been around for a decade now, the boys have done a great job with their television shows and launched three successful movies. Some will call it a guilty pleasure and others will call it just plain stupid. But one thing that no one can deny is that their fans cannot seem to resist the disgusting pranks, dangerous stunts, and all the mayhem.




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