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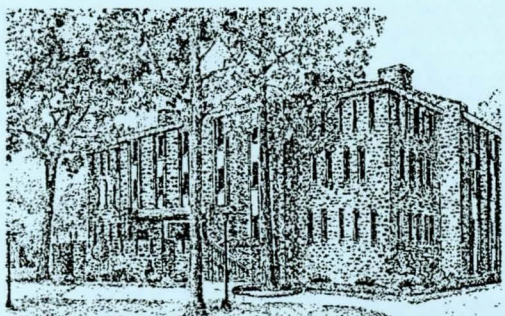
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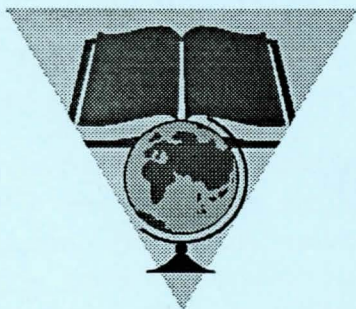


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## *Lexis-Nexis UNIVERse Available Delivers Full-Text Campus-wide!*



Would you like to have current news from around the world, industry forecasts and trends, country profiles, legal information, and up-to-date sources of information on almost any topic delivered to your desktop? The Myrin Library has recently begun providing campus-wide access to *Lexis-Nexis UNIVERse*, a web-based online service for full text issues of major newspapers, journals, newsletters, and other information sources. Any Ursinus student, faculty, or staff member is eligible to use UNIVERse for non-commercial purposes.

*Lexis-Nexis* is available from any computer on campus which has a Web browser such as Netscape. You can select the service from the Myrin Library Homepage (<http://lib.ursinus.edu/~libweb/myrin.html>) under "Virtual Library" or you can reach it directly at: <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/universe>.

The opening screen includes a list of the broad subject areas the service covers, including the following :

- Top News:** Get today's news from selected news sources from around the world
- General News:** Get news from 20 years ago to today
- Company News:** Find the latest information about a specific company
- Industry News:** Look here for industry forecasts
- Gov't & Politics:** Obtain legislative news from a national and regional perspective
- Legal News:** National and state issues of legal significance are analyzed in the leading law journals, magazines and newspapers
- Company Finances:** Find out where a company is located, names of executives, financial information and more
- Country Profiles:** Obtain business analysis and country information
- Biographical Info:** Get background information on a politician, movie star, sports great, etc.
- General Medical:** Browse the full text of medical journals and newsletters
- Accounting & Tax:** Search a comprehensive selection of accounting information sources
- Legal Reviews:** Search more than 200 law reviews and law journals
- U.S. Code:** Search federal statutory and administrative law from a variety of authoritative sources

*Lexis-Nexis* offers a truly vast amount of information delivered directly to your office, dorm room, or computer lab. Explore for yourself or stop by the Information Desk in Myrin for a demonstration.



## Best Books of 1997

The following titles, all in Myrin, were chosen as "best books" by the *New York Times Book Review*. Take them out and judge for yourself!

### American Pastoral

by Philip Roth  
813.54 R742am

### American Scripture

by Pauline Maier  
973.313 M281

### The Blue Flower

by Penelope Fitzgerald  
823.914 F576b

### Huxley

by Adrian Desmond  
574.092 D465

### Into Thin Air

by Jon Krakauer  
796.522 K858

### Mason & Dixon

by Thomas Pynchon  
813.54 P994m

### The Puttermesser Papers

by Cynthia Ozick  
813.54 Oz5pu

### Toward the End of Time

by John Updike  
813.54 Up1to

### Underworld

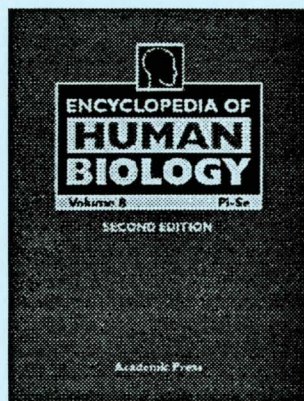
by Don DeLillo  
813.54 D379u

### Virginia Woolf

by Hermione Lee  
823.912  
W883zLee

### The Whole Shebang

by Timothy Ferris  
523.1 F417



## Notable Acquisition: *Encyclopedia of Human Biology*

"Created by recognized experts for a broad audience of general and scientific readers and edited by Renato Dulbecco, a Nobel laureate and president of the Salk Institution, this authoritative but readable reference offers a complete source of knowledge on the human organism in a single, unified work." -Marilyn Rosenthal, *Library Journal*, December 1997.

This important new reference set updates the previous edition, which the Myrin Library added to our collection in 1992. The second edition consists of over 670 full-length articles contained in a nine-volume set. There are some 5000 glossary entries that explain key terms, 3000 figures and tables complementing the text, and over 4000 references cited throughout the 7000 pages of the encyclopedia.

Dr. Beth Bailey, Biology Department, comments: "It is a wonderful addition to the library's reference materials. I generally shy away from such reference sources because they are often too broad in their scope; however, I was very pleasantly surprised by the *Encyclopedia*. The depth of coverage for my area of expertise (cardiovascular physiology) was impressive. The articles themselves were written by some of the best in the field. The comprehensive coverage of topics makes it an excellent resource for upper-level science students while the clarity of the writing makes it understandable to a non-science-oriented audience. I will strongly encourage my students to take full advantage of this publication!"

