

## Can you tell me how to get to 13th Street?

### Homecoming and family weekend 2008

by Kim Thompson  
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Homecoming and family weekend 2008 had a great turn out and brought out a number of students, families, and alumni.

The festivities began Friday night with float building under the turtle dome; student organizations gathered to put their heads together to create floats ranging from storefront buildings from Lion Diplomats, Options, and Helping Paws, and bathtubs from Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon to Sesame Street Mardi Gras style with Alpha Delta Pi and Pi Kappa Phi and the International Student Association float featuring a large lion.

On Friday night, the ever-popular air bands competition took place in the Memorial Chapel and brought out a huge crowd. The acts ranged from old time Sesame Street style songs involving both rap and new popular musical mixes. The performances were well-planned and entertaining. Judges included Elizabeth Freund, Political Science Professor, Denise Greenwood, English Professor, Dawn Coldren, Administration, Dave Johnson, College Relations, and Ron Beitler, Assistant Director of Student Affairs.

Winners were Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Mu in first place, Alpha Delta Pi and Pi

Kappa Phi in second place, and the Xion Step Team in third place.

Saturday was an eventful day with several alumni events taking place around

The parade was a hit as always with several floats and students lining the streets of campus. The 2008 Homecoming Court rode in cars as couples. The viewing stand

a great game and the fans roared their approval in the stands.

During half-time winners of float building, air bands, and window painting were announced.

Winners of the window painting competition include AVAO in first place, PSEA in second place, Albright A.M. in third place.

The 2008 Homecoming court including king nominees: Kyle Bredbenner, Tyler Arcaro, Jared Epler, Aaron Frederick, Danny Nester, and Mike Weekley and queen candidates: Kelly Burn, Jennifer Conway, Melissa Jaworski, Christina Reimer, and Christie Weist were honored in the half-time ceremony.



Homecoming King and Queen  
 Jared Epler and Melissa Jaworski

Photo by Jessica Bilello

campus. The morning began with the 50 plus club induction in Roop Hall. This induction involved several members of the Class of 1958. New members were inducted into office and were given awards as well as officers stepping down.

The Scholl Life Sports Center was also dedicated on Saturday afternoon. A large crowd gathered outside the center while President McMillian spoke fondly of Mr. Scholl. Mr. Scholl himself spoke about his times here at Albright and his excitement about the new facility. Attendees were invited to a light lunch following the ceremony.

was located just at the corner of Smith Hall in order to judge the floats that participated in the parade.

Winners included first place Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, second place ISA and tying for third place, Alpha Sigma Phi/Phi Mu and the Dominoe Players. The 12th Street Fair included several organizations and street vendors from around the city; popcorn and snow cones were provided and a band played music during the event.

The football game took place Saturday afternoon against King's College where Albright had their first shut-out since 2001, winning the game 16-0. The Lions played

Our 2007 Homecoming King, Ryan Baumuller and a cardboard cutout of the Queen, Kelly Cross, took their place in the middle of the field to hand over their crowns. The 2008 King, Jared Epler and Queen, Melissa "MJ" Jaworski proudly accepted their crowns while being bombarded by friends and family on the field.

Overall, Homecoming and Family Weekend 2008 was a success, bringing out many Albrightians, both new and old. Congratulations to all the winners during the weekend's festivities and thanks to everyone who made the weekend a success.

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## News in the Brief

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### Powell endorses Obama

Colin Powell, former Secretary of State endorsed Senator Obama on Sunday morning. The endorsement was made on NBC's "Meet the Press."

This comes as a surprise especially to Senator McCain because Powell and McCain have been friends for quite some time, and Powell advised McCain on foreign policy in the past. Republican Colin Powell called Senator Obama a "transformational figure."

Powell told the host one of his reasons for backing Senator Obama was because he disapproved of Senator McCain negative ads attacking Senator Obama especially dealing with the relationship with William Ayers. Powell also said that he was concerned with Senator McCain's choice of running mate, and believes that Governor Palin was not the best choice.

Powell thinks that Senator McCain would make a good president; however, he would change the Republican Party and our country needs a "generational change."

### United States in Recession

President Bush's top economic advisor said that parts of the United States are in re-

## "No Fire Tree", Reading residents freeze rehabilitation clinic

by Maria Disla  
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Residents of Hampden Heights are unhappy about the possibility of a halfway house moving into 1711 Hampden Boulevard. The new neighbor, Firetree Ltd., currently the Conewago Halfway House, is located at the Wernersville State Hospital.

The company recently bought a building that until three years ago served as a rehabilitation facility. The property sold for just under a million.

Firetree, Ltd. provides short and long-term treatment options to those suffering from the disease of addiction/alcoholism. Along with providing rehabilitation services, Firetree, Ltd. acts as halfway house for those looking to "accomplish transition."

Firetree, Ltd. has several

facilities in Pennsylvania including Wernersville, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

Bold yellow signs that read "No fire tree" have been placed on the lawns of many residents from the Hampden Heights area. They are supported by the College Heights CC, (CHCC), a community group that provides a community forum for neighborhood, city and regional issues.

The CHCC aims to improve the quality of life for the College Heights neighborhood by advocating quality of life issues. According to

city officials, there is no law that can keep the new owners of the property from moving in furniture and other items. However, zoning in

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 - Kristine Maravel  
 Class of 2011

the northeast area of Reading does not accommodate a treatment facility; this prevents patients from moving into the recently purchased property.

Due to the proximity of the property, some college students have concerns. "I just have mixed feelings about it, I don't really know all the details, but having a rehab center in an area where there are college students might not

be the best idea. It could also lower the standards of the neighborhood," said Meghan Devore, class of 2009.

Students have mixed thoughts, "I don't really see what the big problem is? Wouldn't it be better for the city of Reading to have a rehab facility, maybe it would lower some of the drug related crime and drug problems in the city," stated Kristine Maravel, class of 2011.

The company is nearing the end of their lease on the Wernersville property. Earlier this month, a Berks County Court hearing to determine whether or not to ban Firetree, Ltd. from the Hampden Boulevard building, was postponed until December.

