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Class of 2012

provided by Gregory Eichhorn
Albrightian

Every year Albright College anticipates the arrival of the freshmen class and what they can contribute to the Albright community. This freshmen class consists of 519 freshmen, 46 transfer students and 38 ESL students. These students were chosen out of an applicant pool of over 4,900 students; the largest in our history. Illustrated below are some characteristics of the class of 2012.

Demographics

- 14 states represented including California and Arizona

- 13 countries including Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Palestine, Ireland and India

General Academics

- Over 20% are National Honor Society members
- 10% were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class

- This class also has taken more advanced placement tests than any class in Albright's history

Scholarships

- 30 Shirk Scholars
- 24 Joseph E. Coleman Award Recipients
- 30 Jacob Albright Scholars
- 32 talent grant scholars in music, journalism, art and theatre

Miscellaneous

- 10 Eagle Scouts and 2 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients
- 12 of you are second-generation Albrightian
- 17 currently have a sibling in attendance

While you were gone: Construction around campus

by Brandon Ruppert
Albrightian

While walking on campus during the first few days of the semester, you might have seen some of the transformations completed over the summer. A lot of construction went on all summer, so here is a quick recap of what happened at Albright while you were gone.

All kinds of projects were going on at the same time, but one construction site had everyone paying attention. It was hard not to notice when contractors cut down more than 10 trees between the Campus Center and the old Science building. It was odd seeing dump trucks and backhoes driving across Science Field and tearing up the very ground I've played Frisbee on for three years now. Much of the construction that took

place this summer was preliminary foundation work, ground leveling and other preparations. It will be very interesting to see how the

spent working on the electric canal from Shirk to the intersection of 13th and Bern streets. A makeshift bridge of metal sheets covered the

eteria loading zone.

While this construction was going on, another equally destructive project was being worked on in and around campus. I'm sure you have noticed the new beautiful sidewalks through campus. How could you not? They basically shine and call out "Look at me!" The most noticeable sidewalks are the paths through campus in front of the Administration building and in the Chapel and Masters' lawn. Once again, it was a strange sight to see a back-hoe ripping out sidewalks in front of Masters Hall. While the sidewalks certainly do look nice, the grass took a lot of damage. You can still see spots where the grass hasn't grown back yet. A little more time and it will look like new. Other sidewalks were put in on Palm and Union streets, but they aren't as special.

There were many other little jobs done on campus
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Photo by Sean Crossley

Construction outside the science building.

building develops over the next year.

Because of the power needed for the Science building, an underground electrical system is being connected to Shirk Stadium. The majority of the summer was

canal so traffic could still pass through. Next time you are under the Turtle Dome, you'll see just how wide the canal is. The canal was also worked on at the destination at the intersection of Palm and Bern streets by the caf-

Welcome back to Albright College

A message from President McMillan

Welcome Albright Students!

What is the most important thing you want to do this year?

It's the start of the new academic year. You arrived at Albright, unloaded your belongings, said good-bye to your families and hello to your roommates. You've attended your first classes, met your professors and opened your notebooks. Now it's time to think about what comes next.



President Lex McMillan

Photo Provided by Dr. Pankratz

All of you are here at Albright because you have a unique set of talents and gifts that we know will en-

rich our wonderful and diverse campus community. We know you have many contributions to make to

our life together at Albright. And we know that we have many opportunities to offer you.

So, what's the most important thing you want to do this year? How do you want to be involved? How will you share your talents and energy? What will you build, create, achieve, accomplish, think, give, share, prove, explore or discover?

I encourage you to make your mark! Together I know we will make it a great year!

With all best wishes and eager anticipation at seeing what each of you will accomplish,

Lex O. McMillan III
President

Dean Crance: Bringing Albrightians closer together Fall fashions challenge you to be yourself

by Amy Defibaugh
Albrightian

Gina Crance, Albright's Dean of Students, is excited and hopeful about the upcoming academic year. Crance devoted her summer to preparing and improving both new and old programs in hopes of bettering Albright students' college experiences.

The first year of college is sometimes a strenuous and frustrating transition; new students can be overwhelmed by living away from home in addition to attending a new school.

To help these students, Albright offers a new peer-mentoring program: ROAR, or Reaching Out to Albright Rookies. This program provides an unique opportunity for new students to become more familiar with Albright by pairing each of them with an upperclassman.

