NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Faculty Promotions:** The Board of Trustees granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor to the following faculty members:
- Lisa Bellantoni, Philosophy
- Teresa Gilliams, English
- Jennifer Koosed, Religious Studies
- Steve Mech, Biology
- Lawrence Morris, English

Jon Bekken (English & Communications) has had a co-edited (with Frederic S. Lee, University of Missouri - Kansas City) volume, *Radical Economics and Labor*, accepted for publication by Routledge. It includes his chapter, "Peter Kropotkin and Economics for a New Society." The German publisher Unrast has accepted for publication later this year a volume edited by Holger Marcks, *Grosse Streiks*, which will include Bekken's "Grenzen der Klasse: Die IWW und die Migrantenfrage in der amerikanischen Arbeiterbewegung" (an exploration of the role of immigrant workers in the steel industry and the Industrial Workers of the World in the opening decades of the twentieth century).

Doreen Burdalski (Fashion) attended the American Collegiate Retailing Association (ACRA) Executive Board and Membership meetings held in New York on January 12-13, 2008. As Co-chair of Conferences she reported at both meetings. Doreen also attended the National Retail Federation (NRF) conference in New York from January 13-15, 2008. The National Retail Federation is the world's largest retail trade association.

As part of the Race and Disaster Panel at the December 2007 MLA Convention, Teresa Gilliams (English) presented a paper entitled "'Tain't de poorness, it's de color and de features! Pedagogical Reconfigurations of Race and Space in Their Eyes Were Watching God and Hurricane Katrina." The paper will be published by the University of Mississippi Press in a forthcoming collection highlighting the meanings of Hurricane Katrina for American society.

Susan Hughes (Psychology) was featured on NPR on January 4, 2008 discussing her research about mate selection that suggests you can tell a great deal about a potential mate from his or her voice. "I think this study does speak to the fact that voices are signaling some biologically relevant information to potential mates," Hughes said — information like fertility or the ability to put food on the table. Last week, A TV crew from ABC News and Good Morning America came to campus to interview Susan about her research. They also conducted 14 student interviews while on campus. The interview is schedule to appear on Good Morning America on Valentines Day.
Ethan Joella (ESL/English) had a poem appear in the January 2008 issue of the literary journal Paradigm.

David Martin (Economics) was interviewed on January 22 about the stock market falling that morning. His interview aired on the 5:30 p.m. Berks edition of channel 69 news.

Meredith Pingree (Digital Media) is taking part in a show that opened in Los Angeles at Fringe Exhibitions on January 25 and will run through February 23, 2008. Her exhibit is titled, “Molten Sprouts.”

Matt Garrison (Digital Media), Jerry Tartaglia (English and Digital Media), and Jayanthi Rajan (Economics and Business) were quoted in a January 28th Reading Eagle story about what to expect in future technology.

Fathad Saboori (Economics) was interviewed by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette on January 28, about the rising pride of gold.

Jerry Tartaglia (English and Digital Media) will attend the 58th Berlin International Film Festival with ACRE student Sean Kirk ’08 (Art and Business) February 7-14, 2008. They will present the restored film by the late American film artist, Jack Smith, entitled Sinbad of Baghdad. While in Berlin they will continue work on the ACRE film project Is What Was, shooting additional video and still images at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp outside of Berlin.

Frieda Texter (Chemistry/Biochemistry) and Andy Samuelsen (Biology) attended the AICUP Environmental Compliance Workshop at Bucknell University (December 17-19).

Kristen Woodward (Art) is showing prints in her Dogs of War series in a group exhibit at Clemson University, called Proofing Clemson Printmakers, opening Feb. 15th. She also will have a solo show, titled Lost & Found, at Penn State Berks in February. It will contain works on ‘found’ papers, including gun targets. The opening reception is 6 pm on Thursday, Feb. 21st, and the show will run through March 27th.

Joseph S. Yarworth (Education) and Margaret M. Place (Education) assisted the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP) in the production of a booklet on the No Child Left Behind law as it pertains to Pennsylvania. According to PAESSP, this highly acclaimed piece of work has been referenced by state and federal legislators, other state officials and other education professionals.

NCUR Accepts Five Submissions: Each of the five submissions to the National Conference for Undergraduate Research was accepted this year. The presenting students (and advisors) include Melissa Hamilton (T. Gilliams), Brett Lehman (C. Xiao), Melissa McGrath (L.Morris), Andrea Oppong (T. Obezech), and Tiffany Schell (D. Osgood). The conference will be held in Salisbury, MD on April 9-11.
PROVOST’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrollment 2008 Fall Semester – Day and Graduate Programs (As of 2/5/08)
Seniors (2008) 369
Juniors (2009) 341
Sophomores (2010) 348
Freshman (2011) 481
ESL 21
Total FT day 1560
Part-time 31
Graduate 53

Location of May 2008 Commencement: Due to the construction of the new Science Center impacting Science Field in May, the location of the 2008 May Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies have been changed to Shirk Stadium. This change in location also will allow for increased audience seating capacity, as we graduate the second largest class in the College’s history (approximately 365 students). Seating for those with special needs, as well as remote location viewing, will be provided. In addition, we will have a rain plan (for extreme weather conditions) to relocate to Bollman Gym. This year we will again have a picnic lunch between the two ceremonies on Kelchner Field, hosted by the faculty.