The city of Reading has been in and out of court in efforts to prevent the rehabilitation center from opening in the Hampden Boulevard property.

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## Albright trustees offer financial insight Economic crisis experience event draws large crowd

by Kylan Watson  
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cession such as struggling with large jobless rates; however, the government's plan will help this recession.

"We are seeing what anyone would characterize as a recession in some parts of the country," Edward Lazear, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

Lazear also noted that it will take months to see the effect of the 700 billion dollar rescue plan take effect, but the preliminary signs are apparent. "Banks are now willing to lend to one another. That's a huge plus for the economy because the big problem has been that banks have been unwilling to trust one another," he said.

As lending picks up, the flow of money through the economy will be "amplified immediately."

### Missing 6-year-old is safe

Los Angeles police report that Mexican drug dealers took a 6-year-old boy at gunpoint on Wednesday, October 15, and the boy was found safe on Saturday.

On Wednesday morning, three men were dressed as police officers and they tied up the boy's mother and her fiancé. The police said the men were looking for money, and when they did not find any they took the boy instead.

The police found the boy on the streets in Los Angeles in front of a Methodist Church. The area in front of the church is being treated as a crime scene because the police do not know the boy got there, and what happened from the time he was abducted until he was found.

Cole was reunited with his father, as the police continue to question him. This abduction may be linked the boy's grandfather who had taken money from the drug dealers.

### World Series Preview

Playing in the toughest division of the better league, the American league, the Tampa Bay devils were the better team. The devil rays defeated two division winners, including the best or second-best team, in the playoffs to get to the World Series.

The Phillies played well in the postseason of the National League, but there's no way to avoid the fact that had you seeded the playoff teams 1-8, the Brewers and Dodgers would have been 7 and 8 in some order. However, the Phillies shut down their opponents to get here, allowing a little more than three runs per game.

One interesting feature

Three Albright College alumni trustees recently held an experience event on the current economic crisis, titled Wall Street Crisis: Causes, Consequences, and Cures. John T. Baily, Stanley T. Wells, and Jay A. Yoder are Albright alumni who are experts in the field of banking. They offered their insight and expertise to the Albright College and Reading community.

The trustees tried to answer three question throughout the night; what are the causes of the crisis, what are the consequences, and what are the cures. The event brought out many students; not one seat was open in Klein Lecture Hall.

"The event was the best experience event in my opinion because a lot of students actually paid attention instead of listening to their iPods, or doing homework on their laptops. You could tell that they were really interested in this topic," said Dr. Tom Brogan, chair of the po-

of this match up is that both baseball teams steal bases very well, but get their offense from power rather than that of speed. After leading the American League in steals, the Rays have gone 17-for-19 on the bases, but their offensive strengths are walks as well as home run power. The Phillies have been the best bases stealing team in history, successfully stealing 86 percent of their attempts over the last two seasons. But they also led the National League in home runs and were second in slugging.

Three of the last four World Series have been won by the American League team, will it become 4 out of 5?

### Palin's Children traveled on state's expense

Reports have leaked that Alaska paid for Governor Palin's children to travel to events that they were not invited to.

Some charges include costs for hotel and airfare for her three daughters to attend a snowmobile race their father was participating in.

She has charged the state \$21,012 for her three daughters' airfare since 2006.

Most of the events that Palin has supplied expense reports for have been events that her daughters were not invited to. Many organizers of events were surprised that the daughters showed up uninvited to events.

litical science department, who moderated the event.

"I think the students really needed to hear this because, if the market slows down that could really stop college students from getting loans that they need to go back to school."

The different perspectives of each trustee made for an interesting presentation. One trustee blamed the Wall Street itself for the situation, while another placed the blame on the government for lowering the credit score, allowing people to receive sub-prime mortgages that could not afford them. One speaker also placed blame on the investors themselves, claiming that if the investors had not invested so much in the housing market and heeded the warnings of not putting everything into the housing market, then we would not be in this mess.

Also discussed in the presentation were the consequences the American people would start seeing as a result of this crisis. Each speaker warned that if the bailout bill did not pass, the economy will continue slow-

ing down, and Wall Street will experience even greater losses. Unemployment in the United States will also be on the rise as a result of the crisis. More businesses and corporations are starting to cut jobs, so that they can continue to profit during this crisis. Americans will also see the government buying up more financial institutions to stop them from failing, and the government will start using wisdom as far as which financial institutions they will save from failing.

There was some optimism in the discussion. All three alumni agree that the economy will return to what it was before. They agree that the bailout bill must pass because even though the bill may have a lot of pork in it, the money from the bill will be used to help struggling financial institutions, businesses, and corporations. This will help them to stay upward during this time of economic crisis.

At the end of the presentation, students asked very insightful questions about their future. The trustees said that

this crisis will affect college students because students may not be able to get college loans in the future. There will also be a decrease in the amount of money used for federal loans.

"If the market slows down it could really stop college students from getting loans that they need to go back to school," said Brogan.

The economic crisis event was very informative for Albright students and the Reading community. The trustees were very enthusiastic on the topic and extremely impressed with the reaction students had to the lecture.

"The three board of trustee members were really impressed by the student participation, they did this because they wanted to give back to the school and I think they were really excited," said Brogan.

With the election right around the corner, it is important to take these issues into account when voting for each candidate, as the economic crisis will be an important factor in the upcoming election.

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## Albright Lions victorious over King Monarchs

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On a cool, windy day the Albright Lions football team was preparing for their homecoming game against the King's College Monarchs. As the sun set and the cool became a fall cold, the Lions were celebrating an exciting 16-0 shutout win over the Monarchs and a renewed hope at making the play-offs after a tough loss the week before at Lycoming.

After winning the coin toss and choosing to receive the Lions ended their first drive of the game with a touchdown. Starting out with a strong running game, quarterback Tanner Kelly handed off to running back Josan Holmes on four consecutive plays with the initial touchdown being scored with 12 minutes and 18 seconds left to play. With wind being a huge factor in the game all day, kicker Josh Whelan's extra point kick was wide left resulting in a 6-0 lead for the Lions.

