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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2007, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Gary Adlestein's (English & Art) video, "Gaudi" was awarded a Director's Choice award by the 26th annual Black Maria Film & Video Festival. It will be screened as part of a show of independent and experimental films and videos that travels to over 70 venues (theaters, museums, colleges, libraries, film societies, microcinemas and community organizations) from coast to coast.

Doreen Burdalski (Fashion) attended the American Collegiate Retailing Association (ACRA) conference in New York which was held in conjunction with the National Retail Federation conference from January 13-January 15. As co-chair of both the Conference Committee and Undergraduate Competition Committee, she presented reports at both the ACRA Board meeting and the ACRA membership meeting. She also attended industry seminars and forums on current issues in merchandising.

The American Collegiate Retailing Association (ACRA) is sponsoring an undergraduate student Charrette at Ryerson University in Toronto to be held March 21- March 25, 2007. A Charrette is an intense, interdisciplinary activity in which students are placed in diverse teams to solve a complex problem. The program includes cultural tours and industry presentations in addition to the competition. The students will compete in the Charrette for prizes.

Guillaume de Syon (History) was a guest of the University of Maryland College Park History Department's Colloquium in the History of Technology on February 8, where he delivered a working paper entitled "The Airplane is in the Mail: Postcards and the Spread of Aeronautical Knowledge in France and Germany, 1890-1914."

Victor Forte (Religious Studies) presented "Traditional Influences on Zen Ethics in Dogen's Shoakumakusa," as part of a panel, Reflections on Zen Ethics, Past and Present, at the APA (American Philosophical Association) Conference, on December 28th, in Washington DC.

Dr. Sarel P. Fuchs, Dean of Graduate Studies and **Tiffany Siegel**, Manager of the Graduate Division attended the Council of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, December 6-9, 2006.

Susan Hughes (Psychology) was an expert quoted in this story on NPR: Why Do Men Have Deeper Voices than Women?

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6632829&sc=emaf>

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John Incledon (Modern Languages) participated in a seminar on "Literature and the Holocaust" presented by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Study at the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum, January 2-9.

Fouad Kalouche (Philosophy) presented a paper entitled "Capitalism and the Forces of Islam," and chaired a panel on Religion and Politics, at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, held in Washington, DC from December 27 to December 30, 2006.

The paperback edition of **Betsy Kiddy's** (History/Latin American Studies) book, *Blacks of the Rosary, Memory and History in Minas Gerais, Brazil* (Penn State Press) is being released in March.

Julia Matthews (Theatre) published a review of "From Script to Stage in Early Modern England," ed. Peter Holland and Stephen Orgel, in *Sixteenth Century Journal* 37.3 (Fall 2006).

Marian Wolbers (ESL) is writing a textbook for Fairchild Publications, the academic textbook division of Conde Nast Publications, Inc., tentatively titled *Fashion Communications: Fundamentals of Writing, Illustrating, and Talking about Fashion across the Media Environment*. Publication is scheduled for 2008.

Kristen Woodward (Art) had one of her new "Valentine" works on paper accepted into the *Beaux & Eros* national juried exhibition at the Peninsula Museum of Art in Belmont, CA. She also currently has a small work of wood on exhibit at the Plastic Club in Philadelphia, as part of their *Small Worlds* show. At the end of last year she had a solo show at Green Lantern Studios, in Mineral Point, WI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACRE PROJECTS

Eight student-faculty teams have been accepted to present the results of their summer ACRE projects at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research this April in San Francisco. Please congratulate Gina Carfagno, Megan Dietz, Janeil Gilyeat, LaKeisha Hall, Melissa Hamilton, Lisa Staub, Sherritta Wilkerson, Jessica Winski, and their faculty advisors, Julia Heberle (Psychology), Kristen Woodward (Art), Stephen Mech (Biology), Teresa Gilliams (English), Susan Seidenstricker (Education), and Tom Brogan (Political Science). Barty Thompson (Sociology and Anthropology) and David Osgood (Biology) will be presenting a paper at the same conference. The topic is development of an interdisciplinary, study abroad, field research course. The talk will feature the Peruvian Amazon course offered last spring.

