Snapshots

Building a Team from the Bottom Up

Team building is the hallmark of the Freshman Orientation experience, led by the POPS (Peer Orientation People). (Bottom row, left to right) Daniel R. Ruedy '05 (POPs leader), Daniel J. Johnson '07, Anthony Italius '07, Daniel J. Hughes '07 (2nd row) Stacey M. Tyransky '05 (POPs leader), Katherine R. Ich '07, Erin M. Jegielski '07 (3rd row) Crystal L. Sinclair '07, Casey S. Jaeger '07 (top) Rachel E. Schwartz '06.
Four years in the making, Mexico Illuminated, the largest exhibition of contemporary art ever held outside of Mexico, becomes a reality at The Freedman Gallery and eight other Berks County venues.

Role playing, action, sports and shoot ‘em ups...the video game industry generates more money than Hollywood. Some experts say video games may even hold the key to salvaging American education.

For the past 20 years, equipment manager Maurice Stahl has done a lot more than dole out uniforms. Find out what “life in the cage” has been like for the man many alumni call “Dad.”
A Story of a Starfish

Winston Churchill said it well when he noted that, “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

Over 40 years ago John F. Kennedy captured this same spirit for an entire generation when he said, “Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.”

Here at Albright, we think these are words to live by. One of our goals is that liberally educated graduates develop a sense of personal and civic responsibility that guides their actions in every phase of life. By exposing them to the needs of others, we hope our students will be reminded that society is improved only through the commitment of individuals to the betterment of those around them.

Why is civic engagement a seminal value of the Albright education? Because our students, those whom we educate to be the doers and leaders of the future, seem to be in a world that is increasingly disengaged: a world where it is easy and tempting to say, “I cannot make a difference.”

At Albright we believe that an individual can make a difference. We believe, for the sake of our world and our children, that we must make a difference. And we believe that the future of our democratic society depends on people with both civic skills and commitment to improve the society in which they live.

On the 4th of July a few years ago, college and university presidents nationwide jointly issued a public statement decrying the evidence of disengagement of many Americans from the communal life of society and the responsibilities of democracy. The presidents’ concluded that the college experience must teach the skills and values of democracy and service, and create opportunities for our students both to practice and reap the results of the real, hard work of citizenship. I believe this wholeheartedly. We simply cannot be complacent.

Colleges — through the youthful enthusiasm of their students and the talents and expertise of their faculty — can make a powerful difference in the civic life of their communities. To avoid engagement and ignore the insistent needs of lives “out there” is to retreat behind the “ivy covered walls” and distance ourselves from life on the other side. I simply cannot accept that.

There is a wealth of talent and a treasure of potential on Albright’s campus that is being harnessed for the betterment of the human condition. We value that journey of discovery, one person, one student at a time. We nurture the spirit and enthusiasm that comes with tackling intractable problems. As hackneyed as it may sound, the journey of an entire lifetime begins with a commitment to others learned and practiced here, today, at Albright.

Time spent at Albright—living and working closely with others—refines and develops that purpose so that students view life not in terms of what the world can provide but, rather, in terms of what the graduate can contribute to the betterment of the human condition. In this way, Albright truly is the alma mater, the “fostering mother,” nurturing and preparing those in her care for a life of commitment and service to others.

You see it in our faculty as they engage in Reading’s various ethnic communities. You can witness it in students and administrators working to renew Reading’s riverfront. You can observe it in our participation in community-based educational projects like the Berks County Science and Engineering Fair, the model United Nations, and our summer “Science in the Park” program. You can see it in our student teachers.

We nurture civic responsibility because it is a forceful way to impress students with their ability to make a difference. And with their choice of making a difference — or being indifferent. And making that difference means engaging with others to improve the community in which we live. I have often told them the following story.

A man was walking along the beach littered with starfish washed up by the tide. He went over again and again, picking up a starfish tossing it back into the sea. His friends noticed what he was doing and asked, “Why are you wasting your time? Thousands of starfish wash up on these beaches every day. You can’t possibly make any kind of difference.”

The man reached down and picked up another starfish and tossed it into the surf, and replied, “I sure made a difference for that one.”

“Just remember the starfish,” I tell students. “And you will recall the rest.”

by President Henry A. Zimon, Ph.D.
Dear Albright Reporter,

I have just read in The Albright Reporter about the passing of Dr. Charlie Raith and was deeply saddened.

I had Prof. Raith for several classes in my senior year at Albright. It was obvious he loved the Constitution and what it stands for. Thus, it was always a thrilling experience to sit in his classes and learn new and different reasons about why America was so great. For that I will always be grateful and will never feel guilty for being American. But, I reserve my sincerest thanks to Prof. Raith for his ability to help me set my moral compass. It has guided me well over the years.

He was a good man and an excellent teacher. He will be missed.

Harry H. Houck
Albuquerque, N.M.
Class of 1965

Dear Albright Reporter,

David A. Mink’s naive implication that the U.S. failed to make every effort to win in Vietnam echoes a common myth that conflicts with the historical record. Mink also promotes the immoral notion that the September 11 attacks give our country license to kill whomever we want without provocation.

Mink has the right to express an opinion, but The Albright Reporter should be careful not to associate the College with such violent, unsophisticated views.

Jack Moriarty
Reading, Pa.

Dear Albright Reporter,

Like David Mink ’68, I attended Albright College in the late 60s — class of ’67. I did not graduate but finished my degree later at Pitt. I was so disheartened to read his article about his new political awareness since then. His assumptions seem to fly in the face of reality and the facts — an apparent...

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Along N. 13th

Albright Ranked in Top 98 Mid-Atlantic Colleges

Albright has been named one of the Best Colleges in the Mid-Atlantic Region by The Princeton Review. It’s one of the 98 schools profiled in the very first edition of The Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges, one of five regional guidebooks that identify colleges and universities that stand out within each region and, in particular, are meant to raise awareness of many schools that may be less well-known outside of their region.

According to the guide, “Albright College knows how to put the ‘liberal arts’ in ‘liberal arts college.’”

To view Albright’s listing in the guide, go to www.albright.edu and click on the link to “A Best Mid-Atlantic College.”

Albright Receives Two Major Grants to Enhance Science Programs

Albright College received two grants in support of its science programs.

The George I. Alden Trust awarded Albright $50,000 in August to augment general analytical and organic chemistry instrumentation. The new instruments will benefit students in chemistry and biochemistry as well as biology and environmental sciences.

Albright’s optics program received a total of $62,000 to expand an advanced optics laboratory course that is a capstone for the experimental portion of the optics curriculum. The project was awarded $36,000 from the National Science Foundation and another $26,000 in matching funds from the College.

Designed to meet industry demand for optics-trained scientists and engineers who are team-oriented problem solvers, students will work in project-based teams to design, implement, and test optical devices, especially in the areas of fiber optics and ultrafast lasers.

Michael Adams Captures “Buffyspeak” in Slayer Slang

Seven years ago, Buffy the Vampire Slayer began its romp on television creating a massive cult following among younger viewers. However, teens weren’t the only ones watching the show. So too was Michael P. Adams, associate professor of English.

Adams, a lexicographer, was fascinated by the slang terms and phrases that Buffy fans came to know and love. His new book, Slayer Slang: A Buffy the Vampire Slayer Lexicon, was published by Oxford University Press in June 2003.

Beginning with a synopsis of the show’s history and a defense of ephemeral language, the main text consists of a detailed glossary of slayer slang, annotated with actual dialogue. Words and phrases like afterness, Clark Kent and vague up fill the pages.

Afterness n. Residual effects
“I’m suffering the afterness of a bad night of badness.” Buffy, Beer Bad

Clark Kent v. disguise
“We have a gig that would inevitably cause any girl living to think we are cool upon cool, yet we must Clark Kent our way through the dating scene and never use this unfair advantage.” – Riley, Hush

Vague up vt. Make less clear
“Gee, can you vague that up for me?” – Buffy, Welcome to the Hellmouth

In a CNN.com article, Adams says the concept of the book came to him one evening as he was flipping through the channels. Stumbling across an episode of Buffy just as she said the line, “Love makes you do the wacky,” Adams says, “Like any linguist, I thought, ‘that’s an interesting functional shift from adjective to noun.’ The rest, as they say, is history.”

Albright Reporter
Along N. 13th

Albright Enrolls Largest Freshman Class Ever

On August 21, 457 freshmen, the largest class in Albright’s history, moved into their new homes on Albright’s campus.

With a record 3,650 applications received – 22 percent more than last year – Greg Eichhorn, vice president of enrollment management, said this increase in applications enables the College to be significantly more selective in admitting students and allows the institution the ability to continue its commitment to a strong and diverse student body. “Almost all the indicators are slightly better than a year ago,” said Eichhorn. Plus, he added, in the past two years the College has awarded five Warren Davis Scholarships – full tuition scholarships. “We’re working very hard to attract the best and brightest students to Albright.”

House Call 2003

With the largest freshman class to date, the need to keep that small, friendly, personal quality about Albright is ever more important.

That’s why on the evening of September 2, nearly 60 faculty, administrators and staff volunteers visited every freshman in their residence hall rooms during “House Call 2003.”

Twenty-eight teams of two stopped in every freshman room to get to know the newest members of the Albright family and to respond to their questions or concerns. In addition to faculty, team members included President Henry Zimon, Provost David Stineback, all of the College’s vice presidents, the registrar, the directors of the Career Development Center, financial aid and security, the entire admission staff, and the varsity swimming, badminton, track, softball, field hockey and men’s basketball coaches.

“The House Call program is a great idea! The students appreciated the opportunity to air their concerns and ask questions. It also benefited me as a participant. I understand better the issues that my freshman students are dealing with outside of the classroom,” said Evelyn Christian of the English Department.

House Call 2003 was conceived by Residential Life Coordinator Tim Narrow.
Faculty and Students...Partners in Research

Thirteen faculty/student teams were awarded Albright Creative & Research Experience (ACRE) grants to conduct collaborative research projects during the summer. Many projects from prior years have been presented at professional conferences or published in academic journals.

Representative of the diverse disciplines offered at Albright, projects ranged from physics and psychology to religious studies and environmental science.

• Gregory Koch '04 and Dr. David Osgood (biology) measured water and nutrient input into a freshwater wetland from adjacent farmland. Koch was testing for the location and magnitude of inputs to assess the role they may play on controlling vegetation and hydrology in the wetland. These variables in turn dictate the spatial extent of conditions conducive to bog turtle activity.

• Alexandra Niculce '04, Teodora Niculce '04 and Dr. Roxanne Gupta (religious studies) conducted a detailed survey comparing and analyzing the integration of alternative forms of spirituality and Orthodox Christianity throughout parts of Western and Eastern Europe.

• Justin Madaus '04 and Dr. Andrea Chapdelaine (psychology) evaluated perceptions of the police held by citizens, prisoners and the police themselves. They did this by distributing a survey to police departments and prisons in Illinois and Berks County (Albright’s home county), as well as an Internet survey of citizens in each area. By comparing differences in perceptions, they hope to better understand and improve police-community relations.

• David Kristula '04 and Yuko Oda (digital media) worked on a “Cancer Game,” an arcade-type computer game that helps cancer patients visualize the elimination of cancer cells. This game is realized through the combination of theoretical research on cancer and its relationship to visualization, imagery and art therapy, and on technical and artistic research on game development, graphic design, and object-oriented programming. (See story on page 19.)