The Lions defense came out looking strong and remained strong all day. The

first drive by the Monarchs resulted in a 3-and-out capped by a nice sack of their quarterback by the Lions' Eddie Mitchem. Two drives later the Lions were again on the prowl starting on mid-

to punt on their next possession, ending the first quarter of the game. The Monarchs' first drive of the second quarter ended in a holding penalty that turned the ball over to the Lions after the

backup kicker John Venditti. "This is done out of strategy. We want to keep the other team's defense off balance." Subers executed a nice reverse handoff to Romig who was driven out of bounds



Albright Lions face the King Monarchs on the field.

Photo by Dr. Pankratz

by the Monarchs' Edwyn Edwards. With 17.6 seconds left to play in the first half, Subers was intercepted by the Monarchs' Shane McNamara. Monarch quarterback Soda took a knee to end the first half with the Lions leading 13-0.

The Lions kicked off to the Monarchs to start the second half and the defense was able to stop them with a 3-and-out, forcing

a punt. Kelly re-entered the game at quarterback to lead the Lions downfield setting up a 32-yard field goal attempt by Whelan. The kick was good and put the Lions up 16-0. The Monarchs began to put up a fight but the Lions' defense was able to shut them down, turning the ball over to the Lions on downs. After a Lion 3-and-out, Kelly was penalized for delay of game on his punt attempt. One their next pos-

session the Monarchs again turned the ball over to the Lions on downs.

Starting on the 5-yard line the Lions drove to mid-field on a nice quarterback keep by Kelly, avoiding the Monarchs' blitz. The Lions were unable to capitalize on Kelly's efforts and were forced to punt. The Monarchs' were driving down-field when the Lions' Joseph Baciotti intercepted Soda after the ball was tipped by teammate Matt Christ with 3 minutes and 28 seconds left to play. The Lions' sideline erupted with the interception that all but solidified a win. Kelly was able to keep the ball in possession of the Lions, ending the game by taking a knee in two consecutive plays.

Winning in front of the home crowd has given the Lions a confidence boost going into the remainder of the season in the playoff hunt. "We definitely gained some confidence in all three phases of the game," said Venditti. "Our special teams continued to make plays, our defense made some huge stops, and our offense scored points and controlled the clock."

The win Saturday puts the Lions at 4-2 overall with four games left to play in the season. The Lions' next game is at home against Wilkes, Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1 p.m.

field after a strong punt return by Josh Shields. After a bad snap, Kelly was able to recover to connect with wide receiver Nate Romig for the Lions' second touchdown of the game. After Whelan's extra point the Lions were up 13-0.

On the Monarchs' next possession, the Lions' shutout was preserved when Monarch kicker Andrew DeRito missed a 48-yard field goal attempt. Albright was forced

penalty was declined. The Lions' drive was a 3-and-out and they were forced to punt. The Lion defense held the Monarchs and forced a punt after Monarch quarterback Olayinka Soda was sacked by defensive end Michael Limoli during a Lion blitz.

Two possessions later the Lions put in back up quarterback Patrick Subers, a strategic move by head coach John Marzka. "For one drive a game coach puts Pat in," said

## Fidler reconstructs Albright field hockey team

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Just over two months into her job as Albright head field hockey coach, Becky Fidler has had quite a ride. Announced as the head field hockey coach on August 11, Fidler has worked tirelessly to improve Albright's field hockey program that went 7-11 a year ago.

Fidler enters her inaugural season at Albright armed with a penchant for success. A Berks County native and Oley Valley High School graduate, Fidler led the Oley field hockey program to one of the best stretches in school history, winning two PIAA state championships in four years.

She continued her success at East Stroudsburg University, where she directed the team to some of the best overall finishes in program history, as well as an ECAC championship as a sophomore. Fidler graduated in 2005 with a B.A. in Elementary Education and a minor in Spanish. After graduating, Fidler served as an elementary teacher in the

East Stroudsburg and Governor Mifflin School Districts.

For better or for worse, Fidler has discovered that building a program from the ground up is a challenge she unexpectedly but confidently faces.

Carrying an extremely young team with eleven freshmen, six of whom are starters, has been trying at times, Fidler admits. The team has stumbled to a 3-11 record as of October 19. Fidler has relied on her own experiences from the past and personal strategies while looking toward the future in aiding the team through a transitional season. She recently noted, however, that the team is on the verge of the turnaround she foresaw at the beginning of the season.

"We're a very young team, but they work so hard and it's just a matter of inexperience and being consistent at all times", Fidler remarks. "We need to start finishing and putting the ball in the cage." The team has been close on many occasions where the score is not indicative of the

team's performance. In last Thursday's 3-1 loss to Delaware Valley College, which was the team's eighth consecutive loss, the Lady Lions outplayed the Aggies and had numerous opportunities to put the ball in the cage, but simply could not execute.

Coach Fidler noted after the game that in the majority of their games, Albright has outshot their opponent. The Delaware Valley game epitomizes the field hockey season thus far. Fidler has an extensive plan to make rapid improvements on that unflattering record. Some of the improvement plan is already in place on the field with new drills and practices. The other element of the turnaround includes extensive off-the-field activities that have and will continue to unite the team.

As a part of the off-the-field schedule, Fidler has booked a trip for the team to observe a Division I field hockey game between the University of Delaware and Towson University. Fidler hopes that the girls will take note of the little things that

differentiate Division I from Division III teams like Albright.

Furthermore, with strong ties to her native Oley community, Fidler has arranged for horseback riding experiences, as well as movie nights and team tailgates following each home game. All of these activities are geared toward uniting the team, with the underlying goal that play on the field will simultaneously improve. Fidler's vision for the team is to have everybody working toward one goal and gaining experience.

Although the fruits of Fidler's efforts may be hard to envision at the two-thirds mark of her first season as head coach, Fidler states that the key for improving this year is to simply stay positive. Sometimes this aspect is the hardest to grasp as the team has only scored two goals in its current eight-game losing streak that extended through October 19. Nonetheless, change is coming sooner rather than later.

In addition to coaching, Fidler is employed as a public safety officer for the Albright

College Public Safety Department. She plans on traveling in the future and specifically plans on going to Brazil and taking a small cruise down the Amazon River.

