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News in the Brief

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Hillary Clinton still leads polls

Democratic candidates Barack Obama and John Edwards questioned Clinton's willingness to provide straight answers and her character during the debate held on Oct. 30. Their questioning did not affect the support given to this New York Senator. Clinton pulled 44 percent of Democrats in a Newsweek survey conducted after the debate aired, versus 24 percent for Obama and 12 percent for Edwards (provided by nydailynews.com). On the Republican side, Rudy Giuliani remains in front of his opponents.

Sorry Harry Potter Fans

In the final book of the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the wizard tales of "Beedle the Bard" were mentioned. J.K. Rowling handwrote these tales and created the illustrations herself. This is disappointing to fans because only seven of these books exist. "Six of these books have been given to those most closely connected to the 'Harry Potter' books during the past 17 years. This seventh book will be auctioned," Rowling explained in a recent BBC interview.

Google's cell phone software

It's been rumored that Google has been working on software for cell phones. Google spoke about Android, their

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Housing looking into electrical appliance policy for Woods residents

by Keri Labuski
Albrightian

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, several Albright Woods residents returned to their apartments from fall break to discover some items missing. Housing confiscated a number of toasters and George Foreman grills from the Woods apartments in enforcement of the rules outlined in the Community Living Guide. Many students were confused as to why their property was taken.

"All that was left behind was a little piece of paper with no explanation as to why it had happened [or] what we needed to do to get them back. My roommates and I cooked on the Foreman grill and used the toaster all the time. More than anything, I was mad that my personal property was gone," said senior Woods resident Krissy Bondarenko.

In response to this confusion, the housing office posted a notice on Oct. 17 regarding the situation, explaining that the accompanying \$50 fine for each confiscated electrical appliance would be waived. According to Amanda Hanincik, director of housing and residential life, the housing office was tipped off to the widespread confusion by the number of toasters and other "illegal" items they

found in the apartments. Even some Resident Assistants in the Woods had prohibited appliances, but Hanincik stressed that everyone was held equally accountable.

Because the apartments are built module-style, the housing office isn't sure if the electrical capacity can handle all the power needed to use the appliances. The average wattage of a toaster oven is approximately 1200-1500 watts compared to 900 watts for the average coffee maker and 200 watts for the average color television, according to Diverse Power, an electric services company in Alabama.

Toasters and other appliances with open heating elements are always prohibited in the dorm rooms on campus because, according to Hanincik, there is no ideal place for them. But the policy is questioned in the Woods apartments because there is a separate kitchen area.

"If we find out the electrical capacity can handle the appliances, we will definitely consider changing the policy," Hanincik said. "But I'm not comfortable making that decision without doing the research first."

The housing office is currently conducting research on the policies of about 16 peer schools including Muhlenberg,

Ursinus, Lebanon Valley and Moravian Colleges, but Hanincik said the results so far are not favorable. However, specific decisions are pending.

"We want to make informed decisions," she said. "We're not unreasonable people. I hope it can happen."

But some students are still confused as to why the electrical capacity is an issue now and wasn't an issue in previous years when the policy wasn't enforced.

"I think it's ridiculous that they're trying to say that there's not enough electrical capacity to run a toaster but our only alternative is to use an oven. It takes more energy to use the oven. It doesn't make sense," said junior Woods resident Maria Disla.

Compared to an oven, which operates at an average 3,000 watts, a toaster oven is actually a power-saving alternative, according to the Reliable Connections website, a Canadian home contracting website with home improvement tips.

Every year, the housing office reviews the Community Living Guide and makes amendments if they are needed. The Assistant Directors conduct the housing inspections. Of the three current ADs, one was here last year and the other two started in August.

"Maybe after they do some research as to how much wattage the Woods can handle, housing could implement a rule where [residents] can only have so many appliances in their kitchen whose total [wattage] does not exceed a certain amount," said Bondarenko.

Hanincik said she didn't know the appliance policy wasn't enforced last year, so when the ADs asked what to do with the illegal items, she decided to confiscate them but waive the fines. She thinks that the rule may have been previously overlooked.

"Had I known [the rule] wasn't previously enforced, a notice would have been put up," Hanincik said.

Hanincik wants to let students know that they are allowed to get their confiscated items back if they are going home, but they will be given specific instructions that if the items are found again, the fines will not be waived a second time.

"If I [lived] in an apartment, I would think that I can bring my toaster, and I would want to have a strong foundation as to why [the toaster policy] exists," said Hanincik. She added, "Our first priority is to keep residents safe, but we understand that there was a miscommunication."

Another try for online registration

by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

After IQ Web, Albright College's online registration system, crashed last spring IT and the registrar's office are trying it out again this semester.

According to David Ballaban, registrar, it is believed that SunGard, the company that runs IQ Web, had an overload with their information system which caused the crash last semester. When students signed on to register for classes, the system's code would check various items, such as bills that needed to be paid or if a prerequisite to a course was required. Ballaban said IT and SunGard think this code began overanalyzing information and when too many students tried to register at once, there was a system overload.

"IT is fairly certain it wasn't [Albright's] system," said Ballaban.

With students unable to register for their classes electronically, they immediately flocked to the registrar's office to sign up the old-fashioned

way. This resulted in a serious backup at the registrar's office and a lot of scrambling for faculty and students alike.

This semester, Ballaban said that SunGard installed a new code to the system that won't check nearly as much information as the previous one. This, he said, will hopefully prevent an overload of the system and a repeat of last semester.

Albright apparently wasn't the only school that had problems either. Ballaban said there were "at least a handful" of other schools that suffered a similar issue, and at least one of those schools was in Pennsylvania.

To ensure the system is free of kinks, the junior class will be registering with IQ Web on Nov. 13. Members of the class will also be able to register in person at the registrar's office, but Ballaban encourages students to try IQ Web first, since the only way to really test the system is with a big group. Small group tests have been done and all seems to be going well thus far. He also said students should

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Linden Street robbery

by Meghan Hurst
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Early on the morning of Oct. 31, two students were robbed at gunpoint on Linden Street. Neither student was harmed, but a cell phone and wallet were stolen from one. The suspects, described as two African-American males, approximately 6 feet in height, have not yet been apprehended. Albright College's Public Safety Department and the Reading Police Department are still investigating the incident.