• Tara Smith '06, Charles Frankhouser '06 and Dr. Karen Campbell (biology) used radio-telemetry to monitor the aging and roost activity of three species of bats in Pennsylvania about which little is known. They studied the Northern long-eared bats, Eastern Pipistrells and Red bats.

• Adam Forrer '05 paired with Dr. Devon Mason (physics) to explore his interest in creating computer games that realistically portray physical laws governing nature. Many of the concepts in physics are dynamic and can best be understood if one can see the dynamics of the phenomena. The animations they created allow the user to vary parameters’ settings to study their effects. The ability to change parameters is important for allowing the student to explore the various facets of the problem. The final results of this study will be a series of computer programs for use on desktop computers and, ultimately, on the Internet. These programs will help instructors in teaching physics at all levels.

• Matthew Long '04 and Dr. David Osgood (biology) assessed the effectiveness of wetland restoration efforts to restore habitat conditions for an endangered bog turtle species. The restoration, conducted through the Fish & Wildlife Service, entails clear-cutting of woody vegetation and, ultimately, grazing by cattle adjacent to a freshwater wetland. Long measured subsurface water levels and soil nutrients in response to the clear-cut to test the hypothesis that wetland conditions would expand into the clear-cut area from the adjacent wetland.

• Devon Seward '04 and Dr. Brenda Ingram-Wallace (psychology) developed the Elderly Mental Status Intake Evaluation (EMSIE). This scale measures five mental health components (aggression, depression, intimacy, self esteem and anxiety) in seniors who are entering skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes or assisted living centers.

• Andrew Harris '04, working with Dr. William King (religious studies) examined Joseph Priestley, an 18th-century scientist and discoverer of oxygen, who was also a Christian preacher and religious educator in England and America. Their project looked at how Priestley re-examined Christianity in order to reconcile the Christian view of God with his own scientific views regarding the nature of matter and reality, and how he also tried to justify religious faith in terms of modern association and materialistic theories about how the human mind operates. In interesting ways, Priestley’s solutions may anticipate modern theories about reality and religious faith, and he paved the way for a more modern approach to religious education and civic virtue.

• Kelly Losito '05 and Adrian Chesh '05, working with Dr. Stephen Mech (biology) examined how different small mammal species respond to paved roads. They focused on white-footed mice and eastern chipmunks as study animals. They were interested in determining if high-traffic-volume roads would affect the animals’ behavior upon release, and/or their ability to return to a trapping grid. They monitored the short-term behavior of released animals using powder tracking, and the longer-term return rate to their home range (homing) using live trapping. In addition, they examined the population dynamics of the white-footed mouse over the course of the summer. Losito’s focus is on the tracking data using the Geographical Information System (GIS) and fractal analysis to detect any differences between release sites and species. Chesh will describe the population dynamics of the white-footed mouse and test for a difference in homing ability between the two species.

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Albright Alumnus Named Interim Chaplain

Albright alumnus Paul E. Clark, M.Div. ’73 has been appointed interim chaplain and director of the Multi-faith Center at Albright College.

Among his duties, Clark will nurture the spiritual life of all constituencies of the College, support the diverse religious communities in their celebrations, and foster attention to human values in the liberal arts. He will also be Albright’s liaison with the United Methodist Annual Conference.

"When I think of all the fine people who helped shape the chaplaincy here at Albright, I feel very humble sitting in this office," Clark said. "More than anything else, I hope that I can offer some small measure of hope and love to this community."

Since 1998, Clark has served as associate pastor at Zion’s United Church of Christ in Reading, Pa. During this time he also worked in the Gingrich Library and taught as an adjunct lecturer in the English Department. His courses are: "Creative Writing," "Men in Transition" and "The Nonviolent Warrior."

Clark holds both a master’s of art in religion and a master’s of divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary.

How are we doing?

Your input is important to us at The Albright Reporter! Please take a few moments to let us know how we’re doing. Complete our online reader survey at www.albright.edu/reporter/survey.html.

Tennis Courts Receive a Facelift

Thanks to the generosity of the Alpha Pi Omega fraternity on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary Reunion, much needed renovations to Albright’s six tennis courts were completed over the summer months.

Some of the work included: surface repaving, painting and striping of the courts; replacement of posts, nets and fence; installation of a new windscreen; restoration and replacement of sidewalks; and reseeding of the grass areas.

Herbert C. Miller Jr. ’61, who has been instrumental in the renovation project, said, "Since Dale Yoder was a member of APO and the coach of many winning tennis teams, we felt that it was appropriate for our fraternity to get behind the renovation of the courts. Now, as we move into the second phase of the project, which will be raising funds for bleacher seating, I hope the brotherhood will respond favorably and contribute however they are able – even if it’s $5, $10, whatever, so that we have 100 percent participation."

If you are interested in contributing to this project contact Kelly Ferry, director of reunion giving, at 610-921-6799 or kferry@alb.edu.

At the dedication of the new tennis courts held during Homecoming 2003, Herbert C. Miller Jr. ’61 presents President Zimon with a check to kick off the second phase of the renovation project. The second phase will be to raise funds for bleacher seating.
Eight New Faculty Join Albright

Eight new full-time faculty members from various parts of the United States joined Albright College this year. Record enrollment of traditional students, as well as growth of the Graduate Division and the Accelerated Degree Program, has prompted the need for additional faculty. Albright’s new faculty members are:

**Jon Bekken, Ph.D.** of Boston, Mass. has been appointed associate professor of communications. Previously, he served as associate professor of communication and journalism at Suffolk University where he taught courses in media history, newswriting, reporting, desktop publishing, media and society, communication law, feature writing and research methods. He is also editor of *Industrial Worker*, a monthly labor newspaper. Bekken’s research interests include the political economy of communication industries, with emphasis on the retail book industry and distribution processes, as well as the history of Chicago newspapers and their place in the broader media ecologies. He received his Ph.D. in communications from the University of Illinois.

**Lisa Bellantoni, Ph.D.** of Quincy, Ill. joins Albright as assistant professor of philosophy. Bellantoni previously served as assistant professor of philosophy at Quincy University, and specializes in ethics and social philosophy. She recently published a book titled, *Moral Progress: A Process Critique of MacIntyre*, as well as several articles and reviews such as “What Good is a Pragmatic Bioethic?” which appeared in the September 2002 *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. She received her Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University.

**Fouad Kalouche, Ph.D.** of Buffalo, N.Y. joins Albright as assistant professor of philosophy. Kalouche last served as research associate assigned to publications for the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University, State University of New York (SUNY), where he also taught Africana studies and philosophy. His areas of specialization include ethics, social and political philosophy, 19th and 20th century continental philosophy and Nietzsche. He is also fluent in English, French and Arabic and has a reading knowledge of German, Ancient Greek, Italian and Spanish. Kalouche received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Binghamton University, SUNY.

**Anthony F. Lang Jr., Ph.D.** of New York, N.Y. joins Albright as assistant professor of political science. Lang previously served as program officer for The Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, and taught a course at Yale University during the spring 2003 semester. He also taught for four years in the Political Science Department at the American University in Cairo (Egypt). He is author of *Agency and Ethics: The Politics of Military Intervention*, and has expertise in the areas of: ethics & international relations, international & national security studies, global governance & international organizations, international relations theory, international political economy, Middle East international relations, and Egyptian foreign & defense policy. He received his Ph.D. in political science from The Johns Hopkins University.

**Loraine Mellor** of Fleetwood, Pa. joins Albright as an artist in residence in the Department of Fashion, Merchandising, Textiles and Design. Mellor has worked for many years in the fashion industry, most recently serving as design and marketing consultant for Elite Sportswear LP in Reading, Pa. She has designed clothing for H. Warshaw & Sons, Inc. and Chaps by Ralph Lauren in New York, N.Y., and was design director/co-owner of The Knit Resource Center in New York where she worked with clients such as DuPont fibers, Pierre Cardin, Christian Dior, Bill Blass Accessories, Liz Claiborne, Macy’s and Talbot’s. She received her B.A. in textile design, fine art and management studies from the University of Leeds in England.

**Kennon J. Rice, Ph.D.** of Raleigh, N.C. joins Albright as assistant professor of sociology. Most recently, Rice taught sociology and criminology courses at Elon University and North Carolina State University. He also served as a co-principal investigator with the North Carolina Center for Crime and Justice Research and received a $50,000 grant from the Charlotte-Mecklenberg Police Department to conduct an analysis of law-enforcement arbitrary profiling decisions. The research was completed in June. Rice received his Ph.D. with specialties in criminology and inequality from North Carolina State University.

**Gerald Ronning, Ph.D.** of Denver, Colo. joins Albright as assistant professor of history. Ronning last served as instructor in the History Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder where he taught courses in U.S. history, the American working class, World War II and the Vietnam Wars. He is co-coordinator of the Labor History Network, Social Science History Association, and served as assistant coordinator of the Roadside Interpretation Project, Colorado Historical Society. He has reviewed and co-authored several publications, including, “Marking Time: The Sand Creek Massacre and Historical Interpretation,” which appeared in the November 2002 issue of *Colorado History NOW*. Ronning received his Ph.D. in U.S. history from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

**Alison C. Shook, Ph.D.** of Homestead, Fla. joins Albright as assistant professor of education. Shook previously served as adjunct faculty at the University of Miami, School of Education where she taught a master’s level disabilities course. She also served as a research associate for a funded school-based research project called Project SUCCEED (School University Community Coalition for Excellence in Education). Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Miami, she taught middle school for several years and was a counselor working with the developmentally disabled, substance abusers and emotionally disturbed adolescents. Shook received her Ph.D. in special education from the University of Miami.
Albright Awarded Grant to Help Enforce Underage Drinking Laws

Albright College was one of nine Pennsylvania colleges/universities to receive an “Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws” (EUDL) grant, in the amount of $15,720, from the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

As part of the grant, Albright will develop a campus/community coalition including, but not limited to, students, college staff, law enforcement, local politicians and area tavern owners. This coalition will help to plan alternative, alcohol-free campus activities, as well as develop enforcement strategies, social norms within the community and public education of the negative consequences of underage drinking.

Plans include the establishment of a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter on campus. Among SADD’s activities, they will present a college production called *Shattered Lives* and bring to campus guest speakers with first-hand knowledge of the devastation caused by alcohol. Alternative, non-alcoholic, recreational events will be a focus of the grant and will be planned with significant input from the students. A neighborhood crime watch will also be implemented to target alcohol violations around campus.

Michelle Daniels, Ed.D., vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said, “It’s not that we have a worse problem than any other college or university. We’re just willing to deal with it.”

Robert Gerken, director of safety and security, said, “Our motivation for applying for the grant was a series of incidents on campus that directly related to alcohol. It’s not that we have a worse problem than any other college or university. We’re just willing to deal with it. It’s a proactive measure we’re taking to ensure that we have a safe community here.”

The EUDL Grant was established by Congress in 1998 when they set aside $50 million to be used to combat underage drinking in the United States. Twenty-five million dollars was appropriated for use in a series of block grants of which the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (PSP/BLCE), via the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, was awarded $360,000. Each year since that time, the PSP/BLCE has chosen one school from within each of the nine District Enforcement Offices in the state to receive the grant money.