In addition, Student Activities has worked diligently to enhance the Faculty/Administration/Staff

mentoring program that commenced last year. New students, both first years and transfers, have the chance to connect with a member of the community and to meet Albright's faculty and staff.

So what is new for Albright's upperclassmen? According to Crance, the sophomores sometimes enter their second year of college in a slump, becoming lost to the confusion of the new year. To assist the second-year students, Albright developed programs particularly targeted for them. Crance tells students to check the calendar of events for these new opportunities.

Ron Bietler, assistant director of student activities, is working to develop new services for commuter students, which range from connecting these students to campus, to helping them use the resources offered by Albright.

Albright faculty has also created a new housing training program for Resident

Assistants (R.A.). Based on a wellness model, this program seeks to help R.A.s reach out to the community and help residents in student housing feel comfortable about seeking out their R.A. for assistance.

Also highly anticipated are the Activities Fair and the Wellness Fair, as well as the Schumo Center calendar, which offers numerous classes to help students stay fit. For those students looking to give back to their community, the Volunteer Center has expanded and moved to a new location next to the mailroom, which is located behind Jake's Place.

"There is a very real commitment from the faculty and administration to get to know and [help] the students...the students need to take advantage of that," Crance suggested. She also recommends that students take time to manage their school load, and "to stop and think" about the present moment.

by Maria Disla
Albrightian

In a time where trends last just as long as a Hollywood rehab stint, you will be sure to look great in expressive colors reflected from leather and woods. For fall, grey and deep dark shades reminiscent of city architecture will take you from classes to late night parties. In keeping with the city theme, colors like red, pink violet or green give off a shine like the lights in a city do at night. For fabrics the trend this season is over-worked. Be sure to look for extremely tactile fabrics that have a wild and raw feel. Also, in fabrics, look for prints since they are a subtle way to play up the surfaces and variability in the fabric textures that will be all over this fall.

Style this season takes a lesson from NYC and LA Street culture. The hipster city styles seen on all the ultra skinny, hipsters of Williamsburg, Brooklyn and LA add vibrancy, rhythm, suppleness, and color to the hottest styles. When shopping for hipster inspired trends look for a mix of sophisticated fabrics and sports

materials that provide comfort and protection for the cooler weather that comes with the fall season. The biggest trend in style for fall is contrast and individuality. Designers are evoking the child in all of us by using our favorite childhood fairy tales to draw inspirations for different looks; from dark gothic styles to trends that resemble more closely to royal princesses.

This season is all about taking something and making it your own. Start to look for contrasting styles from 70's bohemian to military inspired. Don't be afraid to take a risk or two. Experiment by mixing patterns and textures; match a pair of classic skinny jeans with a free form boho top and strap sandals. If the boho style isn't your thing take a risk by mixing fanciful girly lace with a touch of leather to add rich texture. Now that the leaves are changing and summer is quickly turning to fall this is the perfect time to pay a little more attention to your surroundings, draw inspiration from the rich textures of the fall season and be a little daring with your style.

Albright drops SAT requirement

Provided by
Albright Admissions

Albright College will no longer require standardized testing (SAT or ACT) for students applying for admission beginning in 2009. Submission of test scores will be optional for applicants.

"Our extensive research confirms that there is very little correlation between test results and first-year grade-point averages or graduation rates, and that high school preparation is a much stronger predictor for student success," said Gregory E. Eichhorn, vice president for enrollment management.

According to Eichhorn, Albright has had many students who have achieved far beyond what test scores would have predicted. "We do not want to miss out on great students. In addition, test scores do not

measure creativity, motivation, intellectual engagement or potential – all things that a liberal arts college values."

Albright also has a far greater diversity in its applicant pool and on campus – both ethnically and socio-economically – than most private liberal arts colleges, with students of color making up 20 percent of the incoming class. "Standardized tests demonstrate a bias that tends to disadvantage a large portion of our applicant pool and this policy change supports our commitment to a diverse community of learners," said Eichhorn.

In reviewing applicants, Albright's admission process has historically placed very little emphasis on standardized test results, relying more heavily on high school preparation and assessment of each individual's educational potential.

Albrightian Openings

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

First Albrightian Staff & Informational Meeting:
Monday, Sept. 1 @ 7pm
Campus Center Main Lounge

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Construction around campus

Photo by Sean Crossley

as well. Alumni, Teel and Masters Halls all got paint jobs. Roofers fixed problems with Mohn. Trees were cut down. Bushes

were pulled out of the ground. Statues were put in place. Even more Adirondack chairs and picnic table

chairs already out there.

