

# THE LIBRARY LINK

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**As hunger is cured by  
food, so ignorance is  
cured by study.  
-Chinese proverb**

## “City Lights” Exam Review Needs Your Help!

This year, the Gingrich library will be hosting “City Lights,” Albright’s first ever exam review bash especially designed for freshmen. Although any student may attend, the goal of the evening is to prepare freshmen for their first real college exams. The library is earnestly searching for help from faculty and administrative offices in the areas of budget, staff, or influence. We need offices to help provide funds for food, prizes and decorations. We also need a few wakeful volunteers to set up and help during the event, and finally we need everyone to encourage every student you encounter to attend.

The event, taking place on Friday, December 10th from 7:30 pm to 1:30 am, opens the library for an additional evening of study, only this evening will also provide students with access to tutors and faculty members holding review sessions for “high-risk” courses Math, Foreign Languages, Biology and Chemistry. Any faculty member is invited and encouraged to hold his or her own review session during the event, or at least to indicate to Academic Support tutors what concepts will be most important to success on the exam.

In between the three scheduled 90-minute study sessions, students (and any others in attendance of course) will be treated to sandwiches, homemade cookies, coffee and hot chocolate. During 30 minute study breaks, we are also offering stress-reducing games that get the blood flowing, like Twister and Play-Doh smashing, and other relaxing activities like massages and yoga.

Decorations for the event will be provided by two students from Albright’s Art department; Monica Kline and Diego Campos. Watch the display areas on the Library’s Main floor for a final salute to “The City,” this year’s Freshman Forum topic.

This evening can only be a success with help from faculty. Please encourage all your first year students, especially those who are at risk, to attend. If you cannot attend yourself, please work

with the tutors who will lead the review sessions to create a program that highlights important points for the exam. If you have any questions or if you would like to participate in “City Lights,” please contact Kristin Brumbach (kbrumbach@alb.edu or x 7210) or Rosemary Deegan (rdeegan@alb.edu or x7202) for more information.

## Here Already! Can You Believe It?

*Crunch Week, Holiday, and Interim Hours*

### Regular Hours

Monday–Thursday	7:45 am–Midnight
Friday	7:45 am–7 pm
Saturday	9:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm–midnight

**NOTE:** Library services curtail at 15 minutes before closing.

### Coming Exceptions to Regular Hours:

#### Thanksgiving Break (November 23rd-28th)

Tuesday Nov. 23	7:45 am–7:00 pm
Wednesday Nov. 24	7:45 am–4:00 pm
Thursday Nov. 25–Saturday Nov. 27	CLOSED

Sunday Nov. 28	4:00 pm–Midnight
Monday Nov. 29	Classes & Regular Hours Resume

#### Crunch Week and Finals (December 6th-17th)

Monday-Thursday Dec. 6th-9th	7:45 am–1:00 am
Friday Dec. 10	7:45 am–7:00 pm
Friday Dec. 10	7:30 pm–1:30 am – special <i>CITY LIGHTS FINAL EXAM REVIEW</i>
Saturday Dec. 11	9:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday Dec. 12	1:00 pm–1:00 am
Monday Dec 13–Wednesday Dec 15	7:45 am–1:00 am
Thursday Dec. 16	7:45 am–12:00 midnight
Friday Dec. 17	7:45 am–2:45 pm (finals end)

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## Betcha Didn't Know: Albright's Own Museum of Natural History

by Sidney Dreese, Special Collections Librarian

Have you heard of Jacob S. Whitman? Perhaps not. He had been a professor of natural sciences at Union Seminary, New Berlin, PA, from 1856-1859. He attended Marshall College (now Franklin & Marshall College) 1845-1848, but did not graduate from Marshall College. Later, after teaching at Union Seminary, he moved on to Penn State University and Kansas State University. He died at Lyndon, KS in 1904. What else is significant about Jacob Whitman? He began the College Museum nearly 150 years ago.

The first inference to a museum is from the college catalog, 1856, under the heading, "APPARATUS, LIBRARY &c.", with this description:

"The Seminary is furnished with an excellent set of Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus, Maps, Globes, &c., so as to render the instruction more practical. Field rambles, for which this section of country is particularly favorable, are made in the study of Botany, while the classes in Surveying have frequent practical outdoor exercises." The first specific reference to a museum comes from the 1860-61 catalog, "A Museum is connected with the Institution, to which constant additions are making, thus affording students an opportunity of gaining much useful and interesting information."