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THE ALBRIGHT COLLEGE HONORS DINNER

The Albright College Honors Dinner (formerly the Jacob Albright Scholarship Dinner) will be held this year on Sunday, March 4th beginning with hors d'oeuvres at 5:15 pm in the Center for the Arts and dinner in the dining hall at 6:00 pm. This dinner is for prospective students who have been accepted to attend Albright. Faculty participation is requested.

ALBRIGHT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TEAM (ACIT) AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE REPORT

ACIT is working on the following items/projects:

Campus Purge Day

ACIT is planning a campus-wide “Purge Day” for office and storage clean up this spring

How Are We Doing Program

Service Excellence has purchased white plexiglass comment boxes which will be installed in about 40 locations around campus. College Relations is in the process of creating the art for the boxes and printing the cards. Human Resources has graciously agreed to collect the cards and provide the feedback to the departments for action and consideration. The program should be launched in early March

Integrating Student Information Across Departments

ACIT continues to address the challenges of integrating student information across departments to provide better service. Although ACIT has improved the one-card process significantly for start-of-school, there are still areas that have difficulty receiving the information to serve students better.

The Albright Beautification Committee

ABC is working to make improvements to the Campus Center and the Main Lounge. Our goal is to make the Main Lounge the students' “living room.” International flags have been removed and will be hung in the Dining Hall; the Conferences summer office has been relocated; storage removed; and the decrepit glass display cases spirited away. New doors that lock are being installed on the South Lounge. These efforts are already paying off, as can be seen by increasing numbers of students reading and gathering in the Main Lounge. Thanks to Facilities for making it happen! Plans are in the works to find both short and long-term ways to improve lighting, paint and make the space inviting.

New bulletin boards are also in the process of being installed in campus buildings, to go along with the new posting policy that prohibits posting on walls.

The Landscaping Committee has been convened and met for the first time on February 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

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Sally Stetler is now responsible for Campus Center spaces. Anything that impacts the space must be approved by her.

ACIT is also continuing the Eyeball Tours of campus to point out repairs and improvement.
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ALBRIGHT LEARNING CENTER FUNDRAISER!

The Albright Learning Center is having a fundraiser from FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 9, 2007. They are offering great gifts for EASTER! Home Interiors candles, candle accessories and other fragranced products will be for sale. Please contact Diana Barton (dbarton@alb.edu) for more information.

ALBRIGHT THEATRE, ART AND CONCERT OFFERINGS SCORED BIG IN THE READING EAGLE'S CRITICS' PICKS FOR 2006!

Give a cheer for:

“Waiting for Godot” -- Jeffrey Lenz’s production of “Waiting for Godot” made it into the top 10 regional theatre picks by George Hatza in the company of top flight professional regional companies like the McCarter Theatre in Princeton and the Wilma Theater in Philadelphia.

“...director Jeffrey Lenz took Samuel Beckett’s “Waiting for Godot” and transformed it into something mesmerizingly new.” George Hatza.

The Freedman Gallery “was a major player with one great show after another,” said art critic Ron Schira. Singled out were art faculty member **Richard Hamwi**, along with Peter Homitsky and Robert Pepper, and the exhibition of Brett Weston photographs.

Pianist Matthew Bengtson in concert came up number 4 on Susan Pena’s top 10 music and dance events. Jeffrey Lenz in concert and sopranos Francine Black and Tamara Black earned honorable mentions because Susan forced herself to shorten her list of 16 to 10!

THE CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND RESEARCH (CELAR)

The Center for Experiential Learning and Research (CELAR) would like to invite all faculty, staff and students to its OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, February 27 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Come see our new facility, enjoy some goodies and learn more about the Center.