When asked about her biggest inspiration, she quickly responded with her mom and dad. Both parents have been huge supporters of her, especially her dad as a great coach, guide and athletic model; he was a standout athlete in high school. While she has never met anyone famous in her lifetime, Fidler is hoping to meet New Kids on the Block next month. Needless to say, Coach Fidler has some big plans for the future.

Great things happen to teams with a lot of heart and effort on the field. Coach Fidler hopes that improving the team's record is simply one step to a much larger goal of a string of playoff appearances.

According to Fidler, most of the team's games have been winnable, and if they continue to build and grow, MAC championships are on the horizon.

## Breaking down the issues, '08

by David Yadush  
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November 4, 2008 is a day on every American's mind, the upcoming election of the President of the United States of America. This year a motley bunch of politicians have come together to create the two dueling parties of the upcoming election. With all the controversy in the election, it is hard to focus on the importance of the issues. It is important to look past the smoke screens of

race, gender and age in this upcoming election, and take note of the issues of each candidate.

Following this introduction will be just a few of the many issues we're facing in the upcoming election. I challenge you to go through and decide where you take your claim on each issue. Later in this newspaper, there will be a box that will show you which candidate stands for which side of the argument. This is your chance to find out which candidate best reflects your views.

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### ABORTION:

What you need to know:

Roe v. Wade: the federal government decided abortion was a woman's right to privacy. First trimester abortions cannot be stopped; however, 2nd and 3rd trimesters would be decided by the states.

Prohibit Partial Birth Abortion Act: outlaws a procedure called intact dilation and extraction, but critics call partial-birth abortion.

1. Wants to overturn Roe v. Wade; voted for the Prohibit Partial Birth Abortion bill in 2003
2. Uphold Roe v. Wade. Overturn the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

### FREE TRADE:

What you need to know:

NAFTA: North American Free Trade Agreement which lowered prices for U.S shoppers, but led to job outsourcing to other countries.

1. Free Trade needs more regulation. Wants NAFTA to tighten environmental and labor regulations. Would eliminate tax breaks for companies that move overseas.
2. Free Trade needs to be deregulated. Wants NAFTA to be used as a template for free trade around the world.

### LGBT RIGHTS:

What you need to know: Both candidates oppose same-sex marriage, leaving legality up to the states.

Defense of Marriage Act: Neither state nor federal government will recognize same sex marriages, even across boundaries between states who already have same sex marriage laws.

1. Supports the Defense of Marriage act, and is for keeping the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy
2. Repeals the Defense of Marriage act, believes in equal rights for civil unions, and wants to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

### TAXES:

1. Wants to extend President Bush's tax cuts through at least 2010. Require a 3/5th majority in Congress to raise taxes. Reduce corporate tax rate from 35% to 25%. Allow companies to deduct expenditures in equipment and technologies.

2. Wants to eliminate President Bush's tax cuts. Instead cut income taxes by \$1000 for middle class families. Increase taxes for people making more than \$250k a year. Eliminate taxes for seniors making less than \$50k a year.

### ENERGY:

What you need to know: Both candidates want to alleviate the U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Gas Tax Holiday: a proposed bill to suspend the federal gas taxes between Memorial Day and Labor Day (May to September)

1. Supports some off-shore drilling and nuclear power as part of a "mix" to bring about energy independence. Is against the Gas Tax Holiday, and wants to raise taxes on oil companies to pay for clean energy.
2. Strong support for off-shore drilling and energy independence. Is for the gas tax holiday, and is opposed to higher taxes for oil companies.

### EDUCATION:

1. Believes in No Child Left Behind, but wants to make changes to the law. Plans to make community college free and give a \$4,000 scholarship for other college-based on community service.

2. Fully supports No Child Left Behind. Wants to implement an "Enhancing Education through Technology Program."

### ECONOMY:

1. Focus on individuals. Stimulate growth with family-focused tax cuts and expanded unemployment insurance. Provide federal tax credits to those affected by the housing crisis.

2. Focus on business. Stimulate growth with a lower corporate tax rate and incentives for capital investment. Reform home-lending practices and resort to a federal bailout only as an emergency measure.

### HOMELAND SECURITY:

1. Focus internationally to prevent terrorism. Reauthorize the Patriot Act. Create a diplomatic agency to improve the United States' public standing worldwide. Help rebuild war-torn areas while spending more on defense and information gathering abroad.

2. Focus domestically to prevent terrorism. Reauthorize the Patriot Act, but revise it to ensure civil liberties. Create a senior intelligence position to coordinate domestic intelligence gathering across law enforcement agencies. Secure sensitive domestic sites like nuclear power plants.

## Romo is more celebrity than football great

by Allyse Wolfinger  
*Albrightian*

Tony Romo has never been high up on my list of favorite quarterbacks. When he first joined the Dallas Cowboys, I thought he was a talentless loser who was riding what other people thought were good looks and boyish charm. He romanced famous actresses and partied with the famous actors; he seemed more concerned with his reputation in Hollywood than on the field.

Not much has changed in the few years he has been the Cowboys go-to guy. He is now dating singer Jessica Simpson (a.k.a. Yoko Romo) and seems more enchanted by the luxurious life than the millions of dollars Jerry Jones has promised him.

Yes, he has brought the Cowboys back to the playoffs and close to the Super Bowl, but when it matters, he can't seem to follow through. He botched a field goal attempt in the 2007 playoffs against the Seattle Seahawks and went on a romantic Mexican getaway with Simpson before the 2008 divisional playoffs, resulting in unfocused play and a loss to the New York Giants.

For a player who signed a \$67.5 million contract and is hailed as one of the greatest players the game currently has to offer, Romo should be doing more than prancing around Hollywood on the arm of his mediocre singing girlfriend.

Then came this weekend when it was revealed that Romo broke his pinky at the end of the Cowboys' loss to the Arizona Cardinals. It was then reported that Romo would not play for four weeks due to his injury.

