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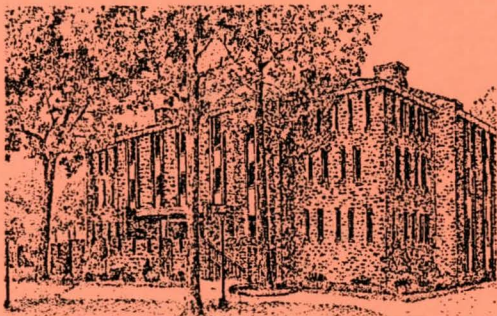
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Internet Workstation Added



The Myrin Library recently installed an Internet Workstation on the Main Floor of the Library. Now students, faculty, and staff can access the Library's website, as well as other Internet resources, using a graphical browser. Up to now access to the Library homepage was limited to "dumb" terminals which can display only text. The Homepage provides a description of the Library's services, access to electronic resources, including scholarly journals, as well as search tools for combing the internet. *Britannica Online* is one of the reference tools available. Once relevant information is found, the material can be printed out using the laser printer connected to the workstation or downloaded as a file to a floppy disk.

Pilot Project to make Back Exams Available Campus-wide

One of the goals in setting up this workstation was to make available an electronic reserves collection, which now includes backtests from two courses. During the summer a pilot project was begun to scan in backtests from Biology 111 (Dawley) and Mathematics 241 (Neslen). These tests can be accessed from the Library's Internet workstation or from any other computer with netscape or another graphical web browser. Please note that the exams are in PDF format. This means you need the Adobe Acrobat reader, a free piece of software, to read or print out copies. The electronic reserves collection is located at <http://lib.ursinus.edu/~libweb/e-reserves/>. If faculty have backtests they would like to make available in this manner, please contact David Mill at x2301 or send a note via email to dmill.



Myrin's Webpage: What's New

The Library's Homepage, shown on the last page of the newsletter, was recently re-designed to incorporate several new features.

Among these are a hypertext index to the Library's website that can be used to take quick and direct steps to the various sections of the webpage; a "What's New in Myrin" section that will provide news about our collections and services on an ongoing basis; and a link to our new "Electronic Reserves" section, where students can find backtests.

The Myrin Library's webpage can be accessed via the "Resources" link on the College's homepage, or directly at the following URL: <http://lib.ursinus.edu/~libweb/myrin.html>.

Library Adds Latest Edition of McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology

"This encyclopedia is excellent. It is attractive, is easy to read, is profusely illustrated, and a huge and beautifully produced resource."

-the New England Journal of Medicine

The Myrin Library has recently acquired the latest edition of this important encyclopedia. The set includes 20 volumes, 7,500 articles, with some 1,600 of these articles being either

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News from the Media Services Department

Laptop Computers Available

Now available for faculty use are two new laptop computers. The department now owns two portable Macintosh laptops and two pc-compatible laptops. The newest pc is a Dell multimedia laptop running Windows 95. These computers are available to faculty by calling 2286 and placing a reservation. Please plan ahead as these computers are also used for class presentations and are booked rather quickly.

Olin Videoconferencing

Olin 108 was transformed over the summer into a videoconferencing room. This classroom can connect via an ISDN line to anywhere in the world with videoconferencing capabilities. To find out sites both in the United States and around the world with videoconferencing capabilities check out the web site http://www.sju.edu/~lees/vc_list.html. This room is also equipped with state of the art multimedia equipment including a ceiling mounted video projector, document camera, pc-compatible computer and video recording and playback decks. This room must be reserved through the Registrar's Office and the Media Services Department must be contacted before use.

Olin Auditorium Limitations

A word of caution concerning Olin Auditorium: The video playback system from the large ceiling mounted projector is not operational. We will accommodate video playback by setting up a portable projector in the back of the auditorium. The quality of the sound and video image is markedly less than that of the overhead projector. Please take this into consideration when planning your classes.

Cable Channel 4

The campus cable/information system is now operational. To have messages posted to Channel 4, please submit your request directly to the College Communications Office. They will then forward the announcement to the Media Services Department for broadcast via Channel 4. Remember to keep the messages as brief as possible.

New Acquisitions

The Media Services Department has added over 50 new titles since July. Check out our homepage at <http://lib.ursinus.edu/~ksando/> for the newest acquisitions. Some highlights include *Fargo*, *Braveheart*, *Mary Silliman's War*, *Scent of Green Papaya*, *Race to Save the Planet*, *Richard Burton's Hamlet*, *Love Jones*, *No Carrier: Accessing the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, and *The Odyssey*. The department has also received a gift from Christina Vitabile of popular music CDs. Among the artists are R.E.M., 10,000 Maniacs, Tom Petty, Matthew Sweet, and Toad the Wet Sprocket. These CDs may be borrowed for three days with a valid college ID.