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Mexican Consul Visits Albright: Says Art Exhibition Offers Insight

The Honorable Juan I. Zavala, Mexican consul in Philadelphia, spoke at a dinner to honor the trustees and foundation boards of the five Berks County institutions. The dinner, held by the Higher Education Council of Berks County, was hosted by Albright College in September.

Previewing *Mexico Illuminated/Illuminado*, a large art exhibition currently on display at the Freedman Gallery, Freedman Annex and seven other Berks County venues, Zavala spoke about the importance of art in cultural understanding and said the exhibition could lead to a new acceptance of the growing Mexican community in Reading. “It will not only give Reading residents a better understanding of Mexico, but it will also let Mexicans feel proud of their role in the Reading community,” he said.

Zavala, a former press secretary to Mexican president Vicente Fox, also discussed Mexican-United States relations, which have been strained since September 11, 2001.
MEXICO
Illuminated/Iluminado

by SUSAN L. PENA

Albright College brings more than 50 Mexican artists to Berks County for the largest exhibition of contemporary Mexican art ever held outside of Mexico.
A primitive rope-and-stick bridge sways above the courtyard of Albright’s Center for the Arts, evoking an ancient civilization. One would expect to see such a bridge in the pages of National Geographic, not here. The figure of a woman — a simple, sturdy shape — stands balanced midway across, halted in mid-journey. She is headless. But is she? Consider that her head may be where her heart is, tucked safely within her ample torso.

This installation, “Self Portrait,” by Mexican artist Laura Anderson-Barbata, is just one small part of “Mexico Illuminated/Illuminado,” a giant, multi-venue exhibition throughout Berks County sponsored by Albright College. It may, in fact, be the largest collection of Mexican contemporary art assembled anywhere outside of Mexico according to Chris Youngs, director of the Freedman Gallery and director-general of the exhibition.

But the woman on the bridge, with her head where her heart is, makes a perfect metaphor for “Mexico Illuminated/Illuminado” as a whole. Through a sharing of visual art in all its aspects, this collection has built bridges between Mexico and the United States, between Mexican cities and Reading, between the Mexican-American community and Albright College, and among all the institutions in Berks County that have cooperated to make this exhibition a reality.

And art, as everyone knows, is where heads and hearts find a meeting place.

Four years in the making, “Mexico Illuminated/Illuminado” is exhibiting the works of 54 artists and two collectives (CACA, or Colectivo de Accion y Creacion Artistica, and LIPO, or La Irreversible Produccion Ordinario).

Because the Freedman Gallery does not have enough space for such a large collection, Youngs approached other galleries in the area, all of whom were enthusiastic about the idea, resulting in a county-wide effort.

The works are being exhibited from September 13 through November 23 in the Freedman Gallery, the Freedman Gallery Annex (a warehouse near the college), the Freyberger Gallery of Penn State Berks-Lehigh Valley College, the Hispanic Center of Reading’s downtown site at 645 Penn St., the Sharadin Gallery of Kutztown University, the Reading Public Museum, the Institute of the Arts in Wyomissing, Reading Area Community College, and the Berks Arts Council Pagoda Gallery — almost every cultural institution in the area.

The overall $500,000 cost of the event was funded through grants, donations and in-kind services, from sources both public and private.

Youngs said the idea of having such an event occurred to him when he realized the large number of Mexicans who have moved into Berks County in recent years.

“I’m interested in addressing things that have to do with people in the area,” he said, “so I felt it would be appropriate to think about doing a Mexican art exhibition. And part of being a curator is having an intellectual curiosity about things you don’t know — you become a detective in the process.”

Part of that detective work involved making a trip to Mexico City four years ago with Dan Talley, director of Kutztown University’s Sharadin Art Gallery, Idalia Bernal, local Mexican artist and educator, and Robert Metzger, then director of the Reading Public Museum, to explore the contemporary art world there.

“We determined from that first visit that there was a lot of interesting work there,” Youngs said.

“We were astounded by the artists and art community there,” added Talley. “In the United States people are very guarded and territorial about their work. In Mexico the opposite was true. Galleries would put us in touch with other galleries and artists, even those they didn’t represent. That sense of community is very rare... It’s been a learning and sharing experience for all the participants.

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— Chris Youngs, Director of the Freedman Gallery and Director-General of Mexico Illuminated
A lot of the artists are interested in social issues,” Youngs said. “When art starts to relate to life in a real way, it becomes more intriguing and more instructive.”

A case in point is Marcos Ramirez, whose projected installation, a billboard mimicking a highway sign showing cities the United States has bombarded in the past, the dates, and their distances from Reading, created a furor in the community and generated many letters to the editor when news of it was released by the Reading Eagle.

“He has done projects in Mexico addressing issues like housing and hunger, and a major piece installed at the Tijuana/California border about immigration,” Youngs said. “He is interested in cultural difference and in trying to promote an awareness of a global view of where we are on this planet, and world peace.

“Sometimes we look at these things in a negative perspective as being anti-American, but I think there’s nothing unhealthy about criticizing things… The messages on social issues in this show are not just about the United States, but about Mexico and about the world. It’s not anti-anything, but pro-raising our consciousness and awareness of issues, and trying to establish a sense of reality in a confusing world.” The work is being displayed in the Freedman Gallery Annex, rather than outdoors as originally planned.

As part of the event, more than 30 artists have visited Reading to create works specifically for the show, many of them in the Annex. “It’s like a big sandbox with all these artists playing in it,” Youngs said.

In early September, a visit to the Annex revealed Agustin Solorzano of Guadalajara, trained as an architect at Iteso University, gluing artificial ivy to a wall to create a mural of a palace garden minus the palace.

“This event is important for all the artists in Mexico because I’ll meet artists from other cities; it’s an important exchange,” Solorzano said.

Monica Ashida, curator of the gallery Arena Mexico in Guadalajara, agreed, explaining why she felt it was an important enough event for her to make the trek, along with many gallery owners, to Reading. “I don’t know all the artists,” she said. “It’s a nice opportunity to have contact with them and get to know the ones from Tijuana and Monterrey, for example.”
One of the artists from Monterrey, Pilar de la Fuente, was working a short distance from Solorzano, tracing the outline of a large projection of her small drawing of two figures, their arms linked in a struggle, on a wall.

“This is an opportunity to show what we’re doing in Mexico here, not in New York, but in Reading,” she said. “It’s the biggest collection, and it can show that the work in general is very different from here, but also has parallels. That’s always good to see.”

Many of the artists visiting Reading are creating art that relates to the area. Diego Medina hosted a party for the local Mexican community at El Tapatio bar and restaurant downtown; Luis Miguel Suro created maize-flavored pretzels for the opening of the Freedman Gallery.

A bridge to the local community was one of Albright’s major goals in sponsoring this exhibition, exemplified in the many open-to-the-public events connected with it, and in the collaborations with institutions like the Police Athletic League and the Hispanic Center.

For the Mexican-American community, the benefits are obvious, but local Mexican artist and educator Idalia Bernal, a key member of the committee that produced the exhibition, said: “This is a chance for the (non-Mexican) American community to get to know the Mexican community and see what Mexico is in real life — to get away from the cliches of sombreros and tequila.”

— Idalia Bernal, Artist and Curatorial Consultant


(top): Monica Ashida (left), assistant curator of the show, talks with Mexican artist Pilar de la Fuente. They are standing in front of “Mosque with Neurosis,” 1989, by Cisco Jimenez, on display at The Freedman Gallery.


(left): A patron to The Freedman Gallery studies “Subtle Thoughts,” 2000, by Abel Quezada.
IN 1972 Nolan Bushnell put a little known, coin-operated arcade game named *Pong* in a neighborhood bar. Patrons loved it so much and they jammed so many coins in that it actually stopped working temporarily. And that was just the beginning.

From *Space Invaders, Asteroids, Pac Man, Donkey Kong* and *Frogger* to *Grand Theft Auto, Zelda, Final Fantasy, Diablo* and the *Dark Age of Camelot*, video and computer games have come a long way.

“Gaming is a huge industry,” says Matthew Garrison, assistant professor and chair of the Digital Media Department. “It generates more money than Hollywood.” Albright’s Digital Media Department teaches courses in both Maya and Director, the industry standards for creating games.

Sixty percent of all Americans age six and older, or about 1.45 million people, play computer and video games, according to the Interactive Digital Software Association. And with the variety of game
types that are offered today – role playing, action, first person shooter, sports and Massively Multi-players Online Role Playing Games (MMORPG), the newest type of game to hit the market – there are a lot to choose from.

But what’s the attraction?

Charlie Anderson ’06, a digital media and marketing major who has his sights set on working in the gaming industry doing cinema-graphics, says, “The whole purpose of a game is to create a pseudo environment that you can place yourself in. With today's technology, the animation is so realistic, you feel like you’re actually there.” In role playing games especially, says Garrison, “You can think of it as meta-physical, or an out of body experience. The mind is completely experiencing the digital/cyber world – you really do sort of forget yourself.”

In role-playing games likes Laura Croft, one of the most popular according to Garrison, the player takes on an identity and navigates a very complex world. These games take about 40 to 80 hours to complete. The newest and most interactive games on the market, Massively Multi-players Online Role Playing Games (MMORPG), actually take place on the Internet. “It’s a whole new social construction,” says Garrison. “The player encounters a different cast of characters each time they come on.”

In the Dark Age of Camelot, a MMORPG based on King Arthur legends, Viking mythology and Celtic lore, a player chooses from one of 15 races and over 30 social classes to become a character who will then set out on an adventure. He will fight monsters, meet other players, make friends and enemies and defend his realm. What makes this game different from others, says Anderson, is its use of Instant Messenger. “That’s the thing that makes it so addicting. You have the basic concepts of role playing

“Playing action-rich video games like car racing and shoot-em-ups can improve visual perception and allow people to focus on many tasks at once.”

– as reported by CNN
Jennifer Post Stoudt
Albright Reporter

The story boarding, scripting and cinematic quality of many games are very intensive, says Garrison. “It really takes strategic thinking, problem solving skills and critical thinking to navigate them. The worlds are extremely complex and multi-layered.”

According to an August article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, James Gee, a professor at the University of Wisconsin, has gone so far as to say that video games hold the key to salvaging American education. In the article, the professor goes on to say that, “Research shows that people learn best when they are entertained, when they can use creativity to work toward complex goals, when lesson plans incorporate both thinking and emotion, and when the consequences of actions can be observed.” Video games, he says, immerse people in worlds, making them rely on problem solving skills to reach defined goals. He even believes that games such as Grand Theft Auto should be used in the classroom to teach students things like values and ideology.

Garrison says, although he doesn’t think all games would work in the classroom, some may be of value. For instance, “If you’re teaching about world politics, you could introduce students to a game like War Craft, thinking in terms of Winston Churchill being faced with a similar situation in World War II.”

Basically, he says, “Gaming is a vocabulary of real-time experience. Depending on the experience provided, it can be as educational as you want it to be.”
Bullets blaring, “T-cell” scurries around the screen. Blam, blam, blam...killing them one by one. Ooh, a G-CSF shot! Quickly he finds his way to the shot... ahhhhh, he got it! Now in “super invincible” mode he’s even faster and stronger, killing those cancer cells like no one’s business.