## Myrin Recognized by American Chemical Society



CAS, a division of the American Chemical Society, recently named the Myrin Library a "CAS Signature Library" in recognition of its complete set of *Chemical Abstracts*. The Library was presented with a bronze plaque by CAS. First published in 1907, *Chemical Abstracts* abstracts and indexes the vast literature produced in the field of chemistry. Currently, according to CAS, that amounts to about 850,000 documents—patents, journal articles, conference proceedings, etc.—each year. Since its beginning the

total is more than 20 million documents.

CAS is also responsible for developing a standard system for substance identification, the CAS Registry Number, which has been used to record nearly 18 million unique chemical substances.

Chemical Abstracts—all 90 plus years worth!—is shelved in the rear section of the Reference Collection on the Main Floor of the Library.



## Tax Aids Available in Myrin

Unfortunately, it seems to be income tax preparation time again. Help is at your fingertips though! There are a number of Internet sites that will be helpful to you, and Myrin has forms and guides.

The IRS Internet site (<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>) seems to be working better than it did last year. It allows you to do things like:

- \* Complete tax forms online
- \* Obtain tax FAQ's
- \* Search IRS publications by topic or keyword
- \* Calculate your tax deductions via "W-4 Calculator"
- \* Provide comments and request help via e-mail
- \* Read about Hot Tax Issues/News in "Digital Dispatch"

Other sites which might be helpful include the American Association of Certified Public Accountants (<http://www.aicpa.org/>) which includes a catalog of federal and state tax information, and FedWorld (<http://www.fedworld.gov>) which provides daily updated IRS tax forms.

The new Government Document workstation in the Reference area of Myrin also includes the new CD 1997 *Federal Tax Products* which allows you to call up tax forms, fill them in electronically, and print to a laser printer. The forms are in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) and are produced from the same PostScript files used to create the original camera copy used in printing the bulk quantities for IRS. Just one reminder – the Adobe Acrobat Reader supplied with this CD does not allow you to save your completed form to disc.

Click on the "1997 Federal Tax Products" icon and from the main menu select "1997 Tax Products". This brings up a list of the forms available and a brief description of each. Click on the form you want, and although the line will not be highlighted, the PDF file for the form will display. The CD also contains instructions, publications and other tax related products.

Our Reserve Desk houses paper publications that might help as well. We have the 1997 edition of *Reproducible Federal Tax Forms* (343.73 Un3 1997) and *Taxpayer Information Publications* (343.73 Un3t) which provide a good bit of description for items on the tax forms. The most recent edition of *Tax Guide for College Teachers and Other College Personnel* (343.052 Ac12) is also available at the Reserve Desk.

Good luck! Remember – April 15 is only two short months



## Brief Notes

### MEDIA SERVICES

Tami Schlag, Media Services Assistant since 1992, has left the department to pursue other goals. She is now working for Vspan, Inc., a telecommunications service corporation that supports and coordinates interconnectivity between users of videoconferencing technology. Tami will also receive her Bachelor's degree from Ursinus in May. We congratulate Tami on this achievement, thank her for her years of service to the community, and wish her well in her new endeavors.

### ON DISPLAY

Both of the lobby display cases currently highlight Ursinus study abroad programs. One contains mementos brought back by students who studied in a variety of countries last semester. There is a contest to identify the origin of these items. The second display case highlights the Summer Study in Japan program, where students study at Ursinus' sister institution, Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai.

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## Follow the Winter Olympics on the World Wide Web



There are a number of web sites devoted to the Winter Olympic games. Here are a few that the Myrin Library recommends:

*Online Britannica* (<http://www.eb.com/>) is featuring a special section this month titled "The Britannica Sporting Record: The Winter Games." This interactive web site (<http://winter.eb.com/>) highlights the games currently taking place in Nagano, Japan, and provides a comprehensive overview of the Olympic movement in over 127 articles and numerous photographs.

*Online Britannica* is available across the campus, via any networked PC or Mac with a Web browser such as Netscape.

Keep current with results, statistics, medal counts, etc. with these three additional web sites:

*The Official Olympic Organizing Committee Web Site:*  
([http://www.nagano.olympic.org/home\\_e.html](http://www.nagano.olympic.org/home_e.html))

*CBS Sportsline: Nagano 98*  
(<http://cbs.sportsline.com/u/olympics/nagano98/>)

*ESPN Sportszone: Winter Olympics, Nagano 98*  
(<http://espnnet.sportszone.com/olympics98/index.html>)



All of these Winter Olympics web sites can be accessed in the Myrin Library, at either the Internet workstation located in the Reference area on the Main Floor or at any of the networked micromputers located in the basement and third floor.

## Myrin's Spring Break Schedule

March 6 (Friday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 7 (Saturday)	Closed
March 8 (Sunday)	Closed
March 9 (Monday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 10 (Tuesday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 11 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 12 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 13 (Friday)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
March 14 (Saturday)	Closed
March 15 (Sunday)	5:00 p.m. - Midnight