Any quarterback with enough sense of the image associated with football would know that you play through the pain. An injury as minute as Romo's broken pinky usually is not revealed until the end of the season or when a good story comes out of it. Romo announcing right after the game that he sustained the injury was his excuse for the losing a game any football fan knows the

Cowboys should have won.

Now after receiving flack from the media and his fellow players, Romo has decided to play. Smart decision, although the smarter one would have been to hide the injury altogether. But that is Romo's M.O. He comes into a game where his team is the obvious favorite, plays badly, and always has an excuse as to why. At least this time the media cannot pin this one on his relationship with Simpson and we do not have to endure another tearful Terrell Owens press conference telling us to stop picking on his quarterback.

The truth is, Romo deserves the credit he gets. He is nowhere near as tough as Brett Favre. He is not as accurate and concise as Peyton Manning. And he has consistently proven he is incapable of leading his team to the Super Bowl like his division nemesis Eli Manning.

While I have to admit I do believe Romo has talent, he continues to disappoint in the way he uses it. He would much rather be seen out-and-about eating at fancy restaurants and vacationing in exotic destinations then providing good entertainment on the football field. Well, except when he botches a field goal attempt or whines about losing because of broken pinky.

Until Romo can fully commit to his sport, he will always just be the decent quarterback. He will never be praised like Favre or either of the Manning's outside of the state of Texas. He will only be remembered for his inability to hold a ball steady during a field goal attempt and for dating the girl who did not know the difference between chicken and tuna.

It is a shame because he does have the talent to be considered one of the greats, a great supporting cast in his teammates, and a prime position on one of the most heralded teams in football history. But until he can step out of the Hollywood limelight and into the football spotlight, he will just be another guy who came and went without ever achieving great success.

## SGA Senate Meeting

Sunday, October 26  
4:00 PM in the Campus Center

## Relay for life, Albright team starts early

by Annie Rhodes  
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On May 1, 2009, the Relay for Life will come back once again to the city of Reading, PA. Countless city residents will gather around First Energy Stadium, home of the Reading Phillies, for 24 hours of non-stop activities dedicated to spreading cancer prevention awareness. Relay for Life is a nationally recognized event sponsored by the American Cancer Society that not only promotes cancer awareness, but also celebrates the heroic survivors, and remembers those whom have lost the battle to cancer.

As of late, 45 Albright students have already committed themselves to helping this cause, and have formed their own Albright relay team. During the duration of this event, May 1 till May 2, the team hopes to have at least one member walking or running on the track at all times. This year's team is led by sophomores Jeffrey Plummer and Tricia Falco. Plummer and Falco have dedicated much of their own time and energy in order to promoting the Relay for Life on Albright's campus.

Plummer, in particular, believes strongly in this event and how it can help those who are affected, in

one way or another, by this terrible disease. He stated, "The reason I became involved in the Relay for Life is that someone very close to me, a family member, died of cancer. In high school, I participated in the Relay, in his honor. I enjoyed this event so much that I wanted to bring the fight against cancer to Albright, as well."

He certainly has brought the fight to Albright's campus, as the team has just completed their first fundraiser, "The Prince of the Pond," which involved students donating money to certain individuals. The person who raised the most money was then thrown in the pond. Thrilled over the success of this fundraiser, the Relay for Life team is currently working on other fundraising opportunities will implement throughout the remainder of the fall and spring semesters; these will lead up to the actual event.

When walking around campus this fall and early winter, make sure to look out for this dedicated team of students. After the overwhelming success with their first fundraiser, there is no doubt that the Albright College Relay for Life team is working hard to raising money in support of the fight against cancer.

## Albright's Criminal Justice Society hosts Vidocq dinner

by Christopher Frank  
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As television shows like CSI have become popular over the years, some people have undoubtedly wondered what it would be like to try to help solve a cold case homicide.

On October 6, at the Vidocq society dinner, those in attendance had that very opportunity. For those unfamiliar with the Vidocq society, this is a group of law enforcement professionals from all aspects of criminal investigation, such as forensic scientists, crime scene investigators, homicide detectives and prosecutors who put together their expertise to try to solve unsolved homicides and consists of eighty-two full-time members and eighty-two associates.

The dinner was hosted by the Albright College Criminal Justice Society and attracted students from other colleges in the Reading area, including Alvernia College and Reading Area Community College.

Some may wonder why this group of professionals would present these cold cases to everyday citizens, but the answer is quite simple: because, as one of the Vidocq members said, "It's people who solve these crimes, and that includes citizens."

The night began with a meal and dessert, and then the audience was presented with two cases. The first case had actually been solved two years ago and was about a 1979 homicide of a 51-year old woman in Muhlenberg, PA.

After giving some basic details of the early phase of

the investigation, the detectives revealed who the prime suspect was and gave a timeline of his criminal past and how it was determined that he was the perpetrator, which was by a DNA match.

Following this case, the actual cold case was presented, which involved a missing person. There was good reason to believe that he was dead, but he had never been found. When all the details about the case were explained, the audience had the opportunity to make suggestions and ask questions about various aspects of the investigation, hoping to possibly give a tip that law enforcement may be able to use to solve the case.

Cases have been solved by these events and after this most recent presentation perhaps another case will be closed.

## Albright's recreation center undergoes changes

by Sam Levine  
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Albright's recreation center is a place students may have seen on an admissions tour. The rec center is the place to be for many students so far in the fall of 2008.

This year the rec center is open Monday-Sunday from 2:30-10pm with the exception of breaks. The rec center is located next to Jakes. There

is a four lane bowling alley, three billiards tables, a foosball table, and a TV room.

The rec center has received a few new additions this semester. It now has Guitar Hero: III for PS2 and a Nintendo Wii. Billiards or pool is now free to play.

This year has also seen an increase in attendance. Last year the center saw an average attendance of 10-15 people a day. This year, the

attendance on average is 60-70 people during the week and 45-55 people on the weekends.

Freshman Donald Wonnies said, "I go to the rec center everyday to play Pool. It's a great way to chill with friends and have fun."

Upcoming events include a pool tournament, and a possible guitar hero tournament. The rec center will also be undergoing a minor renovation.