Academic Learning Center: We are continuing the search for an assistant dean and director of the Academic Learning Center, with two additional candidates interviewing on-campus on February 7th and 15th. Please plan to attend their open forums. In the interim, Samantha Frees, graduate assistant, will continue to coordinate academic skills workshops and Professor Bonnie Hamwi of Education will coordinate assessment of special needs students. In addition, we have hired a full-time receptionist, Sharon Giannattasio. She is assisted by returning student veterans, who will cover the evening hours (which begin Feb. 11). One of them, senior Anna Mills, will continue to coordinate tutor scheduling (beginning Feb. 11th). Dean Thomas is happy to answer any questions regarding the Academic Learning Center.

Writing Center: The Writing Center reopened on Sunday, January 27 with expanded hours for the Spring Semester: Sunday 6-9 and Monday through Thursday 5-10, to meet increased demand for services and so that hours more closely match those of the Academic Learning Center. We launched a spring campaign (flyers, emails, ACTV, the marquee in the Student Center) to remind students that we are available. In January, the tutors participated in a workshop to hone their own writing and editing skills, and in February Professor Greenwood will conduct workshops on commas and thesis sentences as part of the series sponsored by the Academic Learning Center.

Communications Curriculum: A new concentration in Public Relations and Advertising has been approved by the Board.
Fashion Fantasy: Albright’s Fashion Department will be hosting their annual fashion showcase, “Fashion Fantasy”, on Friday, April 18, 2008. The runway show and student exhibits will take place in the Albright Campus Center.

Invitation to attend the Wye Seminar: The Wye Seminar on Citizenship and the American Polity will be held July 19-25, 2008, at the Aspen Wye River campus on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. The seminar, sponsored by The Aspen Institute and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, addresses a central need of a liberal arts institution’s faculty to exchange ideas with colleagues from other colleges and disciplines while probing the fundamental values that underlie their teaching. Readings challenge participants to focus on values such as individual rights and responsibilities both nationally and globally, and the public purposes of education in a free, democratic republic. Albright is able to sponsor one faculty member to attend this program. If interested, please contact the Academic Affairs office at X7643 for an application.

Assessment Conference: On Saturday, April 19, 2008, Kutztown University will host its Second Annual Assessment Symposium that will include invited speakers and group discussion sessions on historical perspectives on assessment, effective assessment of student learning, and best practices and challenges associated with institutional assessment.

Accelerated Degree Program: Thus far, 144 new DCP students have been enrolled in 14 cohorts with an additional 22 students in two more cohorts this month. Last year, DSP registrations grew by 23% for a total of over 775 registrations. This year just over 750 registrations have been received toward a goal of 800 for the year.

Our new non-credit Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training program for local municipalities wrapped up the first introductory-level sessions this month, with the intermediate and advanced-level training sessions scheduled later this spring. ADP received a grant from the leading GIS software company that will provide 25 licenses for the training to offset the cost for the program.

Library: The library has negotiated with Sage Publications and the American Society for Microbiology to purchase bulk groups of online journal content.

- By purchasing a consortial contract, Albright has gained electronic access to approximately 440 peer-reviewed, full text journals published by SAGE for a small addition to the current 20+ print subscriptions expenditures. The publications are heavily used by the faculty and students (as noted in interlibrary loan requests) and 47 of them have been ranked within the top 10 in their subject category. Content is available back to 1999 and the journals are now online and are linked to all of the other online databases.

- In anticipation of moving all of their publications to online only access, the ASM offered the Albright Library access to all eleven of their publications for several hundred dollars less than the Library was paying for four of them in print. The Society’s journals cover the spectrum of microbiology, from molecular and cellular biology to biomedical research and technology and are now online.
The Turning Point Personal Response System (PRS) is an in-class communication system that uses wireless transmitters or “clickers” to allow students to send answers in response to questions posed by the faculty person teaching the class (much like in a game show where the audience participates). It can help the professor determine how the class grasps the material as a group and generate classroom discussions. If not reserved by faculty, the clickers will be available for use in other non-classroom activity, such as faculty voting. Contact Elizabeth Fields (x7207) to arrange training.

The Library web now includes the following to facilitate access for the faculty:

- The library improved its online access to equipment and room reservation requests (see http://www.albright.edu/library/index.html).
- Although some information is still incomplete, the classroom technology information directory is now available at http://www.albright.edu/library/classroom/. So if you need any special technology for your teaching, this site will let you determine what rooms will work for you.

In order to make the Library more secure for our students and other patrons, Library staff members have met and worked with the Public Safety and Security staff to more quickly identify problems and improve Public Safety response time by adding a radio with a direct line to the Public Safety officers on patrol.

Stop by the Library to see picture of Albright College gracing the cover of the national and extremely popular Choice Magazine (also appeared on page 2 of the Fall 2007 Albright Reporter) published by the American Library Association for book review information.

**Faculty Club**: The Academic Affairs Office invites all faculty to peruse and borrow (honor system applies) materials located in the Faculty Club. You will find books and other publications related to teaching and learning that we hope you will find helpful. Requests for additional materials are welcome.

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