No, this isn’t a movie or even a cartoon. It’s The Cancer Game, an arcade-type computer game originally conceived by David Kristula ’04 and created in a partnership this past summer with Yuko Oda, assistant professor of digital media.

Made possible through an Albright Creative & Research Experience (ACRE) grant and a contribution by Macromedia, Inc., Kristula and Oda’s Cancer Game helps cancer patients visualize the elimination of cancer cells. “People who are optimistic about their treatment live longer and get cured,” says Kristula, who himself is a survivor of Nodular Sclerosing Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. “If you think you’re going to win, you will,” he says. And that’s what the game is all about.

Kristula began to conceptualize the game in 1998 during a month-long stay at the Hershey Medical Center for a stem cell rescue. “I was bored and wished I had a game to play,” he says, “something to take my mind off the cancer.”

But before the pair set out to do any programming or design, they spent several weeks conducting theoretical research on cancer and its relationship to visualization, imagery and art therapy. “We know from our own physical health and research that stress does produce disease and can trigger sickness,” says Oda. “The human psyche is so connected to the physical. We’re trying to make something you can just lose yourself in. If you’re sick, that’s what you want to do.”

Once they discovered that no other game exactly like what they hoped to produce was on the market, Kristula, a computer science and digital media major, began work on programming while Oda focused on art development. “I played about 20 to 30 hours of Super Mario Brothers as part of the research,” Kristula says. Cancer Game is modeled after the three most successful games of all times – Super Mario Brothers, Space Invaders and Pac Man.

One of the greatest challenges, says Oda, was figuring out how to end the game. In most games, the player dies and the words “Game Over” appear on the screen. “We didn’t want to do that for cancer patients,” she says. So instead, T-cell, the main character, just runs out of energy and the words, “I’m tired, let’s play again later,” appear.

Developing realistic graphics was also important to the pair. “We wanted to create things that really resemble what’s going on during treatment,” Oda says. The game comes complete with a chemotherapy bag that gives T-cell his energy and a G-CSF shot, a booster to the immune system, to give him super strength.

“Right now we’re working out the bugs,” says Kristula. But, he says he’d eventually like to distribute the game to hospitals and give a free copy to every cancer patient. A free test version of the game is available online at www.cancergame.org.

“The goal of the game is just to feel good,” says Kristula. “There’s no boss with cancer. They’re just little things running around that you have to kill.”

— Jennifer Post Stoudt
A Life in the Cage

For the past 20 years, equipment manager Maurice Stahl has done a lot more than dole out uniforms. He's been mentor, friend, confidant and "dad."

BY BARBARA J. MARSHALL

It's called "the cage." A metal-mesh gate and a wooden counter worn smooth from sliding red and white uniforms across it.

The room behind the window is surprisingly small. There are a couple of old wooden tables. On one, a small plastic unit with drawers filled with silver eye hooks and screws. On the counter is a cardboard box heaped with an assortment of balls, and a battered red and white golf bag leans in the corner. Sepia photographs of handsome young baseball players from 1893 and 1920 hang on the wall.

Beneath the hum of activity is the interminable hum of the washer and dryer that handle 85-pound loads of laundry, all day every day.

Tucked away in a corner is the computer, a new addition not entirely welcomed by equipment manager Maurice Stahl, who has been in the cage keeping track of athletics equipment on paper longer than computers have been at Albright.

Maurice is tall, handsome and courtly, with a mane of white hair and a chiseled profile. Now 80, he was hardly a youngster when he came to Albright in 1977, and has been equipment manager since 1983 when the LifeSports Center was built.

"What do I do? Every bloomin' thing." Every bloomin' thing just about covers it, often seven days a week and always for as long as it takes. Wash, dry, fold and sort uniforms. It's a lot of laundry.

"When I came we had 45 men for football, now it's as high as 130."

In days gone by, players would stack up three deep at the cage to get jerseys, pants, socks. "Players would holler out what size they want and I'd throw it to 'em." Now the numbered jerseys, pants, socks are put in the appropriate player's lockers.

Maurice also keeps track of equipment, brings out the bleachers, sets up the audio, mops the floors. "I used to wet mop the floors," Maurice says, although in recent years the job has been done by a machine he refers to as the "Zambooy." Sewing, mostly tears to football jerseys, used to be a tag-team affair, going from the
players to Maurice to one of the facilities crew who lived across the street from the seamstress. Finally, because uniforms didn’t always make it back on time, Maurice began to do it himself by hand. “I just kept doing it and it held up just as good.”

Sally Stetler calls him “MacGyver,” after the endlessly inventive TV hero. “He can fix anything with a paper clip,” says Stetler, director of student activities and former athletics director.

The portrait of Maurice is not quite complete without the companion picture of his wife, Shirley. Short, sturdy and in perpetual motion, she is the perfect foil to her husband. While a custodian at Bollman Center, Shirley helped Maurice daily. Even after being assigned to Albright Court, she has gone back every day to help Maurice after her shift.

As the College grew, the job became more intense. “To work 12, 14, 16 hours was nothing. Shirley and I worked 22 hours and then worked the next day. I used to work an awful lot of Sundays.”

He shrugs off any sympathy. “That’s what it takes. When Dr. Renken was here, nobody went home until everything was clean. Hallways, everything had to be clean even if it took until 2:30 in the morning.”

But around the cage is an aura that the facts about laundry and basketballs cannot possibly express. If places soak up the emotions of the people who inhabit them, then the emotional barometer in the cage is set on high.

For both Stahl’s, it has always been “about the kids.” For the kids, it’s about Maurice and Shirley.

“I love it around here with the kids. That’s the main thing. They keep you young. When they come back, they look for us. They stop in, send letters. It’s funny how you get attached.”

Stetler says he has been “a friend, supporter, surrogate parent for the kids and a lot of the coaches. When the students come back it’s always, ‘Is Maurice here?’”

“Maurice kind of substituted for my Dad when I was at college,” says basketball Hall of Famer Allison Koch Wallace ’89, who echoes the sentiments of hundreds of “the kids.”

“I was a gym rat,” says Wallace. “He gave me hugs, let me hang out in the cage. He let me check out the boys from the cage,” she says with a laugh. “He is a great listener, always smiling. He was like my Dad when my Dad couldn’t be there.”

For Anmarie Mount Stigale ’89, “the cage was my home away from home. There was always something to eat in the fridge. Every day I was over there.”

Stigale spent countless hours perched on the counter peeling the wrappers off soap. “He needed wrappers taken off the soaps for the teams who took showers. Otherwise the wrappers would end up on the floor. It was one of the things I did to help him. Maurice and Shirley basically adopted us. We’d do anything to be with them. Meal times, breaks, we were there.”

Gary Kasmer ’93, now basketball coach at Philadelphia University, says he became good friends with both the Stahl’s when he first met them as a freshman basketball player. “They took a lot of people under their wing. The thing I always admire, is that it was always all about the kids. They were always there for anybody who needed something, a little pat on the back. Honestly, they were the most important to me of anybody at Albright.”

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They are, he says fondly, “unsung heroes.”

Over the past summer, Maurice cut back to half time and began to talk seriously about retirement. His official retirement date was September 30, although he has made it clear that he wouldn’t mind a little something to keep him busy and to keep him where he likes to be, around “the kids.”

Editor’s Note: It didn’t take Maurice long to find something to keep him busy. As we went to press, he joined the facilities crew at Albright and started working the night shift along with his wife, Shirley.
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The Rev. Dr. A. Robert Walker and Pauline Bell (Kenyon) Walker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family on June 22. Bob and Polly met in Greek class and were married on June 13, 1953. Bob has served United Methodist parishes in Jacobus, Castenea, Jummits Warf, Jersey Shore, Watertown, Sunbury, Harveyville, Millinburg and in Chaplaincy at the Muncy Correctional Institution. Polly has been an elementary education teacher in the Selinsgrove, Jersey Shore, Milton and Shikellamy School Districts. They have four grown children, 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Donald R. Wilkinson, Ph.D. recently retired as a full professor of chemistry at Delaware State University. He was actively involved in forensic and environmental chemistry. During his 42-year career he had 33 publications, more than 50 professional presentations, testified in criminal and civil courtroom cases in eight states, and received in excess of $4.5 million in grants for the university. Currently, Don is an emeritus professor in the Department of Chemistry at Delaware State University, does some research and consulting and spends some of his time writing.

Edward J. Trays, Ph.D., professor of communications at Temple University and adjunct faculty member and trustee at Albright, was recently honored by Temple University, many of his former students and Philadelphia Mayor John Street for his 40 years of teaching. An article titled, Words and Pictures: 40 Years in the Classroom and in the World, was published in Temple University’s magazine to celebrate his life’s work in journalism. The article included photos of his winter 2003 travels through Thailand, Cambodia and northern Laos. Ed gave a showing of his photography at Temple last spring.

During his career, Ed has received numerous honors including Temple’s Great Teacher Award in 1996. In addition, the Freedom Forum gave him one of two national awards for the teaching of journalism in 1997. However, he says his greatest reward comes from his students who have gone on to become editors, writers and photojournalists at the country’s leading newspapers. His most notable student and mentee, Clarence J. Williams III, won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for feature photography.

Ed resides with his wife, Mary Harding Trays ’63, in Wyncote, Pa.

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A 1942 alumnus told The Albright Reporter the following story. Can you guess who this “mystery alumnus” is? He will be revealed in the winter 2004 issue. Stay tuned!

In the 1940s, Albright College had a flight training school on its campus and select students received their pilot’s license. During a solo flight, our mystery alumnus landed his plane in a football field just a few hundred yards away from the airport landing strip, which he couldn’t find, in Lancaster, Pa. Kids who were playing on the field at the time stopped dead in their tracks and watched as the pilot exited the plane and approached them. “Can you tell me where the airport is?” he asked. Laughing and pointing to the strip which was a stone’s throw away, they replied, “Right there!”

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During the 1959-60 academic year, Charles Smith ’60 set the school record in the broad jump. Cue, 1960.

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Rev. James R. Nace was honored on June 13 by the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the 50th anniversary of his ordination in the Gospel Ministry. His home parish, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in York, Pa., celebrated with him the following Sunday.

Marilyn (Catlow) Janelle was featured in a solo exhibit, “Marilyn Catlow – Glass Explored,” at Arts On Main Street, York, Pa. Marilyn is considered a top-level glass artisan, known for challenging preconceived ideas of what can be done with glass. She opened a glassworks studio in Dade County, Fla., which was built around six large kilns and includes separate areas where she experiments with various types of glass and assorted mixed media.

Freda Weise, executive director of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland, was named a Fellow of the Medical Library Association. She was also the recipient of the Ida and George Eliot Prize, presented annually for a work published in the preceding calendar year that has been judged most effective in furthering medical librarianship. Freda and her co-author received the award for their article, “Study to Assess the Compensation and Skills of Medical Library Professionals Relative to Information Technology Professionals.” She also delivered the Janet Doe Lecture at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association held in San Diego, Calif.

John T. Baily has been appointed to the board of directors of Endurance Specialty Holdings, Ltd., Hamilton, Bermuda. John is a CPA and was formerly president of Swiss Re Capital Partners. He is an Albright Trustee.