Robert Gerken, director of public safety, said that the department is in regular contact with the Reading Police, who have increased patrols in and around campus and are working with public safety on a continuing investigation. Gerken said not much information could be released about the investigation, as the Reading Police and public safety fear this would hinder the process.

He added that the student who was robbed acted just the way they should, helping

public safety and the Reading Police immensely.

"[The student] acted very appropriately and calmly, said the right things, and in my opinion prevented a tragedy," Gerken said. "We [public safety] are extremely grateful both students were not harmed."

He said that the incident caused all members of the public safety department to, once again, evaluate security measures on campus.

"I believe that, overall, the college is still a safe environment," Gerken said.

After an incident such as this, Gerken said it is "imperative that the entire campus community continue to work together to ensure everyone's safety." He said that there are several things both students and faculty can do to have this happen.

- Report any suspicious activity or persons to public safety immediately.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Before getting involved

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Housing addresses residential concern

Possibility of a new dorm by fall 2009

by Julia Widmaier
Albrightian

Since the beginning of the year there have been issues with housing at Albright College. The most controversial of these has been the unusually large freshman class and the insufficient amount of housing available to accommodate those students. Administration adjusted to the overcrowding by adding 60 new beds to the residential buildings this year. Most of the North Hall lounges were converted into temporary dorm rooms, leaving residents in the suites curious as to why so many freshmen were accepted despite the apparent lack of housing available. Part of the reason is the administration's effort to increase enrollment.

Amanda Hanincik, director of housing and residential learning, explained, "Retention rates from first to second year have been so poor in the past few years."

The increase of incoming students is an effort to expand community life on campus. Along with this idea, the two-year rule was put in effect this year. This rule requires freshmen and sophomores to live on campus. So far it has been effective. Eighty-seven percent of sophomores live on campus in the residence halls. The other 13 percent commute or were given permission to move off campus. The administration hopes to have more juniors and seniors move back on campus also.

The current occupancy rate of the dorms is 97.5 percent, which is an increase from last year. So while stu-

dents wonder where they would live on campus, a plan is in effect for a new residency hall to be built around the fall of 2009. Albright owns the area between the Albright Woods apartment complex and North Hall, which is currently occupied with buildings, but is a possible location for a new dorm.

As for whether the same problem will happen again next year Hanincik said, "It's hard to tell until late next spring semester."

Either way there will always be a place for each student. The freshmen occupying the lounges have moved out to other rooms on campus and the lounges have been restored.

"Some people transfer, others get homesick and decide to commute or leave," said Hanincik. Spaces in the residence halls generally open up as the semester moves along, which allowed the students to move in with roommates.

To maintain the conditions in the dorms when there are problems, such as the stink bug infestation or smaller problems with soap or paper towel replacement in bathrooms, it is brought to the Residential Student Association to find a solution. There is also a link on the Albright website to request maintenance, simplifying reporting concerns.

All the dorms are in good condition overall, with cleaning personnel working daily to ensure the cleanliness of the bathrooms and halls. The housing staff continues to address all issues and problems students may be having in the residence halls.

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have their advisor's register them both on IQ Web and sign the green registration card, in the event that a system crash or malfunction does occur.

"I feel more confident this time," Ballaban said.

The junior class was chosen as the test group because the registrar's office didn't want to risk seniors not being able to get their final courses, and using too many of the classes together would probably have been too large of a group, according to Ballaban.

Administration and IT worked with SunGard all summer to track down the problem and are still working together to ensure the situation doesn't repeat itself.

According to Ballaban, SunGard is a major figure in the area of online registration. If a similar problem occurs again, administration, IT and the registrar's office will need to look into a further course of action.

As for the upcoming registration process, Ballaban said he hopes everyone uses IQ Web and that everything goes well.

"Hopefully everyone will give it a try so we can see if it will work," he said.

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in any situation, make sure it will not be putting you in harm's way.

- Be sure not to prop open doors to any of the residence halls or buildings.

- If there is anyone in a dorm who you don't think should be there, report it to public safety immediately.

- Don't hold open a door to a residence hall for someone you don't know.

- In the case of a delivery person coming to a dorm, that person should be met at the entrance and not allowed to freely enter the dorm.

- Report any lights that are burned out on campus to the public safety department.

- Don't walk alone after dark.

- If you must travel alone after dark, call the public safety department for an escort.

In addition to these tips, Gerken encourages every member of the campus community to continue registering for the emergency text messaging system. On Nov. 2 public safety tested an emergency broadcast system in the Shirk Stadium that ties to

the text messaging system.

Public safety is always open to suggestions from the campus community as to how to ensure the campus remains safe for all. Gerken said he would personally welcome direct contact with him to discuss any propositions or concerns.

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new mobile phone software. This software includes an operating system, middleware, a user-friendly interface, and of course the applications. So far, thirty-four companies said they will join the alliance and work with Android. Consumers will have to wait until the latter part of 2008 to work with cell phones based on Android. "Our participation in the Open Handset Alliance and integration of the Android platform in the second half of 2008 enables us to expand our device portfolio into a new category of connected mobile phones that will change the complexion of the mobile industry and re-create user expectations of the mobile phone experience," said Peter Chou, chief executive of High Tech Computer Corp., told the Associated Press.

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Swim teams looking for championship gold

by Adam Daney
Albrightian

After a 2007 season full of ups and downs, the Albright swim team looks to maintain its position as one of the premiere programs in the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Lady Lions are coming off another championship season, winning their eight crown in nine seasons.

While losing seven-time individual conference champion, Erin Jagielski, the ladies return a talented core, augmented by several promising freshmen.