The construction proved to be annoying for several departments on campus. Brian Benusa, an Admissions Ambassador and tour guide, said the construction vehicles, holes on the ground and massive chunks of sidewalk were eyesores.

"It was awkward giving tours to prospective students when I didn't want them to see some of the

messes. Plus, I couldn't use the sidewalks for a few weeks," said Benusa.

While he said it was sometimes a problem, he did think it could have been worse.

"No one seemed angry or disappointed with the state of campus."

Remember that Albright spends a lot of time, money and effort to keep campus looking great. I was here to see the work and I can appreciate it a little more, but for the students, who didn't see it, keep your eyes open. Try to spot new additions to campus. Enjoy walking to class in the morning on the new sidewalks. And try to do your best to make sure Albright stays looking good.

Career Development Center reaches out to students

by Danny Nester
Albrightian

The summer has involved a multitude of changes on campus, only to better serve Albrightians. One of those areas of change includes the Career Development Center. A question you may ask is "Where is the Career Development Center?" The Career Development Center is located on the second floor of Selwyn Hall right above the Dean's Office.

The Career Development Center has been thinking of numerous ways to better publicize its department and to aid Albright students. Too many students have the wrong perception and feel that they do not need to visit the career development center until their junior or senior year. This thinking is completely untrue. The sooner a student visits the Career Development center the more he or she can benefit from its resources.

The center is available for much more than to help upperclassmen with job searches and résumés. Over the summer the center has been thinking of additional ways to help the student body. Things such as "What can I do With a Concentration in...?" programs have been developed to inform students of the benefits of their majors. These programs are sponsored by the Career Development Center and different academic departments. These programs involve three or four Albright Alumni who inform students on their current career and how Albright

has prepared them. This is generally done through a question and answer panel. These speakers are able to give advice to current students on how to get ready or find similar careers. These programs are open to all students in any concentration.

This fall the Career Development Center will be offering these programs in the concentrations of theatre and chemistry. In the process of development and soon to be on the Career Development Center's website is the "What Can I do With A Concentration In..." Career Guide. This will help students find out information such as what a career is like, how to prepare for a certain career, what are the skills needed, and what is the employment outlook (will there be jobs available). More information and resources such as websites with job/internships links, career planning links, and professional association links, are available to students in the center's reference library.

Made available to students last fall is Ask Jim (Jobs, Internship, Mentors). Ask Jim is an online service which allows for students to find full-time, part-time, seasonal, and internship opportunities. Students after having their résumés approved by a career counselor can post it on Ask Jim, and apply for jobs or search for professional mentors to help them in their career decision. Also offered to students is a program called Workshops on Wheels. Workshops on Wheels are

valuable seminars offered to organizations on a variety of topics ranging from how to make a résumé, to finding a graduate school. These seminars are brought to an organization at their convenience. Groups and organizations on campus can request a seminar through the Career Development Center's website.

Just renovated and created this summer is the Career Café. The Career Café is a comfortable and welcoming environment designed to invite students to spend free time learning about the Career Development Center and careers that interest them. In this area, students are able to use the resource books or learn more about careers/employers through VAULT, the Occupational Outlook online, or other online resources. The Career Café also offers students free hot beverages.

The Career Ambassador program, another integral program of the center, is being created to help others learn about the center. A Career Ambassador is a leadership position where a student represents the Career Development Center by informing students about services offered and upcoming events. Career Ambassadors will serve to publicize the Career Development Center, and aid in catering to the needs of students.

Interested in becoming a Career Ambassador? Here are some of the commitments required; approximately 3-4 hours of volunteer service per week through December 2008 to

include weekly trainings and outreach program/activities; must be reliable and able to remain committed to Career Ambassador Obligations. Must have strong interest in helping others combined with excellent interpersonal & communications skills; must be in good academic standing. If interested in applying, please send your resume to careercenter@alb.edu -subject line: Career Ambassador.

What resources are offered by the Career Development Center? No matter your concentration or class year, the Career Development center is a resource for any student. The center offers individual appointment, events, and interactive technology that allow for students to have access to resources that cover a wide range of career-related topics.