Suzanne (Thorn) Stoinski was featured in the Haddon Herald’s “Profiles of Women in Business” in August 2003. She is among the top four percent of realtors in the United States for Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors in Haddonfield, N.J. She has been a member of the Top of the Rock NJ Million Dollar Sales Club since 1986 and the Gold Club since 1998.

Frances E. Smith has assumed the position of head of school at Girard College, Philadelphia. Frances earned her master’s degree in education from Temple University. Prior to joining Girard in 2000, she was vice principal of the Germantown Friends School’s lower school for 10 years. Her teaching career includes 17 years as a biology and science teacher in Philadelphia, Reading, and California public school systems.
Sunken Treasures

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t was an extraordinary day for Bill Cohrs ’53, a diving enthusiast, and fellow divers Kent Bellrichard and John Steele. Members of the British Sub Aqua Club of Indianapolis in the early 1970s, the trio spent long hours in the depths of Lake Superior that day, turning up more than they ever expected.

Diving down deep into the blackness of the lake, Cohrs and his crew found three ships that day. “It was phenomenal because you can spend a whole year and not find anything,” he says. But it was their last discovery that would put their names in the history books.

The Great Lakes’ steamboat, Indiana, which sank to the bottom of Lake Superior in 1858, wasn’t a spectacular wreck, says Cohrs. Much of it was broken and strewn about the floor of the sea. But although he and his fellow divers weren’t sure at the time if it was anything special, they decided to photograph the intact hull, propeller, engine and even what was left of the ship’s cargo anyway.

They would soon learn that photographing that ship was a smart move. The propeller, ironically the part that caused the ship to sink when one of its blades broke off and hit the ship, was a huge discovery. According to Cohrs it was the oldest commercial marine propeller known to have survived a shipwreck.

Several months after the discovery, Bellrichard photographed the Indiana in detail, setting in motion a whirlwind of events. Following a segment on Good Morning America in which Barbara Walters showed the photographs, Cohrs was contacted by the curator of maritime history at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and asked to film the Indiana’s engine. In 1979 some seven tons of the Indiana’s remains were recovered including the engine, boiler, propeller and anchor, and are now on display in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Although he worked full-time for the investment firm Thomson & McKinnon, Cohrs continued his diving and wreckage photography for the Smithsonian.

On Halloween day in 1970, when Cohrs and his fellow divers, originally looking for the wreck of a ship called the Vernon, made their way to the bottom of Lake Michigan, they were startled as they shone their light into the dark hold of a wreck they didn’t anticipate finding. Peering into the wreck they could see rows upon rows of what was at one time, long ago, full and vibrant Christmas trees. “The needles were all gone, and all you could see were their skeletons. It was kind of spooky,” says Cohrs.

The Christmas Tree Ship, also known as The Rouse Simmons, was lost with all 17 of its crew on Lake Michigan in November 1912. Transporting thousands of Christmas trees to Milwaukee, the arrival of The Christmas Tree Ship each year marked the beginning of the holiday season and was a very special tradition for the people of Milwaukee. The discovery of the sunken ship, Cohrs says, was important because some of the crew’s relatives were still alive at the time.

The so-called “ghost ships” of the Great Lakes, were also quite a find for Cohrs and his crew. Several huge ships disappeared on the water during a large storm in the 1940s. These ships were banished to the bottom of the lakes for decades, he says.

When he started out in diving, Cohrs never dreamed his hobby would lead to such important discoveries. Feeling almost a narcotic effect from the thrill and excitement of it, Cohrs says, “You don’t know what it is when you go down, and you think you may be the first one to have seen it since the day it disappeared. You sense the history of it. That sort of gets you.”

Seeing the results of his lifelong passion on display in the Smithsonian has been a thrill even the depths of the greatest lake can’t compare to.

Cohrs is currently employed as senior vice president and senior portfolio manager for Morgan Stanley in Indianapolis, Indiana.

— Amy M. Buzinski ’03
Richard K. Dieterle Jr. has been named vice president, investment, trust services division manager of Clearfield Bank and Trust Company. Rick earned a National Graduate School of Trust Diploma from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Cleveland State University. Rick is the Lancaster area representative for the college alumni association. He and his wife, Doris and their three children will be relocating to the Clearfield, Pa. area.

Lynne Z. Gold-Bikin co-authored The Divorce Trial Manual – From Initial Interview to Closing Argument, which was released in early July. Lynne is the chair of the family law department at Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, LLP.

Deborah (Deacon) Boyer is a Ph.D. candidate in art history at Arizona State University. She received a Fulbright scholarship to conduct her dissertation research in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, beginning in October 2003. Her dissertation is titled, Displaying the White Man’s burden: Filipino Artists and the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Carl H. Dobes, CPA, MST, was promoted to shareholder at Withum-Smith & Brown. Carl earned his master of science degree in tax from Widener University.

Barbara Lynne Dutton completed her master’s of education degree this past summer with a 4.0 cumulative GPA. She majored in classroom technology and graduated from Wilkes University in September 2003. She has been teaching in the Bethlehem Area School District – mostly first grade – for the past 11 years.

Rev. Terry L. Folk is the new pastor at the Moravian Church in York, Pa. Terry has served churches in Ohio, Maryland and Canada and graduated from the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem in 1978. He and his wife, Julia, have three adult children, Timothy, Andrew and Lisa.

Ray W. Borda is a project leader for Systechs. He and his wife, Laura, welcomed daughter, Darby, on February 23, 2003. The family resides in Orange, Calif.

Carol Cherry, RN, BSN, OCN, of Berwyn, Pa., is a counselor with the Margaret Dyson Family Risk Assessment Program (FRAP) at Fox Chase Cancer Center. Carol has been awarded a $20,000 scholarship from the American Cancer Society (ACS) to complete her master’s degree in nursing. She is currently enrolled in LaSalle University’s master of public health nursing program. She also works as a cancer risk evaluation counselor, health educator and project manager for the FRAP program for women with increased risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Richard Osenbach, M.D., is assistant professor of neurosurgery at Duke University, specializing in neurosurgical treatment of pain and movement disorders. He and his wife, Corinne, live in Durham, N.C.

Douglas S. Diehl is director of human resources for Gap Inc. Direct in Grove City, Ohio. He and his wife, Robin (Bernie) Diehl ‘80 and their three children, Christopher, 17, Gregory, 17, and Logan, 19, reside in Blacklick, Ohio.

Ronald Muller has been named executive vice president, senior regional executive of PennSterling Bank, Wyomissing, Pa. Ron has 33 years’ experience in the financial services industry, mostly with Meridian Bank. He was most recently executive vice president of the central Pennsylvania lending sector of Sovereign Bank.

Tony Sacco has been named senior vice president and business sales manager at PennSterling in Reading, Pa. Tony is a graduate of Dartmouth College Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management. He has more than 25 years’ experience in commercial banking, mostly with Meridian Bancorp.

Alicia (Brill) Junta is associate director, risk management for Roche Finance USA Inc. in Nutley, N.J. Alicia has a 15-year-old daughter, April.

Cindy Wolf will serve as president of Chambersburg’s Rotary Club for the next year. She is an investment representative with Edward Jones in Chambersburg and is active in numerous community organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Chambersburg Area Council of the Arts.
Kimberly (Beard) Everett wrote to The Albright Reporter recently with one of life’s more enchanting happenings:

“Bobby (The Rev. Dr. Robert Everett) was my religion professor during my senior year at Albright in 1982-83. Unfortunately, our plans to get married after graduation hit a snag and I did not hear from him until the year 2000. He found me by email. We corresponded a couple of times a year, but did not actually see each other until 2002. Our meeting at that time was just incredible! We loved each other as much in 2002 as we had in 1983! Blending our children has been a challenge, but we feel unbelievably blessed to have this second chance at happiness. Anyway, I know Albright has brought many people together, but I doubt very many of them can lay claim to a love that had to wait for 20 years! I hope you enjoyed hearing our happy ending as much as we are enjoying living it!”

Kimberly and Robert were married in June 2003. Kimberly recently accepted a staff nurse position at Blythdale Children’s Hospital. Robert is the pastor of Ridgeview Congregational Church in White Plains, N.Y. where the Everett’s reside. They have seven children: Amanda, 18, Joshua, 15, Jesse, 12, Amanda, 20, Stephanie, 19, Kelsey, 12, and Michelle, 9. The Everett’s would love to hear from any of their Albright friends at raereb@yahoo.com.

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Deborah A. (Damiano) Arbo and James (Jay) R. Arbo were married in Bermuda on May 4, 2003. Deborah is a registered nurse. The couple resides in Andover, Mass.

David J. Bannett has recently been installed as chairman of the board of the Cherry Hill Regional Chamber of Commerce and is the president of two companies, Bannett and Company, P.C., C.P.A.’s and Pro-Med Management, Inc. He currently resides in Cherry Hill, N.J. with his wife, Dorit, and their three children, Joshua, 8, Zachary, 6, and Adena, 2. David welcomes all old friends to reconnect.

Rev. David E. Woolverton has been appointed to St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Mount Joy, Pa. David has been an ordained minister since 1990, graduating from the Princeton Theological Seminary. In addition to his 15 years of service at Hempfield UMC, David served an internship and a residence at the West Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital, where he studied crisis intervention in intensive emergencies and trauma care. David and his wife, Kristine, have been married for 13 years.

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Marc J. Hagemeier is photographing college sports for a wide variety of colleges and universities. He provides photos for media guides produced for publicity purposes. He spent much of the summer on the road shooting the WNBA for Women’s Basketball magazine. The magazine also produces a calendar featuring stars of the league. He was hired to shoot Katie Douglas, who plays for the Connecticut Sun.

William J. O’Connell Jr. and Sherry E. O’Connell were married in St. Luke’s Episcopal Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia. Bill received his master’s degree in finance from St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia. He is employed by Engle Martin & Associates, Atlanta, Georgia. The couple resides in Atlanta.

Jeffrey M. Weir received his master’s degree in American history from George Mason University in May 2003. Jeff is a research administrator at George Washington University.

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Todd G. Bonsall, D.C., was named assistant principal of Salem County Vocational and Technical High School in Woodstown, N.J.

Douglas Filidore, D.M.D., was featured in the June 2003 edition of Main Line Today magazine. In the article, “Best Dentists Family Style,” Doug was one of seven practitioners in the Chester, Delaware and Montgomery county areas distinguished as the “best” by their colleagues. Doug, who has been with Concordville Dental Associates for 12 years, is known not only for his artistic eye in cosmetic dentistry, but his overall ability to instill that sense of trust so needed by each of his patients. He graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1992.

Scott T. Hartman, CPA, has been promoted to principal for the central Pennsylvania practice of Ernst & Young. Scott’s expertise includes accounting and auditing, multinational engagement coordination, financial reporting and Securities and Exchange Commission filings and registrations. He serves the Lehigh Valley clientele.

Deborah Skinner makes her home in Tucson, Arizona.


Rachel Smothers and her husband, Tom Carper, announce the birth of their son, Ian Thomas Carper, on June 8, 2002. The family resides in Lancaster, Pa., with 6-year-old daughter, Maggie. Rachel is employed at West York Area School District as a high school counselor.