Leading the way for the Lady Lions are seniors Rachel Cantwell and Samantha Frees. Cantwell is coming

off a third straight David B. Eavenson Conference MVP award, and looks to continue her dominance. Frees has been a major contributor to Albright's sprint corps during her career and looks to spearhead the group in her final season.

The ladies also return conference champions senior Cheyenne Gehman, junior Adrienne Peoples, and junior Jess Williams.

The men aim to regain the top spot on the MAC podium after a second straight runner-up finish last season. Although the men were outnumbered by five by champion Widener University, and nine by third place Susquehanna University, a team effort allowed the men

to maintain second place. All 10 members of the 2007 squad were finalists at the conference championships.

The Lions return six letter winners from last sea-



File photo

son and will be helped by a strong, five-man freshmen class. Leading the way for the Lions will be juniors Mike Stoloski and Kyle Torrens. Stoloski earned two individual medals at last

year's championships, while Torrens was awarded one.

The Albright men's and women's swim teams began their seasons Sept. 19 at the Bloomsburg Relay Invitational. While neither team came away with the overall crown, the men won four of the nine contested events, while the women took two. The swim teams' home opener was Oct. 31 against Lebanon Valley College, where the Lions swept all 22 contested events between the men and women. The swimmers continued to rally past their

Nov. 3 opponent, Lycoming College. The men were able to come away with 11 wins in 14 events, while the ladies took 13 of 14.

The Albright swim team will play host to two conference foes this coming weekend; Cabrini College on Nov. 9 and Widener University on Nov. 10. The Albright men look to defend their 53-meet unbeaten streak at home against two-time defending Middle Atlantic Conference champion Widener. Widener and Albright have combined to win the past 12 conference championships. The Lady Lions hope to continue their undefeated season in preparation for a Nov. 16 showdown with Division II Bloomsburg University.

Football suffers loss

by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

The Lions fell to Widener University 28-24 on Saturday afternoon. This brings the team's record to 7-2 for the season and 5-1 in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The win for Widener secured their MAC championship.

Despite the loss, the Lions scored a touchdown and earned the extra point to lead in the first quarter.

Widener scored the game-winning touchdown with seconds left in the game.

Information provided by Albright Athletics.

Two earn All-Conference

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Athletics

Albright senior midfielder Jordan Toroniewski and sophomore back Emily Hutchinson, were named to the Commonwealth Conference All-Conference Second-Team.

Toroniewski was all over the field for the Lady Lions this fall. Her ability to control play from the midfield was a huge asset for the Lady Lions, as she was equally skilled at joining the

attack on offense or helping out on the defensive end. She scored a career-high five goals and added six assists for a career-best 16 points this season.

Hutchinson had a breakout this year, and was a key member of the Albright defense this fall. She started all

18 games in the back, and also added an assist at the offensive end of the field. Hutchinson should be the anchor for an improving Albright defense.



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Men's and women's soccer comes to close

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Athletics

The women's soccer team saw their 2007 season come to an end on Oct. 27 in a 2-0 loss to Widener. The Lady Lions fell to 1-4 in the Commonwealth Conference, eliminating them from post-season play. Albright was 8-10-1 overall this fall.

The first 45 minutes of play went scoreless for both teams.

The game was the final one for six Albright seniors. Kristen Adams, Steph Deswert, Megan Gring, Erin Helm, Val Rorer, and Jess Schmura were integral

parts of the most successful four-year period in Albright women's soccer history. The Lady Lions won 42 games over that span, the most wins in any four year period of Albright women's soccer.

The men's first post-season appearance in 25 years had an unhappy ending, as Messiah topped the Lions 4-0 in the Commonwealth Conference semi-finals. Albright was 8-9-2 overall in 2007.

Junior goalkeeper Wendell Hannaford faced 28 shots in the match and recorded seven saves. Albright was held to just four shots in the contest.

Basketball teams going big this season

by Sam Levine
Albrightian

With the upcoming 2007-08 basketball season approaching dunks, three-pointers, amazing plays and close games are sure to abound. The regular-season home openers are set for Nov. 20 for the men and Nov. 27 for the women.

The men's team finished last year's season 10-14. Their mission for the upcoming season is to improve upon that record. In order to prepare for the task the team went on a training trip to Spain. It was 10 days filled with practice, practice, practice and games.

Four starters are returning this season. Head Coach Rick Ferry said the goal for this season is simple.

"If you work hard and dream big, you'll win big."

The upcoming freshmen are showing a lot of potential and will hopefully have a huge impact on the upcoming season.

There are five standout players this season, all of whom happen to be seniors. Team co-captains Tom Murphy and Albert Medoro, who made the All-Conference team last season, are among them. Others include Kyle Brudvig, Alex Schneider and Taylor Steltz.

There is one main concern that could plague the team this season: the point guard position. Recently held by Matt Kieselowsky up to his graduation last year, he is the all-time assist leader in school history.

"There are big shoes to fill at the point guard position, adjustments will have to be made, we'll see how it works out," said Ferry. He

added, "Size wise, we are the biggest and strongest team in the conference, the team is energetic and full of enthusiasm, that's one advantage."

The Lady Lions also have some big shoes to fill. The team finished last season with an 18-10 record, landing them at number two in the conference. They hosted a playoff game at home and made it to the semi-finals of the ECAC. Their plan for the upcoming season is to build upon last season's successes.

"We want to build upon our success. However, there is always room for improvement," Head Coach Janice Luck explained.

There are four seniors this season, two of which are stand-out players. Senior co-captain Jackie Hardwick helped in many ways last season, which led to her making first team All-Con-

ference. Senior co-captain Meredith Berger is a shot blocker, who contributed in big games for the Lady Lions this past season as well. Annie McMahon, junior, is a definite scoring threat and made second team All-Conference last season.

The Lady Lions recruited nine freshmen for this season, and it appears they will make an immediate impact. The three defined goals of the season are to return to the playoffs and make it to the championship game, beat longtime rival Messiah College, who is ranked first in the conference, and to develop into a more athletic team and make opponents work.