New Staff Member

The Media Services Department extends a warm welcome to our new Media Services Assistant, Jennifer Courtney. Jennifer is a 1997 graduate of Ursinus with a double major in Psychology and Exercise and Sports Science as well as a minor in art. Jennifer worked in the department as a student assistant for three years and was awarded the Elizabeth Hankel Memorial Prize this year for outstanding commitment, maturity and leadership. Please feel free to direct equipment orders and other Audio Visual needs to Jen. She can be reached at x2286 or via email at jcourtney@lib.ursinus.edu.

News from the Technical Services Department

Myrin Catalog Becomes Internet Resource

This summer the Technical Services Department began adding records for electronic resources available, not in the Myrin Library, but through the Internet. We began with electronic journals, starting with those published by Johns Hopkins University Press which we purchase in a bundle titled "Project Muse". Each journal title has separate record, and the call number area includes the URL, that is, the Internet address where the journal can be accessed. To view additional information about the source, such as the extent of coverage or the formats in which you can download the information, type "F" (for full) and a screen with descriptive notes will appear.



We also added records for journals we formerly received in paper, but now provide electronically, the *Astrophysical Journal* (<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/ApJ>) being one example. For other titles which the Library still receives in paper format, we added records for their electronic counterparts which provide access to portions of the journal, such as *Nature* (<http://www.nature.com>) and *Science* (<http://www.sciencemag.org>).

With the aid of a summer intern from Drexel University's College of Information Science and Technology, we went through portions of the Ursinus Website and added records for resources various faculty members had located and cited on their homepages. Good examples include: *The Labyrinth : resources for medieval studies* (<http://www.georgetown.edu/labyrinth>), sponsored by Georgetown University; *ARTFL Project : multi-lingual Bibles* (estragon.uchicago.edu/Bibles/), sponsored by University of Chicago; and *Portico : the British Library's Online Information Server* (<http://portico.bl.uk>).

The federal government has moved into electronic access in a dramatic way, and we have begun providing records for much of this material as well. The National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation have useful sites, and we have also cataloged individual titles which are on the Web such as the *Budget of the United States Government* (<http://cher.eda.doc.gov/BudgetFY97/index.html>), and *Commerce Business Daily* (<http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov/index.html>).

It is our hope that by adding these records to our catalog we can provide additional subject access points and a good bit of descriptive material that will assist you in your research before you make that trip on the Internet. We continue to add records for other useful sites, especially those which are, for the moment anyway, free! One good example here is *Merriam-Webster Online* (<http://www.m-w.com>), which is the online version of *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, Tenth Edition. If you have an interesting and academically useful favorite site, please send the URL to Debbie Malone at dmalone@lib.ursinus.edu.



Myrin's Fall Holiday Schedule

October 10 (Fri.)..... 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 October 11 (Sat.)..... 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 October 12 (Sun.)..... 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 October 13 (Mon.) 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 October 14 (Tue.)..... 8:00 a.m. - Midnight

Myrin Library

Welcome from the Director



What's New in Myrin



Index of Library Resources



The Myrin Bulletin Board
Library Hours, Newsletter,
Announcements, Staff Listing



Library Services
Enter Interlibrary Loan Requests,
Suggest Acquisitions, Comments



The HELP Desk
Help with using the Library, finding
information, and formatting papers



Periodical Holdings
Myrin's Journals, Magazines, and
Newspapers



The New Bookshelf
Books and other materials recently
added to the collections



Media Services Department
Information about the services,
staff, and collections



The Virtual Library
Encyclopedia Britannica, E-Journals
& Indexes, Internet Sources &
Searching, Electronic Reserves



Federal Document Assistant
Information from your Federal
Government.

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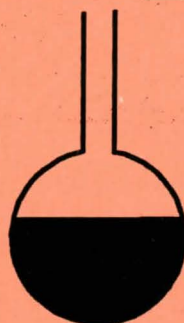
new or revised from the previous edition, and over 13,000 illustrations. The set is comprehensive and authoritative; it includes hundreds of bibliographies, and is fully indexed.

This edition of the encyclopedia, added to the Myrin Library collection through a generous gift from Rose Anne K. Dreibelbis, '40 in memory of her husband, Charles, can be found at REF 503 M178. The previous edition can be found in the Chemistry library at CHEM 503 M178.

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Chemistry Library Back in Service



The chemistry library, which had been put in total disarray this summer to accommodate the ongoing renovations in Pfahler Hall, is back in good order thanks to Dr. Victor Tortorelli and the Roelofs family. Mrs. Nancy Roelofs, the Chemistry Department stockroom manager and her two daughters, Mary and Janet worked full-time for a week carefully cleaning the books (vacuum and wiping) and then putting them in order on the shelves. The books had been unloaded into more or less random piles to make way for the renovations. The chemistry library was closed for the first four days of the semester while that work was going on. Once all the volumes were placed on the shelves, which also had to be cleaned and adjusted, space was made to give the necessary growing space for the collection. Study carrels were installed and additional study spaces were created. The final step is the re-connection of a terminal to search the library system which should be happening very soon.