CONFERENCE ON SPELLINGS

Dickinson College is hosting a Mellon-funded conference that focuses on a liberal arts response to the Spellings Commission report. The conference will be held on Friday, March 23, 2007 and is entitled "*Accountability and the Liberal Arts: Responding to the Spellings*"

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Commission." This is an important opportunity to hear the latest thinking on accountability and assessment tools such as CLA and also to engage in conversation with a Middle States Commission vice president on accountability and accreditation. The keynote speaker is Christopher Nelson, President of St. John's College, and his talk is entitled "Outcomes Assessment, Accountability, and the Examined Life." Besides the morning's keynote presentation and panel discussion, there will be three afternoon sessions: Kevin Carey of Education Sector will speak on "College Rankings Reformed: The Case for a New Order in Higher Education, Marc Chun of the Council for Aid to Education will speak on "The Collegiate Learning Assessment and Liberal Arts Colleges," (Chun is a Senior Research Scientist for the CLA, and Michael Kiphart, Vice President of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, will speak on accountability and accreditation. More information can be found at: <http://alpha.dickinson.edu/prorg/cpc/Mellonschedule.htm>. Faculty interested in attending should contact the Academic Affairs Office. Registration will be paid by the Provost.

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

Audio Conference

We have scheduled an audioconference "Difficult Parent Conversations: Do's and Don'ts for Educators." It is February 21 from 1 – 2pm in the Campus Center Conference Room. All faculty are encouraged to come. Please RSVP to Eileen at eharber@alb.edu. More information is at <http://www.pbconferences.com/convos1Z?ID=-1329381743>

IQWeb Update

As you already know, we had a brave group of faculty pilot online course registration this past fall. I am pleased that it was an overall success so now we are moving forward into Phase 4! In Phase 4, *all* course registration for fall 2007 will be done through IQWeb. To get us ready, all faculty have been assigned an IQWeb pilot pioneer who will offer assistance with the online registration process. The list of faculty and assigned pilot pioneers is posted on the IQWeb website. Questions or problems with IQWeb should be directed to your pilot pioneer or the college helpdesk x7676.

Academic Advising and Spring 2007 Course Registration

Advisors will be receiving the packet of fall 2007 course offerings the week of March 12 (the week before spring break). Registration for fall courses will be April 16 – 20. It is imperative that advisors check their advisee's records for "holds" prior to course registration because "holds" will prevent a student from actually registering for classes. There are nine types of holds and they are posted on IQWeb along with the office (Registrar, Student Accounts, Student Affairs, etc.) the student needs to see with questions.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Training/Leadership Development – New sessions began on January 24, with subsequent sessions following on January 31 and February 8. We will have a follow up session on March 13, to solicit feedback and share success stories. Leaders participating in these

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sessions include Steve Amore, Connie Bingaman, Chris Boehm, Tim Byerly, Michelle Hahn, Collette Joyal, Michele Mahony, Jessica Shue, and Jennifer Stoudt.

Payroll Deductions for Declining Balance Accounts (DBA's) – We will now be offering payroll deduction options to employees who wish to establish or maintain a DBA relationship with the College. An employee DBA utilizes the existing employee ID card and can be used at most soft drink machines on campus, Jake's Place, Jake's Java, and the Dining Hall. Previously, an account was maintained by pre-payment to the Cashier's Office. This option is also still available to employees. Please see attachment to view a copy of the DBA payroll deduction form. We will be communicating this option to all faculty and staff this week. This form is available under the Human Resource link of our Web site, www.albright.edu, as well as in both the Human Resource Department and the Controller's Office.

PAC Chat – This past Tuesday, January 30, newly hired employees joined the President and his Advisory Council for our second PAC Chat. This gathering gave our new staff members the opportunity to meet senior management and put a face and voice to a name. We will continue these coffee/tea gatherings each quarter as part of our overall orientation program.