## It's all Greek to me: News from Albright's Greek organizations

### Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Delta Pi has been keeping busy with planning their annual Philanthropy week, which begins in early November. Please come out and support the sisters during the Rock-A-Thon starting on November 3. During that week, the sisters will be holding a raffle and selling magnets; all proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charity.

The sisters will also be collecting old magazines and soda tabbies for donations. Lastly, Alpha Delta Pi would like to thank the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi for a great week during Homecoming!

### Phi Mu

Phi Mu is mainly concentrating on their national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network (CMN). This semester they had a "Kissing Booth" selling Hershey kisses. They just recently finished a t-shirt sale in support of CMN, raising over \$300.

Later in the semester, Phi Mu is in the works of having a "Dine to Donate" meal night

at Applebee's in Reading. A Dance Marathon is being planned for the spring semester to be co-hosted with their philanthropy twin, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Phi Mu is going to team up with the Drexel and West Chester Phi Mu chapters to walk in the Lupus Loop on October 26 to show their support for their very own sister, Megan Marcincowski, who has lupus.

Phi Mu also just recently finished participating in the homecoming weekend events. Paired up with Alpha Sigma Phi, they won first place in Airbands and third in the float building competition.

### Sigma Kappa

The sisters of Sigma Kappa, paired with the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, enjoyed participating in all the Homecoming activities. The sisters received first place in the float building competition.

Keeping with the spirit of Halloween, the sisters are having a chapter pumpkin carving event and a trip to Eastern State Penitentiary.

The sisters are holding their annual lollipop sale, which will take place during lunch and dinner in the campus center. All the proceeds from the sale will go to Alzheimer's research; the organization that donates the most will win a formal dinner with the sisters.

The sisters of Sigma Kappa hope everyone had a fun and safe homecoming. Good luck with the end of the semester!

### Alpha Sigma Phi

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi would like to thank Phi Mu for a great Homecoming weekend. We would also like to congratulate Sigma Alpha Epsilon for winning the float building competition.

Our brotherhood is expanding by six with our fall pledge class. Hopefully, many will come to know Jimmy Dempsey, David Albright, Sean Crossley, Andrew Brehm, Zach Ossman, and John Hong in the near future.

With freshmen rushing starting this week, we hope that anyone interested in Greek life comes out to each

fraternity's rush events and meets some of the leaders of this campus. Each event is a fun time for everyone involved. Look for posters and flyers posted around campus for specific details on events.

### Pi Kappa Phi

First and foremost, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi would like to welcome all returning upperclassmen, new students, and faculty back to Albright College. The fraternity as a whole believes that the school year has started off amazing and would like to keep it going.

We are very excited to begin RUSH and we highly recommend that all male students get out to the RUSH events and begin to meet members of all fraternities on campus.

Pi Kappa Phi returns twenty-nine men, who are looking forward to participating in the many activities and events that are ran by all the organizations in the Albright community. The events that Pi Kappa Phi will be hosting are a Safe Sex BBQ, a Dodge Ball Rush, our infamous Milk and Cookies

Rush, and our Formal Dinner Rush. We will also be hosting our annual Ms. PUSH America Pageant in order to continue raising awareness and money to aid those with disabilities.

Once again, we would like to wish all students on campus a safe and healthy school year. Pi Kappa Phi is looking forward to participating in many events provided by the community of Albright with all members of the student body.

### Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity would like to thank the sisters of Sigma Kappa for a wonderful homecoming!

Currently Sigma Alpha Epsilon is going through underclassmen rush, If you are interested please check out our fliers posted throughout campus for more details.

Also, Sigma Alpha Epsilon is currently planning for our second annual True Gentleman's Dinner. Although it is not until February, it is an extremely large and important event, which we hope, with the support of others, to expand upon from last year

## A dose of insanity from The Pink Spiders

by Samantha Gray  
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In true rock 'n roll style, The Pink Spiders have had their share of drama – label and otherwise. Their major label debut, “Teenage Graffiti,” is an amazing record and it sets the bar high for any subsequent albums. After going through countless planned release dates, “Sweat It Out” was finally released via Mean Buzz Records and I rushed to get my hands on a copy. Upon first listen, the record is decent.

In classic Pink Spiders fashion, the entire track listing has self-loathing alcohol references mashed up with talk of cigarettes and one-night stands; not to mention choruses filled with repetitions and girls’ names.

“Busy Signals,” the opening track has a great intro, but as it progresses, it’s filled with obviously out-of-place “woohoos.” While the chorus is catchy, as is true with any Spiders’ tune, the verses have no lasting value and the bridge is rather disappointing.

The fifth track finally lives up to the Spiders’ potential. On “Truth or Dare,” the guitars squeal with rhythms similar to Cartel (weird, I know, but it’s there). Aside from some out-of-character “oohs” on the intro and outro, this track follows the usual methodology of any Pink Spiders song.

Keeping with tradition, the Spiders bring a song about late drunken nights with “Sleeping on the Floor.” This is most definitely my favorite cut off the record with an infectious

chorus and a spoken-word bridge to match. The whole song is absolutely ridiculous, but then again so are The Pink Spiders. “One shot/two shot/three shot/four,” Friction sings, “we haven’t had enough until we’ve had a little more.” I would not expect anything less from this band, including “swimming in tequila/now we’re sleeping on the floor.”

The closing song is less than special, complete with mind-boggling brass for the outro. There is absolutely no reason why one should ever close a Pink Spiders album with horns. Aside from the boring first track and the absurd closer, the album consists mostly of decent filler, save for two potential hits. If you liked “Teenage Graffiti,” don’t get your hopes up on this one.

## NJ natives bring “The End of an Error”

by Samantha Gray  
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It’s been years since Houston Calls has released new material so it’s no doubt fans are getting anxious. Their long awaited sophomore release, “The End of an Error,” does not disappoint. The north Jersey natives offer immediate satisfaction for the listener in their opening track. Reminiscent of early (read: good) Cartel, “Modest Manifesto” has an insanely catchy, majorly sing-able

hook. The third track has been in my head nonstop since I first heard it. Just danceable enough, “A Shot in the Dark,” my favorite off the record, has an underlying electronic track that makes it almost impossible for the listener to sit still.