When Union Seminary was renamed Central Pennsylvania College in 1887, the museum continued. Later, in 1902, when Central Pennsylvania College merged with Albright College at Myerstown, the museum came along. It was then located in the basement of the main Albright College building. After several years it was moved to the new Science Building. The first reference to the museum appears in the 1903-04 college catalog, stating that the museum consisted of four separate collections: geological, zoological, botanical, and chemical. James P. Stober, professor of biology and geology, was the curator.

Although it is impossible to tell how many items were included in the museum's collection over the years, a catalog from 1912 indicates that there were more than 1400 specimens in the Geological Collection, 1200 in the Zoological Collection, 600 in the Botanical Collection, and 100 in the Chemical Collection. Several photographs from the 1898-99 catalog show

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## Holiday Hours

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**Winter Break (December 18–Jan 3)**

Saturday Dec. 18–Sunday Dec. 19

CLOSED

Monday Dec. 20–Thursday Dec. 23

7:45 am–1:00 pm

The library is open to the public, including Albright students and staff from 7:45 am–1:00 pm. From 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Albright students and staff may gain access to the library by calling x 7517 from outside the library.



Friday Dec 24–Sunday Jan. 2

CLOSED

The library is closed to the public, but is available to Albright students and staff from 7:45 am–12:00 noon by calling x 7517.

Monday Jan. 3

8:00 am–10:00 pm

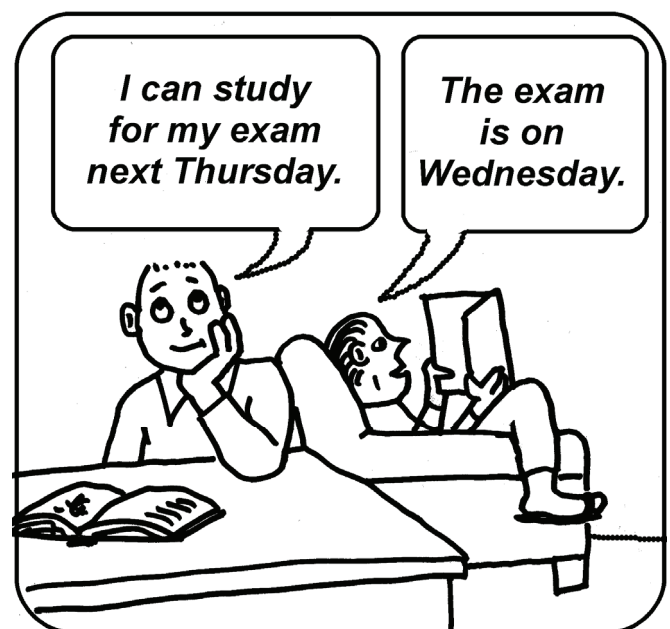
(Regular Interim Schedule)

Library hours are always available online at:

<http://www.albright.edu/library/hours.html>

## Overdues and Overdon'ts

by George Missonis



*The new peak of procrastination*

## New Library Policies Announced: AV Closet, Lost & Found, Display Space for "Rent."

For videos, DVDs, CDs and other audiovisual materials, a library staff member or student assistant will accompany all faculty, student and staff patrons who wish to browse the locked collection. This new policy is an attempt to serve you by keeping better track of the collection. The attendant will:

- ♦ Assist you in finding your materials since we changed the arrangement of the room.
- ♦ Re-file any materials you remove from the shelf and do not need - please do not file them away yourself.
- ♦ Help carry your materials to the desk, if you are checking out several items.
- ♦ Help prevent items being removed improperly.

This policy stems from our attempts to ensure that AV materials are available when you need them. All comments or questions should be directed to Rosemary Deegan (rdeegan@alb.edu or x7202).



Our Lost & Found Policy has also been revised to better reunite lost items with their owners. Now any items found in the library will be logged and held at the library for no more than one week, at which time, items will be transferred to the Safety & Security Office where they will be registered and kept according to College procedures. If you think you've lost an item in the library, please let us know at the circulation desk and we can alert the staff to keep an eye out for it. Once again, any questions regarding this policy should be directed to Rosemary Deegan (rdeegan@alb.edu or x7202).



Finally, the library would like to invite the Albright Community to take advantage of the two display cases on the main floor. Any group or individual may create a display in both the free standing display case inside the library and in the wall mounted case in the lobby next to the main outside door. Themes appropriate for these spaces are those that complement the curriculum or the culture of the College. Help in creating a professional looking display with library materials and with promoting your exhibit is available from the library staff. Groups or individuals may take advantage of this high-traffic area to display their exhibits for up to one month at a time. If you are interested in reserving the space for a display in 2005, please contact Kristin Brumbach (kbrumbach@alb.edu or x7210).