Similar to the men, the Lady Lions also have a concern with the point guard position. It was previously held by Natalie Bizzarro

and Marie Levins until they graduated after last season. However, Levins has not gone far from the sideline. This season she will suit up as a member of the coaching staff.

Something different this season is the alteration of the conference formation. It will take the next two seasons to take full shape. Last season, there were eight teams in the conference. Prior to this season Moravian College, Juniata College and Susquehanna University all left the conference. Lycoming College was added, and in the 2008-09 season, Arcadia University will join the conference.

Currently, there are six teams that will play for the same goal: a championship. The men's and women's teams have a long, but exciting, season ahead of them.

Shane Claiborne's Christian Troublemakers

by Amy Defibaugh
Albrightian

Beginning with a PowerPoint presentation, Shane Claiborne displayed his past demonstrations on the streets of NY City. With signs such as "Hide Dollars in Weird Places" and "Give a Flower to a Stranger," Claiborne and his crew attempted to convince Wall Street professionals to throw their money on the ground, to forget classism and embrace the power of "love your neighbor."

Originally from East Tennessee and speaking with a diminishing Southern accent, Claiborne lectured on his faith-based community, The Simple Way, located in Philadelphia, and their purpose within the Northeast area of the city. Coming to Philadelphia on a presidential scholarship, Claiborne went to college to pursue a major in sociology. However, seeing the condition of his new home, his education truly began on the streets by befriending the homeless inhabitants.

"[These people] taught me more of God than any systematic theology," Claiborne said.

Claiborne's community conducts projects around the city such as "The Alternative-to-Violence Project," turning abandoned lots into gardens and resurrecting

abandoned houses which they establish and maintain.

His stories had underlying messages of the importance of community and of embracing one's neighbor. He stressed the use of imagination and creativity when carrying out community activities. After his lecture, there was a short question and answer session when the audience had the opportunity to explore Claiborne's experience and projects in greater depth.

Claiborne said problems are bound to arise when living with seven other people but, "The question is not whether we can all agree, but whether we can all disagree well." He told stories of being in Iraq during Operation Shock and Awe that supported this message.

Not only were Albright students, professors and faculty in attendance, but students from Alvernia and York Colleges attended to support the cause influenced by the Catholic Worker and St. Francis.

Closing the lecture, Claiborne encouraged students to challenge issues on campus and to ask the big questions regarding social justice in our own community. Audience members were also able to pick up copies of Claiborne's book, "Irresistible Revolution," and flyers promoting his new work, "Jesus For President."

Accelerating the completion of your degree

by Tom Spincic
Albrightian

College isn't for everyone. Some may simply not be cut out for the workload. However, as many of you may know, extenuating circumstances may sometimes prevent one from staying in college. Albright offers alternative ways to earn a college degree. The Advanced Degree Completion Program and the Degree Start Program aim to help more people get degrees in a shorter period of time.

Albright's DCP program is designed for working adults who have amassed at least two years of college credit. Adult students can attend night classes one day a week for four hours at a time and, in approximately 24 months, can earn their Bachelor of Science degree. The available fields are accounting, psychology, business administration, criminal justice and informational systems. The program works by bringing eight to 10 people in similar fields together and teaching the classes in groups.

Prospective DCP students must have a few prerequisites filled before they begin. Students must be 23 years of age or older with five years of documented work or

volunteer experience. An associate's degree or possession of 48 college credits is necessary, as is a minimum 2.0 GPA, computer proficiency and, of course, an application.

For those with no college credit Albright also offers a DSP. This will provide the credits necessary for acceptance into the DCP course. The DSP offers seven-week courses, with classes one night a week. Adult students can complete their bachelor's degree and general studies requirements, in two years or less. The Bridge Program is available to both DCP and DSP students, allowing both to take the classes they need to obtain their degrees.

In completing one or both of these programs, Albright offers a very reasonable alternative for those who are or were unable to enroll in college after high school. Albright's programs give adults who work full-time the opportunity to reap the benefits of a college education, regardless of whether they have already begun to do so earlier in life. College still isn't for everyone, but now a college education is well within the reach of those who are willing to work for it.

Albrightians in NYC

by Julia Fluck
Albrightian

Sleeping bags, pillows, portable DVD players and Albright students, bundled in sweats, were scattered on the Campus Center's steps last week, all in hopes of gaining Broadway tickets. Approximately 50-60 students made the steps their dorm room and waited in line from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next day, all for a chance to see a Broadway play.

For \$20, students were provided with roundtrip transportation on a chartered bus, admission to one of the selected shows and a full day in the city from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. With a drop-off point at Bryant Park, students were in a central location to go anywhere within the city.

This year's show options were two of Broadway's more comical plays, "Spamalot" and "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." "Spamalot," directed by Mike Nicholas, is the tale of Monty Python's the Holy Grail. With added jokes and plenty of audience interaction, this play lived up to its dubbed reputation for silliness. "Spelling Bee" also held true to its comical promise and audience involvement, telling the story of a group of young outsiders whose chance to fit in comes from a spelling competition.

Broadway trips are usually offered once every semester. Camping out all night and dealing with the drama of waiting in line is a small price to pay for a day in the Big Apple and a chance to see the bright lights of Broadway.

Terrorist hunter speaks at Albright

by Christopher Frank
Albrightian

The 28th Annual Leo Camp Memorial Lecture featured a very interesting speaker this year. Rita Katz, author of the book "Terrorist Hunter," told her captivating story of how she went fled Iraq and infiltrated radical Islamic groups.

Her story began with the execution of her Jewish father who was suspected of being an Israeli spy by Saddam Hussein in 1967, after the Six-Day War, and the subsequent house arrest of her mother.

Deciding to risk it all her mother, along with her four children, escaped across the border to Iran, which was then ruled by the Shah, and were then able to go to Israel, where Katz's father wanted her to be raised.