A big opportunity is Career Counseling. Career Counseling is for everyone, including freshmen! Career Counseling is an opportunity to talk with a Career Counselor about your goals and aspirations, and how/what you are doing to get there. Remember it's never too early, or too late to schedule a Career Counseling appointment.

Want to know what is going on in the Career Development Center? One way is to check out the Career Development Center's bulletin board at the top of the stairs by Jake's Java in the Campus Center. Another way to be informed is through Facebook! Students can become fans of the Career Develop-

Hours of Operation

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

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

Library

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

Bookstore

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
*Check outside the bookstore for special hours at the beginning and end of each semester, and for Saturday football games.

Computer Center

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

Health Center

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Jake's Java

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Jake's Place

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

ment Center on Facebook, and check out upcoming events. Also don't forget to check out Albright TV, the Albrightian, and WXAC. Coming soon is a more user-friendly website, and in the future the Career Development Center plans to develop student, employer, and Alumni podcasts, and web-based mini workshops.

When should students begin to visit the Career Development Center about their careers? The answer would be yesterday! The Career Development Center plays a vital role in students' collegiate experiences. Don't forget to take a visit to the Career Development Center and take advantage of its resources. Relax and enjoy a FREE hot beverage in the new Career Café, while there learn more about what the center has to offer, and how the Career Development Center can benefit you.

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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		4		8		5		9

Campus Calendar

Thursday, August 28
Student Activities Fair
CCML 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Maui Wowi Smoothies

Friday, August 29
Women's Soccer vs. DeSales
Shirk Stadium 2 p.m.

Friday, August 29
Foam Party
Main Lot 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 30
Men's Soccer vs. Villa Julie
Shirk Stadium 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3
Field Hockey vs. Keystone
Shirk Stadium 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3
Lights, Camera, Action
Campus Center 8 p.m.
T.V. & Movie Game Show
Win Prizes!

Wednesday and Thursday September 4-5
Preparing for Your Internship Workshop
Career Development Center 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. and
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, September 5
Field Hockey vs. Goucher
Shirk Stadium tba

Saturday, September 6
Wildwood Trip
Tickets on sale Aug. 28 at C.C. Desk
Students \$5 Guests \$10
2 ticket limit per student

Saturday, September 6
Football vs. Salisbury
Shirk Stadium 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9
Bingo!
CCML 8 p.m.
Win Prizes!

Horoscopes

compiled by Jessica Bilello

Virgo August 23-September 22

Your love life could get a huge boost today, thanks to your good energy that is entirely focused on one person. If you're single, follow your heart and if you're coupled, spend some time together.

Libra September 23-October 22

You need to deal with an authority figure who has overstepped their bounds. It's hard to be gentle under the circumstances, but that is certainly your best bet for handling it successfully!

Scorpio October 23-November 21

Someone important is quite receptive to your ideas today, so see if you can push things just a little bit further. You may want to ask for a raise, make travel plans or propose an enormous change.

Sagittarius November 22-December 21

Don't let go of anything today if you can help it - now is a great time to indulge your pack-rat instincts! You may not be in the best of moods, but waste really sets you off in a new way.

Capricorn December 22-January 19

Your amazing energy makes life sweeter than ever and most activities should go quite well for you today. No unpleasant surprises lie in wait for you and it's a good time to tackle big projects.

Aquarius January 20-February 18

Try your best to keep from making a scene today - you do best when you're under the radar at times like this. If others are stealing the limelight, you know you're doing something right!

Pisces February 19-March 20

You've got so many people watching out for you that you may as well believe in guardian angels. You may not even be aware of any of the assistance, but it should be quite effective.

Aries March 21-April 19

Don't worry about whether or not things are going to work out in your favor - you can do almost anything you put your mind to today! Your self-confidence is all you really need to get ahead.

Taurus April 20-May-20

Someone you meet randomly today turns out to have some deep insight into an issue you're facing - maybe without even understanding what they're telling you! Listen closely and see what happens.

Gemini May 21-June 20

Keep trying new things until it all works out -- you can't just wait passively for things to happen today! You should find that trial and error makes everything much clearer once you've gone past it.

Cancer June 21-July 22

Take a deep breath and adjust your activities until they feel more balanced. It's far too easy to throw all of your energy into one activity, but this is exactly the wrong time to do that!

Leo July 23-August 22

If you can't figure out what the problem is, most likely your ego is in the way of your judgment. That's not so terrible - as long as you can figure it out and correct for it. Things should get better soon.

