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A Message from the University Librarian

Fundraising Updates:

The CSUSB Alumni Association has made a second contribution of $2,500 to the John M. Pfau Book Endowment. This generous contribution is made in continued appreciation of library services to members of the Alumni Association. Thank you alumni!

Elva Salgado, IRT director of development, announced in March 2002 a $10,000 contribution from the Antelope Valley Air Quality Control Management District to purchase environmental studies books and materials for the Pfau Library. A sincere thank you to the Antelope Valley and Mojave Desert districts for their support to assist CSUSB students in the pursuit of their studies.

The Pfau Library Associates will be contributing $500 per year for the next four years to the Thelma and Lou Press International Children's Literature Collections. The Associates will also contribute $250 annually to the John M. Pfau Book Endowment.

Honor with Books, a program to celebrate a special occasion or honor a colleague or graduate, will be launched Spring 2002. For each $50 contributed to the Pfau Library, a book will be purchased. A bookplate will be placed in the inside cover bearing the name of the person it honors. An electronic bookplate will also be created in the online Public Access Catalog. The Honor with Books program provides a gift of lasting value to a loved one and to the Pfau Library.

Johnnie Ann Ralph,
University Librarian

Information Literacy Blossoms

by Barbara Quarton

The seeds of information literacy (aka information competence) in higher education were sown 30 years ago. In 1972, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education recommended providing all students equal access to higher education, allowing them more choice in course selection, and placing "a greater emphasis on the library as an active participant in the instructional process." In 1995, the California State University, recognizing the need "to establish basic competence levels in the use of recorded knowledge and information," began work on an information competence program for the CSU. Information literacy initiatives have since blossomed on campuses across the CSU, resulting in partnerships among faculty and librarians whose goal is to develop lifelong learners "able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use the needed information." With the myriad information sources available to students today, information literacy's time has come.

The Pfau Library has been actively involved in information literacy research since January 2000, when the Association of College and Research Libraries' *Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education* were endorsed by the American Association of Higher Education (see http://www.ala.org/acrl/ilcomstan.html). Our librarians have attended conferences, led workshops, and participated in grant activities that focus on teaching information literacy on campus. Last year, six librarians and eight faculty members teamed in "Integrating Information Literacy across the Curriculum," a grant written by librarians and funded by the Teaching Resource Center. The success of this grant led to "Integrating Information Literacy across the Curriculum 2002," scheduled to begin in April of this year. TRC also hosted a faculty workshop in September 2001, entitled "Spike Your Research Assignments with a Little Information Literacy," led by a Pfau library reference librarian.

Faculty members are responding favorably to their partnerships with librarians as a result of witnessing its impact on their students' learning. In fact, some faculty and librarians are working together to write their own information literacy grants. Professor Susan Daniels and librarian Barbara Quarton received funding in 2001 to integrate information literacy skills into the course content of one section of EDUC 306. In the Information Resources & Technology division, plans are being sketched out to centralize the administration and teaching of information literacy and computer competency to large numbers of students.

Cultivating information literacy in higher education is the challenge for the future, and every campus will embrace information literacy in its own way, according to its own organizational culture. The Pfau Library is partnering with the colleges to define information literacy's role on our campus. The ultimate goal is to produce graduates empowered to find the information they need, to think critically about it, and to use it appropriately.

For more information about information competence in the CSU, go to http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/actions/1997-98/2409a.shtml

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Add 880 to extensions below for off campus.

Public Services

Library Information	5084
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Campus Operator	5000

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New Databases

by Lisa Bartle

Since the Fall 2001 newsletter, the library has obtained subscriptions to several new electronic resources.

Prola

The *Physical Review Online Archive* is a full-text archive of the *Physical Review Series I*, *II*, and *III*, as well as *Physical Review Letters*, and *Reviews of Modern Physics*. Search or browse complete back files from 1893 to 1997. More current issues are found in the *AIP Online Journals* database.

AIP Online Journals

Covering from the late 1990s to the present, *AIP Online Journals* is an online subscription service providing full-text more than 100 journals published by the American Institute of Physics.

BasicBiosis

BasicBiosis is an index covering the life sciences, environmental sciences, and other related disciplines. It indexes core life science journals as well as reports, reviews, and newspapers. There is no full-text in the index, but there are links to very limited full-text. Click on the link "Check linked full text sources" when it appears on the results list.

ACM Digital Library

Covering from the late 1990s to the present, *ACM Digital Library* is an online subscription service providing full-text oabout 30 journals published by the Association for Computing Machinery.

Primary Search

Primary Search indexes 80 magazines for elementary-age school children. Fifty-three titles are available in full-text through the database from about the mid-1990s to the present. Titles available in full-text include: *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, *Ranger Rick*, *Ladybug*, and *National Geographic World*.