“The End of an Error” is not an exception to the token slow song rule, so the fifth track “Stay With Me Tonight” decreases the tempo of the record and serves as a song I will skip most times when listening to the

album. I admit, it is excellently done, with keyboards adding a fun element to an otherwise boring tune.

“You Can’t Simi” gives a shout-out to “good ole New Jersey,” a line that gives any song extra points in my book. In all fairness, the song is awesome, with a sweeping autumn-y chorus about missing someone and an intense bridge perfect for a scenic road trip. “Dork Thinks He’s Gonna Drown” is a perfect closer, with pounding drums, deep intro vocals, and the hardest chorus I’ve ever heard from the band. The lyrics on the verses rip through the unrelenting guitars and lead into a shouted hook that’s sure to be a crowd favorite if played live.

Though none of these tracks could ever match the brilliance that was “Bob and Bonnie” from their debut record (a song you must listen to right now if you have not heard it), they do portray a matured, refined sound of Houston Calls. I can only imagine that the “Error” the guys are referring to is the last three years without any awesome new Houston Calls material, and this record surely puts an end to that. Fans of the debut album, “A Collection of Short Stories,” will have no trouble spinning this collection of tunes over and over.

## The big screen buzz, October 2008

by David Yadush  
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The big screen buzz for October 2008 is looking pretty good. A number of freaky and some utterly grotesque movies will be in theaters just in time for Halloween, which just happens to be on a Friday this year.

The two most anticipated movies of this month are the fifth final installment of the smash movie series *Saw*. Surprisingly, the release date is set for the weekend before Halloween, a strange move when Halloween would seem to be the most appropriate date for such a movie.

Also this month is the third installment to the High School Musical Series, Senior Year. This is the first of the HSM movies that is making it’s debut on the big screen. Information provided by IMDB.com.

Coming to the big screen this Friday, October 24th.

High School Musical 3: Senior Year

Story Line: As seniors in high school, Troy (Efron) and Gabriella (Hudgens) struggle with the idea of being separated from one another as college approaches. Along with the rest of the Wildcats, they stage a spring musical to address their experiences, hopes and fears about their future.

### Saw V

Story Line: Forensics expert Hoffman (Mandylor) goes on the hunt in order to prevent being identified as the newest person to carry on Jigsaw’s legacy.

### Changeling

Story Line: 1920s Los Angeles: A woman (Jolie) who is reunited with her missing son is subsequently committed to an insane asylum when she begins to question whether the boy is her child. Ultimately bringing her case to the city council, she begins to pick apart a conspiracy that reverberates throughout the city.

### Coming Halloween ‘08

#### The Haunting of Molly Hartley

Story Line: Molly Hartley (Bennett) looks to put her troubled past behind her with a fresh start at a new school, where she sparks with one of the most popular students (Crawford). But can her secrets stay buried, especially as she learns more about the horrific truth that awaits her once she turns 18?

Zack and Miri Make a Porno  
Story Line: Lifelong platonic friends Zack (Rogen) and Miri (Banks) look to solve their respective cashflow problems by directing and starring in their own adult film.

## “Early Love” Comes Later in the Year

by Samantha Gray  
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The California native band Brighten is one of the few bands that represent pop music at it’s finest. Their recently released EP, “Early Love,” flows through speakers with such ease, you don’t even have to listen carefully to be affected by this good-mood music.

As the EP title suggests, it is chock-full of easy-going love songs. Not sappy Whitney Houston ballads, but pop tunes akin to The Beach Boys circa “Wouldn’t it Be Nice.” The first track’s instrumentation may remind some listeners of The Format’s “Dog Problems,” while the vocals channel the energy of Sherwood (a reviewer favorite). While the lyrics aren’t anything spectacular (as is true with most pop songs), they fit perfectly with the rest of the song.

The next two songs slide together to keep the mood and lead the listener right into the fourth track “Love On My

Mind,” my favorite cut on the short-but-sweet record. Two comparisons are made right away. The verses keep the beat of “Just the Girl” by The Click Five, and the vocals on the chorus could easily be mistaken for Brian Wilson.

The fifth track stays on the same road, but the needle on the speedometer might just reach 66. “Swing” is reminiscent of a much more low-key, less electronic version of The Cab’s “One of THOSE Nights.” Low-key but equally as catchy, feeding you the same sugary goodness as any decent pop number.

The CD closes beautifully with a medium-tempo song filled with plenty of “ba ba bas” and a falsetto chorus that lets you take your foot off the gas and coast. Brighten knows what it’s doing in the pop department, and it seems people don’t like to give credit where credit is due in that genre. If you’ve got a sweet tooth, this collection of songs will make your teeth fall out.

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## Campus Calendar

Thursday, October 23  
Johnny Walker--Comedian  
CCSL 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 23  
Facul-tea with Prof. Heberle  
Gingrich Library 1st floor

Saturday, October 25  
Football vs. Wilkes  
Shirk Stadium 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 25  
Women's and Men's Soccer  
Shirk Stadium 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Monday, October 27  
Political Communication and the 2008 Elections  
CCSL

Tuesday, October 28  
PCN TV Network Panel and Congressional Debate Program  
Chapel 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28  
Field Hockey vs. Cedar Crest  
Shirk Stadium 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28  
Mighty Mike McGee—Slam Poet  
CCSL 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28  
Juniors: Internships, Sophomores Too  
CCSL 5 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 30  
Gallery Talk - Alex Rosenberg: Collector and Patron  
Freedman Gallery 5 - 7 p.m.

Friday, October 181  
Pumpkin Carving  
Campus Center Lawn 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 1  
Women's & Men's Soccer vs Arcadia  
Shirk Stadium 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4  
Election Night Results  
CCML

## Horoscopes

compiled by Jessica Bilello

### Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

By spending all of your free time with just one person, you are taking a risk. You cannot ignore the older relationships in your life just because a new, shiny one has started. Check in with them today and make some plans. Get back in the old, familiar groove and remind yourself why you love all these people so much.

### Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Watch out while you are dealing with others, today -- they do not have the same priorities that you do. While you want to get things done, they just want to goof off and have fun. So be prepared to deal with interruptions from them today - and there could be many. But the one thing you do not have to worry about is them leaving you with all the work.

### Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Getting more closely connected with the people in your life who you really value is easier than ever. Right now everyone's schedules fit together, and everyone is on the same page in terms of what things would be fun to do. This harmony is sure going to make your life sweeter for the next few days!

### Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

If you are looking for a romance right now, keep in mind that not all of them start off as sizzling affairs. Many of the healthiest and longest-lasting relationships start out at a slow, steady burn. So instead of looking for a lightning bolt to strike, just keep an eye out for people who are interesting to you - and then put in the time it takes to get to know them better.

### Pisces (February 19-March 20)

There's been a nagging worry on your mind lately, and it's not going away anytime soon - probably because you have been so busy lately that you simply haven't had the time to think about it or process it. Give yourself the quiet time you need to get it out of your system. Call up a friend and talk it out with them.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your patience for indecisive people is running very low, right now. You know what you are doing today, so how come no one else does? Well, you will never be able to get a satisfying answer to that question, so why even ask it? Focus your communication on getting your own stuff down, not on trying to get other people in trouble.

### Taurus (April 20-May-20)

You have reached a critical point with someone you care about - you actually know how you feel, so today is the day you need to communicate it! You just need to share what you are thinking and what you are feeling. How the other person reacts is not something you can control, so it is not something you need to worry about.

### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

An interesting discussion early in the day will inspire you to get moving on an exciting new project - try to make some time to give it all the dedication that it requires. You can make enough progress to give yourself a strong sense of satisfaction and an excuse to pat yourself on the back.

### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Someone who lives a very flashy lifestyle might be charming and exciting, but they don't have the substance that you need in your life right now. So have fun with the flighty folks, but do not get sucked into their way of doing things.

### Leo (July 23-August 22)

Right now you should research less and brainstorm more - the facts and figures that have helped you in the past are not going to be able to help you out today. There is too much emotional energy in the air for logic and reason to have any real impact! This is a fun day full of possibilities.

### Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Do your best to stay cool and calm when the drama erupts today. If you stay objective about what is going on, you will find it easy to turn away from it all and stay unaffected and happy in your own little world. It is too soon to tell where this soap opera plot is headed, so wait until the dust settles and deal with the outcome then.

### Libra (September 23-October 22)

A friend is telling you that they are doing one thing - but doing something else. Do not waste time being disappointed that they are not trusting you. Instead, get in contact with them and ask them point blank about what is really going on.

## Breaking Down The Issues, The Answers

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LGBT Rights	McCain	Obama
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Homeland Security	McCain	Obama
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## Artists wake up

A commentary on the happening around Sylvan Pond

by Amy Defibaugh  
*Albrightian*

As the seasons change, transforming deep greens to soft yellows and bleeding reds, as do we change and transform. Our transformation, however, is not dependent on the change in temperature or the degree of the Earth's axis; our renovation occurs daily as we encounter social complications, political struggles, and everyday hardships. We change when we love, when we hate, and when we learn.

This symbolic backdrop was a perfect setting for WAKE UP, a consciousness-raising event sporadically and successfully thrown together. Considering this is a commentary, I am going to take advantage of the opportunity to express my own opinions about the event, while discussing it as a whole.

On October 11, from 11am until almost 10 pm, you may have noticed – as you hurriedly rushed across campus for class or a meal, a gathering of students at

Sylvan Pond. The event was a happening, a spontaneous coming together of the arts – performance, literary, visual, or musical – in hopes of offering a safe and free environment to create art, to engage collectively with contemporaries and to educate each other through creativity.

One organizer commented that “the idea is that an event itself can be art.” Covering the grass were peace posters, paintings and photography done by various student artists, musical instruments, and a mattress (don't worry, I will explain the mattress a little later; it was an important part). The scene was welcoming, inviting anyone to create art and express themselves unreservedly; to talk and communicate with the organizers and other participants.

You may remember, situated amongst the paintings, people and music, a mattress beside a large piece of canvas. The concept of this mattress-to-canvas communal performance/visual piece was an invitation

to anyone to meditate on the experiences of the day, the noises and shapes around them and then translate them onto the canvas.

Watching artists WAKE UP was beautiful; slowly the canvas became a conglomerate of images, understandable not as an individual's part, but as a collective, shared experience.

Another organizer articulately commented on this performance: “All I can say is that it represented what the happening was: art in motion. There is something unique about it. I guess it's the knowledge that a lot of hands were on it, a lot of colors, a lot of moods. And the paint becomes an extension of the people. There are pictures under colors under shapes in harmonic dissonance. In some way, that is most reflective of how life is, isn't it?”

I am told that the painting will hopefully be donated to the Freedman Gallery as it is representative of a cooperative, peaceful effort.

In particular, there was a very thought-provoking performance entitled “Trickle Down.” Shrouded in a black cloak and mask, an American flag pinned to the cloth, the performer circled the pond, dropping pennies to the ground. “While the title is a reference to the Reaganomics trickle down theory, it is more a commentary on our current economic climate,” the performer stated.

Symbolic to the current economic crisis and the possibly insensitivity of our government, the performer was met with blank stares, curious faces, and even a couple of threats and sneering remarks. Some even said the performance was

frightening, ‘creepy’ even. But aren't we frightened? Aren't we a little creeped out by the world of poverty and war, here and abroad?

To those who taunted and harassed the performer, I offer sound advice: your response leads me to believe that you are not critically assessing the performance, inquiring about its meaning or significance, or offering constructive criticism, but passing quick judgments and fast assumptions. Next time, ask the artist, after the performance is completed. Start a dialogue! And to those who walked idly by, actively ignoring the art of fellow students and community members: please, I beg you; do not ignore the world forever.

I am immensely grateful to the organizers and participants of this event. There is a need for careful analysis and criticism of the world around us. There is a need for art and creativity. There is a need for consciousness-raising, a peaceful environment for inventiveness, and an atmosphere of community and love.

*“All I can say is that it represented what the happening was: art in motion. There is something unique about it.”*  
– Organizer of WAKE UP

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