Later in life, she would have a family of her own and was one day presented with

the opportunity to temporarily live in America while her husband worked for the National Institutes of Health.

Though Katz was reluctant at first, due to her father's wish for her to live in Israel, she decided to go to the U.S. so her children could see something other than the violence Israelis had to bear on a regular basis. She would find out later that America was very different than what she had expected.

Her life infiltrating radical Islamic groups began when she discovered that an Islamic charity for which she was working was secretly funding Hamas, an Islamic group that is one of the primary perpetrators of attacks on Israel. This prompted Katz to take immediate action, so she began researching charities that fund fundamentalist groups and tried to warn the U.S. government, which sponsored these charities, to cease giving aid.

This particular charity was called the Holy Land Foundation. Later, she discovered that the Benevolence International Foundation was an al-Qaida front.

Katz's story intensified when she discovered that one of the men in charge of these operations was a man who had good relations with the White House, and who also sought to have Hamas and Hezbollah removed from the list of U.S. designated terrorist organizations. Rita achieved a breakthrough in her efforts when she successfully recorded this man delivering a speech claiming that he supported organizations like Hamas. This resulted in his conviction and 32-year prison sentence.

Katz ended her lecture by addressing the certainty of another attack on American soil. She believes that the perpetrators of the next attack will be homegrown terrorists

from inside the country.

To lessen the worries of the audience, she assured everybody the next attack would most likely not be on the same scale as Sept. 11. Whether or not this is true remains to be seen.

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Why science matters

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We at Albright College promote the ideals of a liberal education. We study what to know, and we debate why it is worth knowing. We require the study of laboratory sciences because the natural world surrounds us, fascinates us and is subdued by us. We require a basic understanding of the methods of science so we can discern scientific methods—with their promises, scopes and limitations from other methods. We contextualize this knowledge within the sciences and then unflinchingly take our discoveries across disciplinary boundaries.

The natural sciences, one of the three academic divisions of the College, are a key component of the liberal education. That is why one course unit is required of all students in order to earn an Albright diploma. (The three academic divisions are the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities which include the visual and performing arts.)

The infrastructure required to teach and learn science represents possibly the largest investment the College makes in academic buildings. Simply put, labs cost more to build than other classrooms—including “smart classrooms.” For example, chemistry laboratories can have upwards of 36 water spigots, and that is only the beginning of the specialized teaching and research space we need to build to support the natural sciences.

We insist upon exposure to and immersion in the physical and natural sciences as a matter of curriculum. Yet the sciences do not yield their secrets easily, and certainly not to the casual disciple. Combined with the

material expense, this human cost might give us pause: we require a curriculum that is expensive and potentially intimidating.

We claim that education in the sciences is central to our mission as an institute of higher education focusing on the liberal arts. But why is science education a critical component of our curriculum? Why is it important to study the natural world and the physical principles that govern it? How do such studies complement the social sciences, the humanities and the fine arts, and how do they promote our focus on interdisciplinarity?

We can credit our insistence on this essential component of the liberal education to many factors. I prefer to give credit to one person. I speak not of the chair of the faculty or the chair of the Educational Policy Council, nor of any individual at the College. Rather, I think that we require a laboratory science course as a component of our general studies because Isaac Newton requires this of us.

We live in Newton's world; we play in the sandbox he conceived. He is not the only person we could name in a list of notable thinkers who are household names because their work infuses our everyday lives. Isaac Newton, however, represents a cusp in the history of thought, an epistemological break that marks a paradigm shift: the pre- and post-Newtonian eras. Interestingly, Newton himself did not live in this same world, nor did he accomplish his magna opera simply by studying science or being a scientist. We at Albright especially look to Newton because he was not merely interdisciplinary, he was a polymath, and his broad interests informed one another. Though a mere mortal, his preternatural in-

tellect causes him to appear like a god.

There is no secret to his success, though. Rather, in hindsight, his methods are remarkably rational. Isaac Newton simply observed the world around him and formalized his observations in written, mathematical and even coded languages. Newton sat on the beach as a child and watched the waves roll onto the shore. Most all of us have been here and done that. Yet Newton combined his curiosity about wave motion with mathematics and developed wave theory. Add a few centuries and human perseverance and voilà—we can explain how the dress on Caravaggio's Judith differs in color (the wavelength of light) from that of Artemisia's Judith. And Newton insisted that the method be pure—well, most of the time. As suggested above, he was the product of his age: some alchemy slipped into his works and some of his own beliefs would not yield to the intellectual works he created. However, Newton is remembered as a firstamong-equals in that particular transformation of human systems of thought now called the Scientific Revolution.

In this modern world, most of us proceed unaware of the details of Newton's contributions. Sure, we may know that $F = ma$ (force equals mass times acceleration, Newton's Second Law of Motion) or we may have studied the calculus (invented by Newton and, independently, by Leibniz). And we may even know that scientific theories rely on the collection of empirical data (a method Newton demanded). These details are unimportant, though: Newton did not change our perception of the universe—one need not

know that force equals mass times acceleration to see that an apple falls from a tree. What is important is that Newton played a starring role in a movement that radically changed how we contextualize and act upon that observation. He changed how we analytically make sense of our perceptions and formalize our knowledge.

With the Scientific Revolution, informed perspective superseded superstition and formulary displaced craft. Even God—rather, our conception of the Almighty—transmogrified from capricious to rational. Luckily, Sir Isaac provides for us both content and context for the study of the natural and physical sciences and, as a bonus, he reveals to us the necessity and the benefit of a liberal education.

Newton himself was the product of a liberal education. He himself was a scholar in philosophy, mathematics, history, Latin and Greek, theology, and other areas of study. Newton worked, studied and theorized in each of these areas. He mixed and matched them as his prodigious skills allowed. The evidence of his life's works indicates very clearly that his work in each discipline informed his work in the other disciplines, and that indeed his remarkable conceptual leaps were interdisciplinary.