Keep an eye on our policy webpage: <http://www.albright.edu/library/policies.html> for further information on these and other important library policy changes.



## Journal and Microfilm Subscriptions Cancelled

The library purchases hundreds of journals in print format, but the prices for academic journals can be quite steep. In an attempt to bring journal costs more in line with our 3% budget increase (our serial costs have been averaging about 10% annual increases lately), the library targeted 77 of the most expensive titles for review. These titles, all of which carry price tags over \$500 per year, would have cost the college about \$103,000 when renewed for 2005.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Biology, Chemistry, Economics and Business, Physics, Psychology and Sociology departments, the library was able to pare some of the most expensive journals we buy and save over \$25,000. These funds will be used to purchase the very popular JSTOR collection (see <http://www.jstor.org> for more information) and in the future, to convert some of the American Chemical Society publications from print to electronic access. This conversion to online resources makes access easier for students and faculty and helps the library deal with the shortage of stack space we are experiencing.

The titles that will be discontinued in 2005 are:

Angewandte Chemie  
 Applied Animal Behavior  
 Behaviour Research and Therapy  
 Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications  
 BMJ  
 Brain and Language  
 Critical Reviews in Biotechnology  
 Euromoney  
 Experimental Cell Research  
 Hormones and Behavior  
 International Journal of Primatology  
 Journal of Morphology  
 Long Range Planning  
 Neuropsychologia  
 Reviews of Modern Physics  
 Sociological Perspectives  
 Sociological Spectrum  
 Teachers College Record

We will obtain articles from these journals via InterLibrary Loan if anyone needs them. A similar process of review will be used to evaluate the microfilm and fiche titles we receive in order to keep the budget in line. Student and faculty usage of the materials, as well as the online availability, will be used to cut back some titles. These title cuts will be announced in the next issue of *The Library Link*.

## Librarian showcases talent in EGA Exhibit

Fianna Holt, Chief of Technical Services, was invited by the Embroiderer's Guild of America to exhibit her needlework piece, "Faith is," at the Margaret Parshall Gallery in Louisville, Kentucky from September 1st through November 30th. Her piece includes many different specialty stitches, Berlin work, and pulled threads as well as many different fibers, such as overdyed cotton, linen thread, silk ribbon and perle cotton stitched on linen fabric. Fianna has also exhibited several other pieces at the Fall Festival of the Arts at Trinity Lutheran Church in September and most recently at the Berks County Chapter of EGA exhibit held at the Wyomissing Public Library from November 10th through November 13th.

In addition to stitching away at detailed pieces that can take over 100 hours to complete, Fianna often participates in the Albright Speakers Bureau and talks about her embroidery work to interested local groups.

Watch future issues of the Link as well as other library publications for the dates of a spring exhibit of Fianna's work to be held on the main floor of Gingrich Library.



Librarian Fianna Holt with her piece "Memories of Spring"

## Library Competes in Homecoming Scarecrow Contest

Meet Grizelda Shushenbook. She is the library's entry into the 2004 Homecoming Weekend Scarecrow Contest, graciously sponsored and coordinated by the Alumni Office. Naturally, when faced with creating



Above: The Scarecrow artists stand with their creation, clockwise from center: Grizelda Shushenbook (scarecrow), George Missonis, Tasheika Grant, Amy Lincoln, Pat Delewski and

a scarecrow that reflected the department, the librarians turned to books for inspiration.

Shushenbook is loosely based on Mrs. Beamster, "The Librarian from the Black Lagoon" in the Mike Thaler written and Jared Lee illustrated children's book of the same name. In the story, schoolchildren share their "knowledge" of the librarian whom they also call "The Laminator" because that's what she does to children who are talking in the library. She wears combat boots with a rubber "overdue" stamp on the bottom of them, and she puts glue on all the chairs so that students can't "wiggle."

Our Grizelda even boasts her own bazooka-style "Overdue Notice Delivery System" and, in fact, a black lagoon littered with tombstones of Albright students who have foolishly disobeyed library rules about plagiarism, due dates, and bringing uncovered drinks into the library.

For the record, by the end of the children's story, the students discover that Mrs. Beamster isn't scary and that the library is actually a pretty fun place to be and so we hope that after seeing Grizelda, Albright students, faculty and staff can come to the same conclusion.

Below: hands from the graves of Thomas Fries (who got caught in a web of lies the day he tried to plagiarize), and Goodwife Kate (whose books were very late) help set the



## Tip of the Week Now Online

The Tip of the Week is e-mailed weekly to the faculty, and all users e-mail lists on Albright's network. If you do not have access to e-mail through your work at Albright, feel free to stop by the library during open hours to access these tips on the web.