Emergency Contact Information – As noted earlier, we will be distributing Emergency Contact Information Sheets to all faculty and staff in order to update vital personal information. These emergency contacts will be maintained in the Human Resource Office and will be treated with the highest level of confidentiality. We believe the ability to respond to unexpected events and emergencies in a swift and efficient fashion is critical and having this information will allow us to be better prepared for the unexpected and unplanned.

GRADUATE DIVISION

The Graduate Division will be hosting a forum on Monday, March 26th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Klein Chapel Auditorium entitled, "*Evolution vs. Intelligent Design: What is appropriate for Science Instruction in School? The Dover Intelligent Design case in context.*" In December 2006, a federal judge caused quite a stir by making a ruling barring the Dover Area School District from teaching Intelligent Design in school. This fueled a heated, extensive debate between evolution and creationist viewpoints and what students should and should not be exposed to in school science classes. This event will be a presentation of both theories and their impact beyond the classrooms.

Presented by:

Dr. Michael Behe - Professor of Biology at Lehigh - The basic principles of Intelligent Design and why they are important

Dr. Stephen Mech - Assistant Professor of Biology at Albright College - The basic principles of Evolution and why they are important

Dr. Joseph Yarworth - Assistant Professor of Education at Albright College- Intelligent Design and Evolution: Competing ideas in the arena school politics

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Donald B. Owen, Esq. - Consultant and Attorney in private practice - Legal aspects of the debate between Evolution and Intelligent Design

Bernadette Reinking - President of the Dover School Board - The Dover case and the impact in the community of the legal and political battles between Intelligent Design and Evolution

PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENTS

By federal law, all colleges and universities must publicly report their Cleary Crime Statistics every year. Public Safety posts our Cleary Statistics on the College website

<http://www.albright.edu/services/security/sec-cleary.html>

Statistics for this past fall are not posted yet but below are the stats for August 1, 2006 – January 1, 2007 (fall semester 2006).

August 1, 2006 – January 1, 2007

Alcohol violations: 26 incidents involving 87 students

Weapons violations: 2

Sexual assaults: 2 victims/1 assaulter

Counterfeit ID: 1

Drugs: 4

Robbery: 1

Indecent exposure: 1

Assaults: 2

Criminal trespass: 6 non-students

Noise violations: 6

Harassment: 2

Vandalism: 9

Thefts: 21

Rapes: 2

WOODROW WILSON VISITING FELLOWS PROGRAM

Albright College has been selected to host a visiting scholar from the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program during the week of April 22, 2007. Dr. Chris Hackler, Director for Medical Humanities at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, will be available during his visit to speak in classes and community forums on topics that include ethical issues in genetic and reproductive technologies; manipulation of the aging process; artificial nutrition and other treatment decisions for demented patients; living wills, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia; health care reform and the economics of medicine.

Dr. Hackler is a philosopher and medical school professor. He directs a division that offers courses and produces scholarship in the history of medicine, literature and medicine, law and medicine, and medical anthropology. Dr. Hackler has published widely on topics in his own field of medical ethics, including advance medical directives and end-of-life decisions, health care reform, rationing of health care, and genetic engineering. He has been the recipient of Fulbright,

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National Defense, and National Endowment for the Humanities awards, has served as Chair of the Association of Faculty in the Medical Humanities, and has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Health and Human Values. He recently was named Inaugural Professor in the Clinton School of Public Service.

For more information or to schedule an event with Dr. Hackler, please contact Dr. Betsy Kiddy or Karla Rosenbusch.

AND JUST FOR FUN:

Valentine's Day History

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is very commercialized. The town of Loveland, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia.

The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

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Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 270. At that time it was the custom in Rome, a very ancient custom, indeed, to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, feasts in honor of a heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.

The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavored to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of saints for those of maidens. And as the Lupercalia began about the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine's Day for the celebration of this new feast. So it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year arose in this way.

Cited from: http://www.pictureframes.co.uk/pages/saint_valentine.htm