Happy Summer from Albright Conferences Office!

Welcome to our first ever Newsletter! We started this brainchild as a way of keeping you up to date on the goings on here at Albright College. Despite the summer months, campus has been a bustle with many exciting people, groups and changes! Our plan is to publish this newsletter every three months and give you an overview of some of our favorite on-campus happenings as well as give you a preview of what is yet to be!

Founder’s Walk takes its first steps; heart of campus undergoing makeover

By ANNA BERZINS, ‘12

The main walkway to campus is boarded off, railings are dismantled, the mural has disappeared and the stairs leading up to the Campus Center have been replaced with a sloping dirt and gravel path, as construction for the Founder’s Walk progresses into its fifth week. The current estimate on the Founder’s Walk construction project is 18 weeks, dipping into the first few months of the school year.

As a keepsake before the destruction, Lindsay Deery, Class of 2005, was presented a framed photograph of her mural.

Phase I construction of the Master Plan extends from Jake’s Place to the Gingrich Library and Administration building. The walkway from the White Chapel to the main parking lot will be widened to 20 feet. Furthermore, the path will improve handicap accessibility, beautify the campus and create more aesthetically-pleasing, safe walkways.

According to Kevin Gaffney, director of Facilities Services and Operations, some landscaping and substantial planting will be done in the fall once it gets cooler.

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CONGRATULATIONS…

To Kristen Dunbar, American Music Abroad Director, on the birth of her son,

Joshua Zachary Dunbar.

Born June 27, 2011, 9:01 AM

7 pounds 7 ounces; 19 inches
June Wedding Bells

Contributed by MIKE LIBOR, ‘12

In June, Conferences had the wonderful experience of celebrating Meghan Hurst & Eric Daney’s wedding. After returning from their honeymoon to the British Virgin Islands, Meghan shared with us some of her thoughts about their wedding day:

I always thought it would be so much fun to have my wedding at the pond, and when it started to become a reality I of course began to visualize things. What came to fruition the day of was far beyond what I expected; it was absolutely wonderful.

Everything went so smoothly; from the initial planning stages to the day of. The weather was fantastic (which Albright can’t control, but let’s give you credit for that anyway!) and the area was gorgeous. We had many Albright alumni in attendance who just couldn’t believe the transformation of the pond/Science Center. Considering all of the variables that can affect an outdoor setting, nothing was amiss.

The staff at the college were extraordinarily professional, knowledgeable, and helpful. Anything we needed was provided, any requests made were met, and all questions we had were answered. It was actually really amazing to go back to our college campus as alumni and have current students and staff take care of us like that.

I really can’t say enough how thankful Eric and I are for all the help and hard work: thanks to Lois [Kubinak] and Mike [Libor], for helping with all of the planning, as well as all of the staff working that day. You made a very, very special day even more wonderful for the both of us, our family, and our closest friends.

-Meghan Lynn-Hurst Daney

Congratulations Eric & Meghan!

CONFERENCE ASSISTANT & ALUMI NEWS:

- Joshua Margolin’01 and Yolanda Lacar were married July 17 in Hawaii
- Andy Goren’01 is attending Weil Cornell Medical College at Cornell University
- Stephanie Wunderly’03 was married to Paul Azucena July 14
- Chris Thomas’08 became an Admission Counselor at Kogod School of Business, American University in July 2011
- Jared Epler’09 became a College Counselor and Post Secondary Program Coordinator at Summer Search in August 2011
Deceptively Easy
Cucumber Mint Tea Sandwiches

Ingredients:
- 2 tbsp of cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons of butter (softened)
- 1 tsp of mint leaves
- 3 slices of bread
- 1 seedless cucumber (washed)

- Using a potato peeler, peel off thin strips of the cucumber and lay them on a plate between paper towels
- Stir the cream cheese, butter and mint until well-combined and creamy
- Spread over your slices of bread
- In a single layer, place the cucumber slices on top of the bread, using the cream cheese mixture as a “glue”
- Remove the crust of the bread and cut them in half diagonally, leaving them open-faced

Summertime Smoothies

Ingredients:
- 1/2 of a banana
- 1/2 cup of frozen strawberries
- 1 tsp of vanilla
- 1/4 cup of frozen raspberries
- 1/2 cup of milk

- Throw all of the ingredients in a blender until smooth. Add the milk a little at a time for the best control of thickness.
- Pour in your favorite drinking container and enjoy!
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Because of the campus layout, the idea of the Master Plan is to connect the entire campus with a walkway that would eventually include areas for seating and gathering all the way from the Albright Woods Apartments to the Computing Center and Mathematics building. The strategic plan is posted in the Admissions Office, Campus Center and online. <http://www.albright.edu/construction1.html>

Administrators and students at Albright for the summer are eager to see how construction will change the campus.

Associate Director of Admissions Loren Morgan ’05 is excited to see the finished product. “The vision of the project is something that we’re excited about because it sounds like one of the goals is to have a lot of space for students to be together and hang out outside when the weather is nice. “Visual appearance is something that students definitely consider. For prospective students, it’s always a good thing to see,” Morgan said. “Parents are happy to see construction because it shows that you’re a healthy institution. Making improvements and changing campus shows that the place is progressing.”

Barbara Marshall, associate vice president of College Relations and Marketing, noted the importance of first impressions of the campus for visitors. “The beautiful green open space will be easy to navigate and will create a wonderful positive impression.”

Albright junior Brendan Trujillo, who is working with the Summer Conferences office for the summer also sees the project as a positive addition. “The way they have it planned out, I think it will be more efficient for handicap accessibility and a better way of getting around.”

Albright has endured its fair share of criticism for its lack of handicap accessibility, notably while offering tours to prospective students. “Accessibility is always an issue and that’s certainly something we can think about,” Morgan continued. “[It] will make tours more accessible. It looks like its really going to beautify this area of campus.”

Founder’s Walk is made possible in part by two of Albright’s trustees, chairman John Baily ’65 and Berks County native Chris Kraras ’69 and their respective wives. President Lex McMillan and his wife, Dottie, have also contributed to this project.

Contractors from Burkey Construction, Inc. are leading the project, which was designed by Albright alumnus Matt Urbanski of the Class of 1985 in part with Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. of New York. “We are all working towards the same goals, [construction is] something that adds to our campus and community and it will benefit everyone,” Marshall said.

Reconfiguration of the entire campus will happen gradually over time as the college gets funding to make that possible.