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Edwin W. Bittner, M.D., is a colorectal surgeon and resides in Philadelphia.

Timothy B. Boyd is vice president for Ayers Chevrolet & Oldsmobile in Dover, N.J. He and his wife, Billie, and their two children, Carter, 4, and DavisAnn, 2, reside in Newton, N.J.

Stuart A. Cook and his wife, Lauren, announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Nicole, born July 14, 2003. Amy joins big sisters, Emily, 4, and Lindsay, 2. The Cooks reside in Denville, N.J.

Mark Eney and his wife, Julia, announce the birth of their third child, Justin Mark on July 18, 2003. Justin joins big sisters, Megan Christine, 5, and Katlin Grace, 3. Mark is a financial analyst with Merck & Co. in Lansdale, Pa.

Todd Smith and Trisha L. (Nelson) Smith ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Keiley Nicole on July 9, 2003. She was 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and 21 inches long. She joins her two brothers, Tyler and Grant “in wreaking havoc upon the Smith household!”

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Holly (White) Stricker and her husband, Scott, celebrated New Year’s Eve with the birth of their second son, Harrison Earl, born December 31, 2002 at Reading Hospital. Harrison joins proud big brother, Jonathan, 2. The family resides in Muhlenberg Township, Pa.

Doug L. Carroll has recently been promoted and is now director of human resources for EMC Water Services in O’Fallon, Mo., a business unit of the BOC Group. Sharon (Crosson) Carroll ’90 is working as a consultant for EPIC Actuaries in Chesterfield, Mo. The family, including Erin, 3, and Stephen, 1, lives in Wildwood, Mo.

Heather L. McKnight-Lewis, SPHR was recently promoted to human resources manager for Western Regional FedEx Express. As a result, she and her husband have moved to Half Moon Bay, Calif. in the San Francisco Bay Area. She also received her Senior Professional of Human Resources designation.

Class Notes
John E. Muir has been named partner with Roland & Schlegel, a law firm in Reading, Pa. John serves as Womelsdorf Sever Authority solicitor and Oley Township Municipal Authority assistant solicitor, and is a past Berks County assistant district attorney. He is vice chairman of the Central Branch Board of the WMCA, Reading, and serves on the Spring Township Fire Commission. John is a graduate of Widener University School of Law.

Craig P. O’Connor and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their second child, Katherina Grace in May 2003. Katherina joins her brother Patrick, 3. Craig is employed by Lucent Risk Management. The family resides in Westfield, N.J.

Rodolfo M. Pascual, M.D., has joined the division of Critical Care, Pulmonary, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He has been appointed professor of medicine at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University where he also earned his doctorate.

Matthew A. Porett has been named chief information officer (CIO) of the newly formed Department of Employment and Economic Development for the State of Minnesota. He is also pleased to announce his marriage to Amanda Lee Grant. Matt and Amanda reside in Oakdale, Minn.

Lauren [Waronker] Saady and her husband, Jack, announce the arrival of their son, Scott Daniel, born on June 3, 2003. He joins big sister, Sarah Mackenzie. Lauren is employed by Schering Plough as a senior pharmaceutical sales representative. The family resides in Medford, N.J.

H. Christopher Young received his M.B.A. from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pa. Chris is a senior sales engineer for Cooper Power Systems. His wife, Maria A. (Yelland) Young ’90, is a partner in the law firm of Accardi and Young in Mercerville, N.J. The couple resides in Robbinsville, N.J. with their one-year-old daughter, Brianna Nicole.

Tanya (Jones) Georgelis and her husband, Anthony, welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Antonia Leigh, on March 11, 2003. Antonia joins her big sister, Elizabeth Agnes, 3-1/2. The family resides in Lancaster, Pa.

Jennifer (Salkeld) Nelson is the director of market research at Bristol Myers Squibb. She gave birth to a daughter, Julia Meredith, in July.

Lloyd Sems recently launched The Sems Diversified Value Fund and The Sems Strategic Value Fund, under his own company, Sems Capital Management, N.Y.C. Prior to the launch of his company, Lloyd was the portfolio manager and director of research for Watchpoint Asset Management, also a NYC-based hedge fund.

Candis Siatkowski has been promoted to research administrator at the Caron Foundation, Reading, Pa. She also coordinates and schedules the medical training program at Caron Foundation where medical students, residents and physician assistants from various universities and hospitals complete a rotation in addiction medicine. She is also an alternate member to the Delaware Valley Node, Clinical Trials Network.

Lynda A. (Snyder) Stokes and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of their second child, Amanda Marguerite, born on July 2, 2003. Amanda joins big sister, Brianna Elizabeth, 2. The family resides in Medford, N.J. Lynda will resume her employment, part time, as a medical social worker with Lighthouse Hospice of Cherry Hill, N.J. in the fall.

Karen Lynn (Mace) Buch was featured in a Williamsport Sun-Gazette article regarding her unique “Healthy Bites” program for Weis Markets. Karen is a Pennsylvania state licensed dietitian-nutritionist, having completed her American Diietetic Association internship at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. She answers customers questions on personal nutrition and produces the Healthy Bites newsletter which is available online at www.weismarkets.com.

Stephen Kmet and Jacqueline (Cunningham) Kmet ’95 announce the birth of their daughter, Kayleigh Constance, on May 21, 2003.

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2003 Golf Outing
a Success

Although no one shot a hole-in-one and was lucky enough to drive away in the 2004 Chevrolet Silverado that was offered as a prize, this year’s Red and White Club Golf Outing, formerly known as the Varsity Club Golf Outing, was a success. More than 120 alumni and friends participated in the event, which was held in September at Golden Oaks Golf Club.

Finishing in first place was the foursome of Scott Roberts (Albright’s assistant golf coach), Roger Roberts, Dave Roberts and Richard Roberts. Placing second was the team of Chris Kraras ’96, John Scholl ’69, Steve George ’68 and Michael Klahr ’66. And in third place was Jim Kemp ’74, Bill Fried ’72, Rick Herring ’84 and Les Mangle ’75.

Albright College thanks its lead sponsors: Marrella Financial Group, LLC., Litho Tech, Inc. and POW/MIA Forget-Me-Nots. Funds raised by the annual event go to support Albright athletics programs.

For more photos from the Red and White Club Golf Outing, go to www.albright.edu/athletics/varisty_club/vc-golfreicap2003.html

Kristen Anne (Blue) Klein and Kenneth M. Klein were wed on February 16, 2003 at Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club, Bridgewater, N.J. Kristen is a compliance officer with SageMark Consulting. The couple resides in Jericho, N.Y.

Dawn (Simmons) Lynch and her husband, J. P., announce the birth of their second daughter, Emma Paige, born June 25. Emma weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and measured 20 in. long. She joins big sister, Anna, 2.

Jessica Pharo is a speech-language specialist with North Brunswick Public School District in North Brunswick, N.J. She makes her home in Cranford, N.J.

’97

Sara (Morris) Fisher is a territory business manager/neuroscience specialist for Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in Plainsboro, N.J.

Lori L. (Stile) Kappen and Matthew John Kappen were married August 2, 2003 in Wrightsville, Pa. Lori is pursuing a master’s degree from the University of Cincinnati (Ohio). She is an environmental engineer with Gannett Fleming, Camp Hill.


Craig R. Rimby was recently promoted to senior associate at Baker Robbins & Company, a technology consulting firm. He works in New York, N.Y. and lives in Brooklyn.

Carol J. Smith earned a master’s degree in mathematics from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. She is a former math teacher in Eastern Lancaster County School District and Conestoga Valley School District. She was awarded a teaching assistantship in the mathematics department at Lehigh University, which began in September 2001. That will continue as she pursues her doctorate degree.

Matt Becker and Alison Richards ’00 announce their engagement. An April 2004 wedding is planned. Matt is employed as an institutional healthcare representative for Pfizer, Inc. Allison is a project manager for PharmaForce International. The couple resides in Wyomissing, Pa.

’98

Jessica E. (Polen) Evans married Jeffrey Evans on October 12, 2002. Jessica is a senior cost analyst at Lockheed Martin. She and Jeffrey reside in Berlin, N.J.

Leslie T. (Satt) Kronemeyer is completing her master’s of science degree in educational administration from Capella University. Leslie is a teacher in the Upper Township (N.J.) Primary School. She and her husband, Jerry, and their daughter, Hadley Marie, 2, are expecting the newest member of their family in December 2003. The family resides in Cape May, N.J.

Melissa E. Perez and Nicholas Deming announce their engagement. Melissa is a senior client analyst at Goldman Sachs in New York, N.Y. A July 2004 wedding is planned in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

John D. Sanko and Susan J. Scott announce their engagement. John is employed by Alcon Pharmaceuticals.

Bryan Snyder is a player on the arena2, Cape Fear Wildcats (Huntsville, Alabama) football team. He once led the Tennessee Valley Vipers to the 2000 ArenaCup in the league’s first season, completing 354 passes for more than 3,800 yards and 61 touchdowns. After taking a break from the field, Bryan is back playing for the Cape Fear Wildcats, passing for 265 yards and five touchdowns.

Jeremy J. Warke and Alyson C. Krill announce their engagement. Jeremy is employed by Lehigh County.
Bridget A. Hanley, V.M.D. graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Bridget will begin a small animal practice with Patt Veterinary Hospital in Gilbertsville, Pa.

Kristofer Updike earned his master’s degree in acting from Rutgers University’s Mason Gross School of the Arts. Kris played the title role in the Jos Theater Company’s first production of Goethe’s Faust in Manhattan in late July. Meanwhile, Kris is a design assistant for Town and Country Linen Corp. on Fifth Avenue. He came home this fall to teach an introduction to acting class at Albright and to direct the campus production of SubUrbia.

Rebecca Wasserman is an artist who works in mixed-media collage and digital art. A showing of her work took place at the Visual Arts Gallery at Adirondack Community College in Glens Falls, N.Y. this past May. The exhibition included a series of prints she calls the “Stuffed Animal Family Album.”

Melissa A. Calmann has had her first scientific paper published in the August issue of the Journal of Bacteriology. It is titled, “Regulated Expression of the E.coli dam gene.” She has just completed her third year as a Ph.D. student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She studies DNA repair and drug resistance in cancer.

Mallery M. Curtis is a third grade teacher for Sylvan Heights Science Charter School in Harrisburg, Pa. Mallery makes her home in Hershey, Pa.

Karen (Kanarkowski) Husenica and Mike Husenica ’98 were married in Highlands, N.J. on July 12, 2003. The bridal party included Paul Kanarkowski ’00, Jeff Perry ’98, Rita Foley ’00, Jaime Galan ’99 and Jill Becker ’01. The couple honeymooned in Bermuda. They reside in Toms River, N.J.

Michael D. Imperato is the associate director of resident life at Gwynedd-Mercy College in Gwynedd Valley, Pa.

Matthew J. Moyer is a chemist for Merck and Co., Inc. in West Point, Pa. He and his wife, Michelle, reside in Telford, Pa.

Abbey Gail (Draper) Sassaman and Dyke Sassaman Jr. ’99 were married June 22, 2003. Abbey is a mathematics teacher for Schuylkill Valley High School.

Shelly A. Souza was recently promoted to clinical trial administrator for Amnesham Health, a pharmaceutical company located in Princeton, N.J.