Poetically, a liberal education provides an ideal setting for the study not only of the natural and physical sciences but of scientists and scientific endeavors, and their impacts on issues and ideas represented in other disciplines. So prepared, we augment and contextualize our understanding of characters such as Newton and we explore their thoughts and

their impact on the history of human thought and behavior.

To fulfill our mission, we are building the new Science Center at Albright College, thus re-affirming our commitment to the role of the laboratory sciences in the curriculum. We study the laboratory sciences because they complete the humanities, fine arts and social sciences, and each discipline informs the other. And we are constructing a new building so that we can undertake our studies in the most propitious conditions. The beneficiaries, of course, are our students and evergrowing legion of alumni.

And the benefit is this: liberally educated individuals who have a grasp of the ways and means of the natural sciences are better prepared to wrestle with the complex questions we face and with the difficult decisions we will make as contributing members of our society. Some of these neatly fall into the category of science—pollution, global warming, food contamination, and so on. And others cross traditional disciplinary boundaries—public policy, industrial regulation, social responsibility—issues for which we rely on a broader perspective.

The sciences provide us with methods of inquiry and tools of analysis that help us to formalize our understanding of that world and continue the Newtonian adventure of interdisciplinary exploration of the mysteries of the universe. We study the natural sciences with all the liberal arts because the world requires this of us—a world that surrounds us and fascinates us, but does not yield its secrets easily, and certainly not to the casual disciple.

WXAC 91.3 FM Top Ten

Compiled by Elliott Wallace

Week of Sunday, Oct. 28

| Band | Album | Label |
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| 1. Coheed and Cambria | Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Vol. Two: No World For Tomorrow | Columbia |
| 2. Band of Horses | Cease to Begin | SUB POP |
| 3. Shout Out Louds | Our Ill Wills | Merge |
| 4. Bob Dylan | Dylan | Legacy |
| 5. Bruce Springsteen | Magic | Columbia |
| 6. Baby Elephant | Turn My Teeth Up | GodForsaken |
| 7. Sondre Lerche | Dan In Real Life | Virgin |
| 8. Thrice | The Alchemy Index, Vol. 1-2 | Vagrant |
| 9. Metalocalypse: Dethklok | The Dethalbum | Williams Street |
| 10. Trolleyvox | Your Secret Safe | Transit of Venus |

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Domino Players host haunted house

by Shannon Sweeney
Albrightian

For Halloween, the Domino Players put together a haunted house in the Wachovia Theatre on Friday, Oct. 26, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The weather was ideal for a haunted house; it was rainy and cold. Most seemed to think the haunted house was worth the three dollars for admission.

"It was a terrifying yet entertaining experience," said freshman Chrissy Ciccone.

Groups of six people were led into the Wachovia Theatre, which had the stage decorated with ladders. When a group would enter the theater, two of the Domino Players told a story of how the theatre was haunted. After the spooky tale, the group was led to the green room. In the well-lit green room, the group was instructed what to do upon entering the next room. They were then led into the next, much darker, area of the haunted house. Here, they were instructed to sit

at a table and repeat a saying as they performed a "séance." This was followed by the arrival of some "ghostly spirits," who came out while the lights flickered, making the group jump.

When the séance was finished, the lights came back on and the group was led back to the lobby where the haunted house started. Refreshments were available for purchase in the lobby, along with jewelry. The haunted house proved to be a success again this year for the Domino Players.

Pi Kappa Phi hosts annual PUSH Pageant

by Julia Widmaier
Albrightian

On Thursday, Nov. 1., the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi hosted their annual PUSH Pageant. They organized the event to raise money for the severely handicapped. Junior Mike Weekley, head of the philanthropy committee, was in charge of the pageant this year. Female participants from various organizations and many Albright students came to support a good cause while having fun. Raising about \$1,000 between the audience and the pageant participants, the fraternity can

continually provide services to the handicapped once again this year.

Participating in the pageant were 10 girls from numerous organizations such as the Class of 2008, the Gospel Choir, all three sororities, sport teams and the Domino Players. A panel of judges included history professor Dr. John Pankratz, alumni and assistant director of The Fund for Albright Bill Gusler and senior Jeff Brown.

The talent portion of the pageant displayed talented singers, dancers and even some comical skits. Twirling, Jazzercise, cheer-

leading and a rugby tackle demonstration, the latter performed by senior Drea Peine-Ardila, were among some of the talents.

The evening wear and question and answer portion of the pageant tested the participants' knowledge of Pi Kappa Phi's accomplishments, efforts and work towards their cause. The winner, Alex Gnafakis, from the class of 2008, was serenaded with an A cappella song performed by the entire Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at the close of the com-



Photos by Dr. John Pankratz

Organization Updates

A look at what's going on at Albright

compiled by Meghan Hurst
Albrightian

Criminal Justice Society

The Albright Criminal Justice Society will be taking a trip to the Pennsylvania State Police Academy and Headquarters on Friday, Nov. 16. The Vidocq Society will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the evening to present a cold case. CJS will be hosting a formal dinner to celebrate the society's presence. Anyone interested in participating in either event is asked to contact Lacey Kondracki at the Public Safety Department.

Hillel

On Nov. 28 in the CCML, Hillel will be holding its annual Hanukkah Bazaar for experience event credit from 6-7 p.m. You can learn what the holiday is all about, and food will be available.

Optimist club safe Halloween

by Julia Widmaier
Albrightian

On Tuesday, Oct. 30., the Optimist Club hosted a Safe Halloween night and invited children of faculty at Albright College, along with the children who attend the Albright Learning Center. The Safe Halloween was in Mohn Hall, where club members and Mohn Hall residents joined in the festivities.

Children who attended were allowed to enter the dorm and go throughout the halls to trick-or-treat. Dorm residents who wanted to participate were given a piece of paper with a pumpkin on it, so parents knew which doors to knock on. Along with the trick-or-treating, there were activities for the children to participate in, such as face painting, decorating cookies with frosting and sprinkles, and making pumpkins out of brown paper bags and stuffing them with newspaper.