The "Tip of the Week" comes to you from the Library and Educational Technology staff and is intended to provide weekly helpful hints on using our services and resources here at Albright. If you have any helpful suggestions of information you think should be shared or a question you want answered, contact Rosemary Deegan at 610-921-7202 or [rdeegan@alb.edu](mailto:rdeegan@alb.edu).



## Betcha Didn't Know: Albright's Natural History Museum

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that the Natural History Museum was in a large room designed as a laboratory and lecture room. Behind a large glassed-in area are mounted mammals and perched birds. Most items were donated by faculty including a giant water bug, oriole nests, owls, an eagle, trees, fossils, crude oil from Western Pennsylvania, volcanic ash, currency, a dog skeleton and a human skeleton from a doctor in Philadelphia. Some specimens came from missionaries in foreign countries. Items were sent to the President of the College or the Curator of the museum.

As Albright College moved from Myerstown to Reading in 1928, so did the museum. It was located in the lobby of the new Science Hall. Through the years the college catalog made mention of the museum (although at times an entire section was devoted to the museum) with the last reference appearing in the catalog for 1977-78, "The Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science, with its Clarence A. Horn wing, houses the biology, chemistry, psychology, and geology laboratories and classrooms. A lobby on the main floor contains a museum collection of birds and mammals."

After 1978, what happened to the museum? Specimens continued to be on display in the lobby of Science Hall. Several are still there, such as an osprey, bald eagle, microscopes, analytical balances, and jars of chemicals. Quite a few are located in the mammal lab and used by students for study. Many song birds are on loan to the North Museum of Natural History and Science on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College. Although the College Museum has changed since the 1850s, Whitman's legacy continues at Albright College.

## Photocopying Payment Technology Moves to Next Level

Between now and the end of the Interim Session, IT Services, the Print Shop and the Library will have the library's photocopying machines in transition from the current VendaCard payment system to the CBORD system that is already used by students to do their laundry and buy sodas from campus Pepsi machines. The public photocopiers in the Campus Center and in the Computing Center will also be migrated to the new technology. This move will eliminate the need for students wishing to make copies in the library to carry an extra debit card.

This change also means that the library will no longer be selling cards or adding value to these cards. That function will now be handled in the Student Accounts office where students can add value to their cards with cash, check, or Visa/Mastercard. For non-students wishing to use the library photocopying machines, a card can be purchased in the Campus Center from the "Valueport" machine to be installed there, or other arrangements may be made through your department and the College's business offices.

Although not all the details are in place, this transition has been proposed to be complete by the end of 2004, so if you seek to purchase a VendaCard for the finals period, you may not want to add any more money to the card than will be used by the end of the semester. Likewise, if you already own a VendaCard, you may want to use up the value before the end of the Fall semester. Since we are seeking to make this a smooth transition, if you have any questions please ask us. We will be sure to get you an answer from the library or one of the other departments involved in this change as soon as possible.

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*The Library Link provides information on  
Library and Educational Technology issues at  
Albright College*

*You can find it @ your library!*

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Reading, PA 19612-5234

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Reference Desk: 610-921-7211  
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## Wireless Technology Comes to Albright

*by Jason Hoerr, Network Systems Manager, IT Services*

During the summer of 2004 Albright College expanded its wireless network coverage from three academic computer labs to almost 90% of our instructional facilities and many of the college's common areas. A grant proposal written by Dr. Dan Falabella, Chair of the Computer Science department, to foster the use and development of wireless technology provided the funding to purchase the necessary infrastructure improvements.

More than 20 wireless access points were installed and provide 802.11g coverage to the following academic locations: the first floor of the Center for Computing and Mathematics; the basement floor of Merner Pfeifer Klein Memorial Chapel; first, second, and third floors in Teel Hall; all four floors in Masters Hall; room 221 and parts of the third floor in Science Hall. Common area coverage includes the first and second floors of the library, the Wachovia Theater, Klein lecture hall, the Campus Center main and south lounges, the cafeteria and Jake's place. Coverage was also provided to the courtyard between Masters Hall, Alumni Hall and the Library/Admin Building in hopes that during the "warmer" months students and faculty could connect with network resources while enjoying the outdoors. Although offices around campus were not the primary focus of the grant, many were also provided with coverage by the installation.

The wireless project is moving into its next phase: providing an authenticated network where the identity of the laptop and the user will grant access to additional resources. To enable these additional services, users of the wireless network will be required to register their laptops with IT Services and be compliant with 802.1x authentication (Windows XP and MAC OS 10.3 have this feature built in).

Registration for the campus wireless network will be available in the coming weeks.