Ayako Suzuki is communications manager for Societe Generale Securities in Tokyo, Japan.

Allison Wawer, a second-year student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, has received the Alumni Association of PCOM Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to second-year medical students who place in the top 15 percent of their class academically, participate in Student Government and/or participate in extracurricular activities.

Alexis Grilli had her first exhibition of paintings at the Tyme Gallery in Havertown, Pa. this past July. Alexis is a framer at the Farmers Market Gallery in Exton, Pa.

Second Lt. Brian Hummel recently graduated from the United States Army Warrior Center at Fort Rucker in Alabama. He is now attending Advanced Aircraft Qualifications for the AH64D Apache Longbow Helicopter. Brian received his commission upon graduating from Lehigh University in July 2001.

Allison Koran completed her professional internship in child life at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and is now a full time child life specialist on one of the inpatient floors.

Brooke M. LePore has been named mortgage originator for MainStreet Funding Group, Inc., Wyomissing, Pa.

Robyn L. Morris is a paralegal assistant for the Philadelphia district attorney’s office. She resides in Philadelphia.

Alumni Event at
The Crab Barn, Reading, Pa.

Enjoying some time together during an alumni event in August are: (left to right) Tara Walsh ’03, John Heck ’99, Patrick Sasse ’02, Nick Keeny ’01 and Mike DeFelice ’02.

For more photos of alumni events, visit the Albright web site at www.albright.edu/alumni/index.html.
A Passion for Acting

You’ve seen her on hit television shows Law and Order: Sex and the City and most recently, Hope and Faith, a brand new series on ABC starring Faith Ford and Kelly Ripa. And, she’s walked the boards of several theatres in off-Broadway productions of A Street Car Named Desire, A Christmas Carol and Having Our Say, The Delaney Sister’s First 100 Years. But despite her many successes, the life of a professional actress is not always an easy one, says Saidah Ekulona ’92. However, she doesn’t mind the hardships, in fact, she shrugs them off. For Ekulona, her craft is her passion. “I’ve never been more excited about creating and exploring things,” she says.

With 40 to 50 auditions a month, her days are hectic. And, a call for an audition can come in from her agent at any time. “Sometimes I have a few days to prepare and other times a few hours.” So, with such a hectic schedule, it’s important to have a certain process of preparation. Ekulona says she always begins by reading the script over and over. Then, she puts it aside to create the world of the character in her mind. “I think about where to be emotionally and how the scene is progressing,” she says. After much thought, she finally vocalizes the words, “I never felt more like an artist in my entire life.” She also participated in the One-on-One plays at the 52nd Street Project, a not-for-profit organization that matches kids from the New York City neighborhood of Hell’s Kitchen with professional theatre artists to create original theatre.

Fall is also a busy time for actors with the new theatre and television seasons getting into full swing. Ekulona’s schedule is no exception. She is currently working on the play Well, which is set to premiere at The Public Theatre in New York City next March. The first person to read the script aloud and the only one to perform her character, Ekulona says proudly. “My acting and input helped her (the playwright) to make decisions about the character.” Ekulona also appears in commercials for FedEx.com and Campbell’s Soup, which are both currently airing.

And, fans of the new ABC sitcom Hope and Faith recently saw her in the October 24 episode where she played Linda, one of Hope’s (Faith Ford) friends in her book club. Excited about the part, Ekulona says that it could possibly turn into a recurring role.

Whether on the stage or in front of the camera, all of Ekulona’s successes would not be possible without the mentoring of Albright’s former theatre director Lynn Morrow. “Lynn and Albright were instrumental to me,” she says. “People are always asking me where I was trained.”

Hoping to one day expand her passion of acting into other areas of the business such as writing and producing, Ekulona says that no matter what area she may pursue, her home will always be on stage. “There is something different that happens to me in front of a live audience. Theatre is like my mom…it’s my home.”

— Amy M. Buzinski ’03

Catherine Jane (Nadeau) Nadirov and Samir N. Nadirov were married in St. John’s United Church of Christ, Sinking Spring, Pa. Catherine is pursuing a law degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Aaron S. Pollock received his master’s of science degree in clinical health psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Aaron and Gina (Costa) ’02 celebrated their first wedding anniversary in May 2003.

Dominique C. Reigle is an annual reviewer/submissions analyst for Merck & Co. in West Point, Pa. He currently resides in Schwenksville, Pa.

Jennifer Marie (Hawriluk) Saldibar and John Matthew Saldibar ’99 were married on July 19, 2003. John received his master’s degree and is a stability chemist for Bayer Corporation - Consumer Care Division in Myersville, Pa. Jennifer is a copywriter/marketing facilitator for Robson Lapina in Lancaster, Pa. The couple resides in Lititz, Pa.

Erika R. Shankweiler and David J. Morris announce their engagement. A June 2004 wedding is planned.

Lauren J. Gibbs was promoted to committee legislative assistant for U.S. Congressman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). She handles all legislation in the committee on education and the workforce, as well as health issues, seniors, women, children and poverty. Lauren makes her home in Washington, D.C.

Kelly Greico toured with Ozz Fest in April 2003. She toured with bands such as Korn, Disturbed, Chevelle, Ozzy Osbourne and Marilyn Manson. She attended the “Matrix Reloaded” movie premier in New York City representing one of the bands selected for the soundtrack. Kelly is working with a theatre company located in Haddonfield, N.J. and was recently notified of her acceptance for a series of auditions in Los Angeles for a Ron Howard film. She currently resides in Philadelphia, but may be looking at a relocation due to a career opportunity with Maverick Records In Los Angeles, Calif.
Help Albright Recognize Its Best and Brightest

The Albright College Alumni Association annually recognizes the best and the brightest graduates of the College who have used their liberal arts education to its greatest potential. Awards are presented for professional experience, community involvement and advancing the mission and vision of Albright College.

As a member of the Alumni Association, it is your responsibility to help identify nominees for these prestigious honors. Nominations may be made by any member of the Albright family. Please take a moment to nominate someone you feel deserves one of these prestigious awards:

The Jacob Albright Award — Recognizes an alumnus/a who has used their liberal arts education to its greatest potential, thereby making outstanding contributions to the Albright College community, profession, and in service to community.

Distinguished Alumnus/a Award — Given for outstanding service and accomplishments in at least one area including community, state, nation, church, profession, academic and/or service organizations.

Service to Alma Mater Award — Presented to an alumnus/a for outstanding service to Alma Mater.

Young Alumnus/a Achievement Award — Given to young alumni who graduated within the past 15 years in recognition of outstanding achievement in at least one area including noteworthy professional or career accomplishments, or dedicated volunteer service to Albright College, church or community.

Alumni Association Service Award — Presented to an Albright College faculty, administrator or staff member for outstanding service to the College.

Please complete the form below and return it no later than December 1 to: Albright College, Alumni Relations Office, P.O. Box 15234, Reading, PA 19612-5234. Or, submit your nomination online at www.albright.edu/alumni.

I nominate the following individual as a candidate to be reviewed by the Awards Committee:

Nominee:

☐ Alumnus/a  Class Year: _____  ☐ Friend  ☐ Faculty/Staff

Address (if known): __________________________________________________________

Name of Award: ____________________________________________________________

Qualifications for Consideration: ____________________________________________

Your name: ___________________________________________  Class Year: _________

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
Anthony J. Krick is in assurance and advisory business services for Ernst & Young LLP in Philadelphia, Pa. He makes his home in Conshohocken, Pa.

Laurie Miller and Richard Kolka ’01 announce their plans to marry in July 2004. Laurie is a mathematics teacher at Owen J. Roberts school and Richard is a biology teacher at Muhlenberg High School.

Lisa Mixon has been named marketing coordinator in the Harcum College Public Relations and Marketing department. Lisa resides in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Jennifer L. Moran is starting a new job with Seeing Eye of Morristown, N.J. and will reside in Metuchen, N.J. with her fiance, Andrew Dryburgh ’03. A wedding is planned for October 2004.

Tony Rapino volunteered at the Pocono Mountain Film Festival this past August. Tony discovered his interest in the film industry and writing screenplays while he was at Albright.

Jennifer R. Roszkowski will graduate in December 2003 from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (Newark Division) with a master’s of science in biomedical science.


Friends

John Diamond of Bernville, Pa. is the new dean of enrollment management at Alvernia College. John served as director of higher education for the College Board, New York and as director of admission at Albright.

Richard Curran is the first police officer Millersville, Pa. has seen in a couple of years. On May 28, at a special meeting, they made him the new chief. Certified as a law enforcement officer in 1995, Rich served in several related areas, including his time at Albright as a public safety officer.

Deaths

Our condolences to the family and friends of the following Albrightians:

’33

Mary E. (Krick) Putman, 92, died July 14, 2003. She was predeceased by her husband, Carl E. Putman. Mary was employed for many years as a high school teacher in both Pennsylvania and Chicago. She received her master’s degree from Cornell University. A daughter, Carol, one granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren survive her.

’35

John T. Deininger, M.D., 90, died September 6, 2003. He was predeceased by his wife, Martha (Stover) Deininger. John was a practicing physician for 58 years, working at Abington Memorial, as well as the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by a daughter Nancy D. (Deininger) Coentino.

’36

Edward Law, 85, died June 15, 2003. He was employed for 30 years as a clerk by the state Liquor Control Board. Edward received his master’s degree from Yale University. He was an army veteran. There are no immediate survivors.

Alumni Association Events

January 10 Washington, D.C. Area Alumni Tour and reception International Spy Museum, 4 – 6 p.m.

January 17 Alumni Association National Board of Directors Meeting 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Ethel G. (Goforth) Wagner, 87, died August 24, 2003. Her husband, Ralph A. Wagner, died March 3. Ethel was employed as a nursing instructor at Reading Hospital School of Nursing. She was a past president of the Berks chapter of the American Association of University Women and the West Reading Parent-Teacher Association. She was a graduate of the Yale University School of Nursing. Surviving are two sons, John A., Colorado Springs and David G., Berlin, Germany; and a daughter, Judith (Wagner) Przybylinski, Texas.

‘40

Margaret (Hollenbach) Esterly, 84, died July 6, 2003. Her husband, A. Raymond Esterly, died Sept. 13, 1962. Margaret taught home economics in the Elco School District for four years, and served as department chairwoman in the Kutztown School District. She was a past president of the American Association of University Women. Surviving are three children, Margaret (Estey) Reidy, and a son, Owen R.

‘43

John F. Gundlach Jr., 82, died on July 17, 2003. He served his country as a corpsman in the Navy during World War II and continued his naval career as a supply corps until medically retired. John was a Mason for 57 years. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gerry, and his son, John F. Gundlach III.

‘47

Richard E. Gable, 80, died July 26, 2003. He was the husband of Madeline H. (Haag) Gable. He was the founder of Misco Products Corp., a Bern Township manufacturer of cleaning products. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, and received the distinguished flying cross. Richard is survived by his son, Steven H., and two daughters, Jeanne (Gable) Goodman and Julie L. Gable.

‘49

A. Jean Lieberman, 75, died July 5, 2003. Her husband, former Berks County Judge Calvin Lieberman, died July 17, 1996. Jean spent 35 years volunteering with various area theater groups. She was a life member of Reading Community Players, Reading Civic Opera and the Domino Players. She is survived by a daughter, Loren (Lieberman) Poindexter, and two sons, Berks County Judge Stephen B., and L. Stuart.