"My children had a good time; it was a nice event to attend," said Mr. Bennis, parent of two of the children who attended.

This was the first year the club held this event, so there is always room for improvement.

"Next time we need to

Xion Step Team

On Dec. 8 the Xion Step Team will be performing in Wachovia Theater at 7 p.m. There will be an after party following the event.

Options

Options will be hosting a Friendly's Fundraiser Nov. 12 from 5-8 p.m. at the Friendly's on 400 North Park Rd. in Wyomissing (across from T.G.I. Friday's). Ten percent of every bill goes to Options so they can continue to provide fun, alcohol-free activities to students. All are welcome to attend.

Albright Environmental Association

The Albright Environmental Association will be asking students to sign petitions to encourage President McMillian to sign the Presidents' Climate Commitment, which encourages sustainability and lowering carbon emissions at colleges. Look for AEA at a table outside lunch and dinner starting next week or shortly thereafter.

advertise at the local school and start organizing earlier. For our first event we had a good turnout, but we will hope to double our numbers next year. This is only the beginning," said junior Jessica Higgins, secretary of the club.

"It is a good learning experience. We now know that we have to advertise at the local school; however, advertising at the learning center worked because the children who did attend were from the learning center," said sophomore Brianna Genter, president of the club.

Schumo Center limited access

As of Nov. 5 the Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being will only be accessible through the main doors of the building. Only building staff will be able to enter through any of the other doors. Students, faculty and outside community members will need to enter using the card reader at the far right of the main doors. This action was taken to ensure the safety of all those working in the building and those who utilize the facilities, as well as to track the volume of people using the Center's new programming.

Sudoku

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

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Campus Calendar

Friday, Nov. 9

*Lance Winn Trace Opening Reception Freedman Gallery
Freedman Gallery @ 6 p.m.

Nov. 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 & 17

*Hydriotaphia, or The Death of Dr. Browne
Wachovia Theater @ 8 p.m.
Nov. 11 @ 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Football vs. Delaware Valley College
Shirk Stadium @ 1 p.m.

Monday, November 12

*"A Concert by Josée Vachon"
Campus Center Main Lounge @ 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 12

Sports Night Seattle vs. San Francisco
Jake's Place @ 8 p.m.
Free Food!

Tuesday, Nov. 13

*Facul-Tea : Dr. Archie Perrin
Library 2nd floor group study rooms @ 4:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

Tuesday, Nov. 13

*Careers in... Humanities
Campus Center South Lounge @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 16

ISA Dinner
Dining Hall @ 7:15 p.m.

* = Experience Event

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Horoscopes

compiled by Jessica Bilello

Aries (March 21-April 19)

It looks like that person you've been working so hard to charm is finally coming around! Build on that momentum today by extending a casual invitation—ask them to lunch, to coffee or just for a walk around the block. It's important to get a conversation going that is centered more around personal ideas and philosophies than around the day to day stuff you two usually discuss.

Taurus (April 20-May-20)

Have you ever cooked something that turned out less deliciously than you expected? You had all the ingredients and did everything according to the recipe. Yet it didn't come together in the right way. In a group situation right now, you are going through the same type of dilemma ... and the problem with both scenarios lies in the quality of ingredients.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A hot romance that is going on in someone else's life could be causing you to turn a bit green with envy—but why? Take a look at what you've got going on right now, and you'll soon see that the grass is not greener on the other side of the fence. Stop obsessing about what is missing from your life, and start appreciating what you have.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

"Keep your eye on the ball" is excellent advice in athletics, but it works in all other areas of your life, too. On the job, focusing on decision making (and not on the gossip of disgruntled coworkers) means that you automatically become a valuable part of said decision making.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

You will have an unbeatable combination of energy and insight today—which will prepare you well for a day full of opportunity and group activities. If you see something that needs some fixing, put yourself on the task! You have an idea of how things will work best for the future, not just for today.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

The shopping bug has bitten, and it's not letting go—but this fascination with material goods is not going to be good for you right now. All signs still point to save, save, save! Not only is throwing your cash around going to drain your resources, but it's distracting you from things that matter most.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Fun, frivolous aspects of living will take up most of the day today, and you'll have a blast unleashing your wit and creativity (everyone around you will like it, too). Flirting gets you some nice smiles, but be aware that not everyone is up for playing games.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You are absolutely ready for anything today—nothing and no one can overwhelm you right now, so it is a very good time to leap into the center of the action and grab your piece of it. Get a good breakfast, because this day will be full of action and opportunity. Step up to the biggest personalities and you will be able to match them in every deed.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You cannot put two people together who don't want to be together. So if your Cupid act is not working, it is never going to—give it up. The magnetic pull between two people is not something you can manufacture or even encourage. It will just happen when it is meant to happen.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Like the waistband on your favorite pair of jeans, your time is starting to loosen up and get a lot more comfortable. But instead of reaching for a belt to tighten things back up, relax and enjoy the feeling of having a little more room to play with. This is a great time to get a head start on vacation planning or aggressive career moves.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

There are clues being tossed out around you today, and it won't take too much intellectual energy for you to connect the dots and come up with what is really going on. Unfortunately, when you discover the real deal, you might be disappointed. Your imagination is a lot more active than was warranted in this particular situation.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Working in a partnership suits your personality right now—even if the compromises are feeling a bit uncomfortable. There is an imbalance in maturity levels that you have to deal with together. The best approach is to wait, and let them figure it out on their own. Be upfront about your concerns, but don't offer an ultimatum.



Learning to disagree well

by Amy Defibaugh
Albrightian

First of all, I would like to note that an article on Shane Claiborne's lecture is located earlier in the newspaper. So, if you haven't read it yet, I would advise that you do so before continuing on with this piece.

Reverend Paul Clark, when asked what he thought of Shane Claiborne's presentation said, "It was very hopeful to hear such a passionate and 'clear voice in the wilderness,' echoed once again in American society, like the Social Gospel that helped to form my own religious sensibility."