MAS Ultra, School Edition

MAS Ultra, School Edition indexes 545 magazines for older school children, with 490 titles available in full-text from the early 1990s to the present. There are 5,000 full-text Magill Book Reviews, 140 Macmillan books, hundreds of health- and science-related pamphlets, the *CIA World Factbook*, and *Essential Documents in American History*. ❧

New Librarian Profile: Brent Singleton

Brent Singleton comes to us from UCLA. He worked in the Young Research Library Reference Department from 1995-2001 as a library assistant IV. His duties included being Webmaster, information technology consultant, and coordinator of reference desk assistants. He earned his B.A. in History from UCLA in 1993 and his M.L.I.S (Masters in Library and Information Science) from UCLA in 2001.

Currently, his research interests focus on African-American, African and Islamic history. In particular he has been studying the role of literacy, books, and libraries in the West African city of Timbuktu during the medieval period. Other interests include information technolog, providing services to underrepresented communities and library history. ❧

Rheubottom-Webster Lecture: "San Bernardino Cut Off by Torrents in City's Worst Storm"

by Bonnie Petry

So read the headline of the March 3, 1938 *San Bernardino Sun*. Seven persons were feared dead while several others had already been found dead. A record-breaking rainfall, consisting of 4.46 inches over 24 hours followed by 8.26 inches spread over four days, caused the water level to rise as high as 10 feet. All highways were washed out and every bridge was either destroyed or heavily damaged. Seven men, three women, four children, and a pig were rescued when they became trapped at the Lytle creek crossing on South I. Two men were drowned when they ignored a flagman trying to warn them and drove their car straight into three or four feet of water where the ground apparently gave way beneath the vehicle. The car over-turned and the men were swept away before they could be reached by rescuers. Two transients attempting to ford the rising water were swept away by a wave, but saved themselves by climbing a tree. One escaped soon after, but the other refused to leave the tree. Firemen finally got a rope to him and pulled him to safety.

Ms. Suzie Earp, a graduate student in the history department, and history professor Kent Scofield, will bring these dramatic events to life with stories from dozens of flood survivors, contemporary photographs, and a rare home movie. The presentation is based on Ms. Earp's award-winning 2001 senior honors thesis in history. The Rheubottom-Webster Lecture will be held on Saturday, May 11, on the second floor of the library. A dessert reception opens the evening at 6:30 p.m. and the lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the John M. Pfau Library and the Water Resources Institute. ❧

Library Goings On

"Puss in Boots in Verse," a self-published children's book written and illustrated by Bonnie Petry was selected to be part of an exhibit at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut January 22-March 16, 2002.

Bonnie Petry's collage, "Renaissance of the Blue Bird," will be featured on the cover of the next issue of *The Pacific Review*.

On December 29, 2001, Aricelle Calles gave birth to her first child, Roman Andrew (6 lbs. 9 oz).

On January 9, 2002, Juvette McNew became Library Assistant II (Serials).

On January 9, 2002, Sue Lusk became Library Assistant IV (Electronic Resources).

On January 9, 2002, a new unit within the technical services department was created called "Electronic Resources and Serials Cataloging." This new department consists of Sue Lusk, JoAnn Oliver (Serials cataloger),and Juvette McNew (Serials check-in coordinator), and student assistants.

On March 8, 2002, at the annual staff and administrator service recognition luncheon, several staff members were honored for their years of service to the Pfau library: Lee Bayer, 15 years; Annemarie Hopkins, 15 years; Georgia Durden, 25 years; Irene Jones, 25 years; Antonio Vilches, 25 years; Denise Gipson-Perry, 30 years; and, Johnnie Ann Ralph, 30 years. ❧

Library Hours

Library
Monday-Thursday
8am-11pm
Friday
8am-5pm
Saturday
9am-5pm
Sunday
2pm-11pm

Reference Desk (First Floor)
Monday-Thursday
9am-9pm
Friday
9am-5pm
Saturday
9am-5pm
Sunday
2pm-6pm

Info Den (Fifth Floor)
Monday-Thursday
1pm-6pm
Friday
1pm-5pm
Saturday
Closed
Sunday
Closed

Periodicals Service Desk (Third Floor)
Monday-Thursday
1pm-9pm
Friday
1pm-5pm
Saturday
1pm-5pm
Sunday
2pm-6pm

Calendar of Events

The Seventh Annual Lecture of the Harry Rheubottom/George Webster Lecture Series

May 11, 2002

Speakers
Dr. Kent Schofield, Professor Emeritus, CSUSB, History
and
Suzy Earp, CSUSB Graduate Student

The Flood of 1938 San Bernardino city and County

R.S.V.P. by May 6th

John M. Pfau Library Associates

The Library Associates was founded to promote the relationship between the University, its library, and the community, increase public awareness of the resources and services of the John M. Pfau Library, and sponsor cultural programs such as exhibits, lectures and other events. Members of the Library Associates make full use of the library, including borrowing library materials on the same basis as CSUSB students, reference assistance, and low cost interlibrary loan service.

Categories of membership:

Single/Family	$20.00 per year
Business	$50.00 per year
Life Member	$100

Membership applications are available at the Pfau Library Circulation Desk, or call (909) 880-5090.

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