‘51

Charles E. Zellner, 78, died July 29, 2003. He was employed for 25 years as an English and German teacher at Bethel High School. Prior to his retirement, Ken was the superintendent of the Eastern Lebanon County School District. He also earned his master’s degree in education from Penn State. An active and proud Albright alumni volunteer, he was a former trustee of the College and a charter member of Phi Delta Kappa. In 1999, he wrote ‘The Life and Times of Jacob Albright,’ a biography of the man for whom Albright College is named. In addition to his wife, Ken is survived by two daughters, Mary Elizabeth Good, Arlington, Va., and Martha (Good) Gerlitz, Lancaster County.

‘53

Reverend George C. Myers Jr., 71, died August 23, 2003 at Chester County Hospital. He was the husband of Edith May Murray Myers. George became an ordained Lutheran minister and was called to be pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Todd J. Myers of Birdsboro, Pa., and Jeff A. Myers of Christiansa, Lancaster County.

‘54

Leonard E. Barrett Sr., 83, died June 7, 2003. Leonard was an author, anthropologist, teacher, and former pastor of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church. He was born and reared in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. He was married to and predeceased by Theodora Jackson. Leonard received his master’s of divinity degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He also received a master’s degree in history and a doctorate in comparative religion and anthropology from Temple University. Leonard taught both religion and anthropology at Temple. Throughout his life, he held many teaching positions at numerous colleges in Jamaica, Connecticut and Puerto Rico.

‘55

James E. Lebo, 62, died June 21, 2003. He was the husband of Elisabeth C. (Lisa) Lebo. James was employed for 25 years as a systems analyst by GPU Corp. He is survived by a daughter, Britta C. (Lebo) Graff, and two sons, James E. Jr. and Peter S.
The UBU Project: Decadence
Created and directed by Jeffrey Lentz
(based on Alfred Jarry’s UBU plays)
Performed by the Domino Players Theatre Company
November 14, 15, 21, 22 (8 p.m.)
November 20 (7 p.m.)
November 16 (1 p.m. luncheon; 2:30 p.m. performance)
Wachovia Theatre, Center for the Arts

International Film Series presents
Female Trouble by John Waters
Tuesday, November 18 (7:30 p.m.)
Klein Lecture Hall, Center for the Arts

Albright Student Film & Video Show
Tuesday, December 2 (7:30 p.m.)
Klein Lecture Hall, Center for the Arts

Pennsylvania Artists Free Concert
Featuring David Cullen, guitar, and Jill Haley, oboe/English horn
Friday, January 9 (8 p.m.)
Roop Hall, Center for the Arts

The William E. Maier Memorial Concert
Featuring Jeffrey Lentz, tenor, and Rebecca Gass Butler, piano
February 6 & 7 (8 p.m.)
Wachovia Theatre, Center for the Arts

Much Ado About Nothing
By William Shakespeare, directed by Julia Matthews
Performed by the Domino Players Theatre Company
February 20, 21, 27, 28 (8 p.m.)
February 26 (7 p.m.)
February 22 (1 p.m. luncheon; 2:30 p.m. performance)
Wachovia Theatre, Center for the Arts

From the Music Department…
• Student Recital - Sunday, November 16 (7:30 p.m.)
  Roop Hall
• Fall Concert featuring Concert Band and String Chamber Orchestra – Sunday, November 23 (3 p.m.)
  Memorial Chapel
• Holiday Concert featuring Albright choral groups – Saturday, December 6 (7:30 p.m.), Memorial Chapel

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inconsequential problem with this Bush administration.

The continual blurring of distinctions between Bin Laden and Saddam and equating them leads to disastrous results. Granted 9/11 was horrific. But Saddam had no connection with that event. Plans had been drawn up as early as 1998 to have this invasion of Iraq by the team of Cheney, Rumsfield, Wolfowitz and Richard Perle. September 11 merely gave them the opportunity to play out their devious little plot.

Unfortunately, just as in Vietnam, the peons have become their pawns and the justifications for this war are all over the place. Have we liberated Iraq? Have we seen the dancing in the streets? Are we safer? Will this war do anything but keep oil prices up and ensure a victory for the Bush regime? Would Mr. Mink want an employee who made such reckless predictions and implemented them with such disastrous outcomes? No, because the employee would be fired and Mr. Mink would be bankrupt. Just like this country would be if they continue with their plans.

I think Mr. Mink forgot just what Vietnam was. A war based on lies, perpetuated by lies and now the history of it is being revised with lies. We used millions of men and billions upon billions of dollars and still the outcome was unable to be changed. Just as Mr. Mink could say there are not enough dollars and time to eradicate poverty and ignorance in the world, so too must one realize that fighting an unjust war in a foreign land with the people against you will never give us a favorable outcome.

Maybe young David Mink back in 1968 knew more about the world than he does now. Back then he had the time, inquisitiveness, and the opportunity to investigate and know what was going on. “Just give peace a chance” has more relevance today than back then. We are giving war the chance and it will destroy us all.

Mr. Mink said in his article that war should not be waged without a full commitment from its people. He forgot to add that war should not be waged under false pretenses. When war was started in March of this year, well over 50 percent of the people were opposed to it. After it began, people felt obligated to support the troops, and in turn, the war. And now many of the troops themselves and their families have second thoughts.

What study has Mr. Mink done to feel qualified to give his stamp of approval on this mess?

Alice Varner Bentley
Portage, Pa.
Class of 1967

Dear Albright Reporter,

My wife graduated from Albright. She receives The Albright Reporter, and happened to see the “Mailbag” section in the Summer 2003 issue, which she brought to my attention. As a licensed Southern Baptist minister, I would like to offer some responses to what I read.

Mr. James Ridgway wrote of the horrors (religious) “fanaticism.” I would remind him that the founder of Christianity, Jesus Christ, was “marked by excessive enthusiasm and often intense uncritical devotion” — aka, a “fanatic.” He also spoke of “Freedom of choice, freedom of religion, freedom of speech.” We enjoy those freedoms in this great country of ours because — and only because — our nation was founded on distinctly biblical notions of right and wrong, good and bad. And, for the record, I served four years active duty in the United States Marine Corps.

To Ms. Harriet Shapiro I would simply offer a word of caution regarding the hyper-tolerance that she seems to endorse. While we certainly should be accepting of all people, we are not to uncritically endorse destructive lifestyles.

Ms. Trisha Shivas had quite a bit to say about “hate.” While I may not agree entirely with Mr. August’s viewpoint (or his exegesis), he certainly has every right to it (just as Ms. Shivas has every right to hers) and I, for one, appreciate The Albright Reporter’s including it within its pages. While, sadly, “God and the Bible” certainly have been used by some to do harm to entire groups of people, Christianity as a whole has done more to further human rights for all peoples than any other religion.

I would remind Mr. Robert Nagle that, contrary to his assertions, subscribing to the inerrancy of the Bible does not automatically equate to an endorsement of “slavery, the shunning of lepers as unclean, and the stoning of sinners.” Jesus risked public ridicule and rejection by counting women among his followers. Mother Teresa, among others, gave her life helping lepers. And while all of us as sinners do indeed deserve to be stoned, God instead offers us grace and mercy provided we accept the sacrifice his Son made on our behalf.

Ms. Michelle Alt voiced her concern over “hate” and “violence,” and claims that “Our differences and the acknowledge-
Dear President Zinn,

I would like to express my gratitude for the education and experiences Albright has given me. When I completed my degree, I went back to graduate school, and then off to a career. I turned to and relied on my Albright experiences and faculty for guidance and advice. No matter the situation or how many years had passed, my professors were still willing and committed to helping me succeed.

It is because of the support that Albright gave to me that I decided it was time for me to give back. Deciding to join the Albright President's Council as a relatively young alumna sounded at first like a daunting financial commitment for someone early in their professional life. However, it is no more than a night out once a month — a small commitment in return for what Albright has given me.

I encourage other young alumnae, like myself, to help Albright's future as Albright has helped them.

Sincerely,

John P. Wilson
Sheena P. Minnich
Class of 1992

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Realized Dreams

I struggled for a long time under the assumption that I was not smart enough to attend, let alone complete, college. My high school guidance counselor told me I was "not cut out for college" and that I would "more than likely flunk out within the first year." Consequently, I joined the U.S. Air Force because, according to that same counselor, "the military was really the only option aside from a trade school."

After the Air Force breached and voided their contract with me, I found myself back at home and left with what I thought was the only other option — trade school.

Still believing that I would not succeed at a four-year college, I applied to community college and their newly formed culinary apprenticeship program. Three years later I graduated from the program and was certified as a journeyman cook by the State of Pennsylvania. But after 11 years in the food service industry, doing everything from dishwasher to assistant food & beverage director, I decided I wanted a career that would leave me with more time for my family and friends. I decided to take a stab at a career that would leave me with more time for my family and friends.

Trying my hand at retail sales, I soon found I was not only good at sales but that I also possessed the organization and management skills necessary to quickly advance in my new career. However, I also soon discovered that I could go no farther because I did not possess the one thing that employers required for corporate positions — a college degree. So I decided to take a stab at it.

I started with a few English courses at Harrisburg Area Community College, after which I enrolled in Lebanon Valley’s (LVC) continuing education program held at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. But it was a very slow process. With 14-week classes I was only able to take two or three courses a semester. Chipping away at it slowly but surely, I finally completed my associate’s degree at LVC in 2000. It was then that I found Albright’s Degree Completion Program.

I had been searching for another college because it had become more and more difficult to fulfill my course requirements at LVC. I tried several colleges in the local area but it was not until I spoke to Jenny Green at Albright that I was treated well. Albright was the first college to treat me the way I treat my customers — with respect and courtesy. As a consumer shopping for a college, that was important.

It was apparent that Albright’s program was designed for adults who were already balancing family obligations with work. I was placed with two groups of students, known as cohorts, which I would stay with throughout the program. We were all older, some more than others, with family and work obligations. The design of the cohort system served as a tremendous support and helped each of us through the program, first by helping to build our comfort level with each other and later by supporting each other through study groups, mutual projects, and at times, commiserating about the amount of work that needed to get accomplished in such a short period of time.

This program took all of the course requirements of a traditional 14-week class and condensed it into five weeks. Support of one another was essential to the success of each of us, and the only way that I was able to succeed at Albright.

Having recently graduated, I am exceedingly thankful for the creation of the Degree Completion Program, a program that has allowed me and many others to complete a degree in order to advance a career, fulfill a dream, or simply realize that we are more than what others tell us we are.

Thank you Albright for helping me to recognize that education is more than a degree. It’s about how you get and apply that education; how you touch the lives of others and how deeply you allow them to touch you.

Through the cohort system, Albright provided the perfect environment allowing me to help and support others when it was needed, as well as ask for help for myself. I feel a great sense of accomplishment having completed what I had set out to do so many years ago. However, I also feel a bit of sadness, as one does when saying goodbye to an old friend. I love this school and I shall miss it. But I am anxious to move forward and tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

I wonder what my high school guidance counselor would say to me now?

— Adrian Scott Hennessy