The Social Gospel was a 20th century movement that applied Christian principles to the difficulties in society, such as Shane Claiborne and the Catholic Worker, an establishment created by Dorothy Day

and Peter Maurin to associate the Catholic Church with the masses and to aid those in need.

When I asked other members of the audience what they thought of the lecture, I heard comments on how they loved his ideas, but there was an overwhelming concern about how important the religious aspect of it all really was. Some said he talked about God and Jesus too much. These comments stayed with me for days after the event, and I began to search for a way to take the core of Claiborne's message (community of love) out of the religious perspective. I felt that if we could do this, these messages could reach and motivate more people: the atheists, the agnostics, those of other religions and the masses.

Now time for a comparison; if you were listening to a lecture presented by a sci-

entist, speaking of high-tech concepts that would aid humanity, would you judge them based upon their scientific language? No, probably not. So first, we need to remind ourselves that Claiborne is presenting his ideas as an Evangelical Christian. I believe, as a non-Christian, that we should not fear these words but accept them as a personal belief, just as we accept the use of scientific language to explain scientific concepts. However, there is no denying the fear. I remember feeling similarly. I had to learn and adapt. We must not become distracted by particular words, such as God. For our purposes, I believe that the use of a more inclusive vocabulary may help, even comfort the (possibly) subconscious fear. Thus, what would happen if we took out the words "God" and "Jesus?" Would it potentially

reach more people? I think so. Perhaps we could use a more secular vocabulary, to provide equally effective meaning, such as "truth" and "reality."

The reality of the situation is this: we are stuck in a capitalistic, competitive society which, let's face it, belittles our seemingly natural morality to express compassion towards one another. I feel that if we pull these meanings out of their religious framework we can tap into a deeper emotional reality, which can only lead us to value some sort of ultimate morality. I believe that we are not meant to be competitive but compassionate. The truth comes from experiencing the reality. For Claiborne, it was witnessing the homeless inhabiting the streets of Philly. For me, it was moving to Reading and seeing the poverty and violence of the inner city.

To reach the masses, secular and spiritual, I feel that the idea of community can be formed upon any like-minded view. We can build social relationships, friendships even, by agreeing or "disagreeing well." The idea of religion itself is more than just the different sect; it's a shared belief.

My point is that religion can go beyond the denominations. These beliefs could be, simply, to love instead of hate, to talk instead of fight and to comfort instead of disconcert.

We need, simply, to embrace our differences and our disagreements, and accept ourselves and each other. The ideas of love, belonging, compassion and acceptance have potential to heal our society's wounds. These characteristics can bind the irreligious and the religious. These can unify our disagreements and allow us to "disagree well."

The Sports Chair



Photo by Dr. John Pankratz

by Adam Daney
Albrightian

It's been an amazing year thus far for Albright athletics. After completing the Schumo Center, we've been spoiled by one of the best athletic starts in recent memory. The men's soccer team reached the playoffs for the first time in over a decade. The football team, inspired by new head coach John Marzka, flirted with a Middle Atlantic Conference Championship and has produced seven wins with one game to play.

With some of Albright's consistently successful sports beginning their seasons (men's and women's basketball and swimming) this could possibly be one of the greatest overall athletic years Albright has ever seen.

The strides made by players, from freshmen to seniors, and coaches, both old and new, have been immense. The new facilities and improvements of existing facili-

Athletics better than they look

ties have made it possible for coaches to target new, higher talent recruits. The opportunities seem endless.

Well, not quite endless. What is it that we're still missing? Talented athletes? Dedicated coaches? Shiny, new, national-caliber facilities? An enthusiastic athletic director? No, those are all accounted for. The one thing Albright athletics is missing is public relations.

For those who don't know, all varsity sports have pamphlets that usually contain information about the team, facilities, records and schedules. Ah, but that is a thing of the past, now that the public relations department at Albright has taken over the production of athletic pamphlets. The shiny, new pamphlets are so modern, so chic! But, wait a second, it seems like they left something out...

Oh yeah, they forgot the team members. The new athletic pamphlets have no information about actual athletes, records or schedules. Several of the pictures are actually of Albright graduates or repeats of the same athlete (I counted three Cheyenne Gehmans in the women's swimming pamphlet. Kudos, Cheyenne).

As an Albright athlete, I actually found the new pamphlets insulting—as if enough of our athletic publications weren't outdated and useless enough—these newcomers

have joined the trash pile. But hey, at least we saved a buck.

Well, at least we have a website, right? At first glance, the Albright Athletics website is orderly and it possesses the common information: rosters, schedules and coaching information. It's enough. Hey, it's sufficient. Hey, it's enough to get by, as long as it doesn't interrupt video game hours. But, after a closer look, it's easy to find sloppy, mismatched type settings, typo-ridden articles and dumbfoundingly dull blurbs

about smaller market sports that seem agonizingly forced.

And that should be enough, shouldn't it? We aren't going to have a high-tech webpage with flashing lights and athlete biographies. I mean, we're a Division III school in the tiny Middle Atlantic Conference, for Pete's sake! But, alas, that's where the problem lies. It's almost painful to glance at arguably the most athletically successful MAC school, Widener University's website. It's comprehensive, it's complete,

it's eye-catching, and it's even typo-free! It's tough to call Widener a recruiting rival when our website makes us look like the JV to their varsity.

Albright's website is checked by Albright athletes, competitors, parents, opposing coaches, recruits and recruits' parents. For those who don't see the shiny Schumo Center and Shirk Stadium daily, it's time to put our best foot forward. It takes enough of a toll on our bodies to go through double practices, lifting and classes in the name of winning. Now that we have the facilities and the athletes are stepping up their game, it's time for public relations to do the same. Because in this day and age, it really is all about image...isn't it?

"The one thing Albright athletics is missing is public relations."

—Adam Daney,
Albrightian sports columnist

Albrightian Openings

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

The next Albrightian Staff Meeting:
Monday, Nov. 26, @ 7 p.m.
Campus Center Main Lounge