

Unit by Unit - May 2001

Reports are written by unit heads unless otherwise noted.

Architecture

We had a busy end-of-the-semester here in Gunnin. In April Carolina Burglar Alarm installed a security camera system for us. We have four cameras, one in the slide room, one in the print facility, one at the back copier, and one that looks at the circulation desk. The monitor is at the circulation desk and you can see all the camera areas simultaneously. We archive the security tapes for 2 weeks then start the process over.

Judy, Debi and I attended a wonderful lunch and tour of the South Carolina Botanical Garden led by Frances Chamberlain for AAH staff and affiliates. Frances led us all over the garden on a warm, sunny day in May. In addition to the site-specific, nature-based sculptures in the garden, we saw lots of poison ivy and even a snake.

FM&O is working on an estimate for us to move from our staff workroom upstairs to a room off the library downstairs that is currently occupied by the Art Department. The plans are for the AAH Development Office to move into our current workroom. This will cause of some degree of upheaval whenever it happens.

We were all happy to welcome Joyce Peebles to the Architecture Library for a visit on her first day of work. We're so happy she's here!

This summer Debi, Judy and I are working on a project to enter approximately 2,000 items designed for the library at the Charleston Architecture Center into a database. We are using cataloging software for small libraries called "ResourceMate." Fortunately we

are able to locate many records in the Library of Congress Z39.50 catalog and download them into our database. We are also assigning call number, labeling the items, and putting barcodes in them. Most of these books were gifts, some from Professor Emeritus Joe Young, others from a retired architect in Atlanta, Joseph Amisano. We plan to finish the project by August 1 so that the items can be delivered to Charleston in time for the fall semester.

The Slide Room is buried in mounds of slides that have come in as donations from Harlan McClure (dean emeritus of college of architecture) and Joe Young (professor emeritus of architecture). Harlan McClure and Joe Young are donating their extensive personal collections. Many images date back to the 1950s-1970s. Buried in slides and slides of architecture are some very interesting old images of Clemson before the lake, Clemson College, Clemson college life, and 1950s images of activities in the College of Architecture, of which all are being retained for archival purposes. Unfortunately due to poor storage conditions, a number of the slides are heavily infected with fungus and must be discarded. This week Brianne McCarthy, the history graduate student handling the initial sorting of Joe Young's collection, turned up a slide with large chunks of the emulsion eaten away, and to top it off the dead insect was found on the slide. We concluded that the bug died from over indulgence! We still have the slide with the insect on it. It may become part of a display or part of a paper on the need for

proper storage conditions.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Lottie Pope, who resigned on May 31 to work for Westminster Company in Greenville. She will be working in a residential facility with older adults to help them secure needed services. We said goodbye with a great party (see Betty's report in In Touch). We will miss Lottie very much!

Circulation

What's new in Circulation? WE SURVIVED the end of the semester rush. A special thanks from me to all of the staff - it was a rough one. We celebrated in the middle of it and had special birthday parties for Iris Maw and Edna Coker (some others too who don't want their birthdays mentioned!).

The vacant position has been released and we are now able to post it. We hope to fill it and get ready for the fall. Nancy Lazar joined us and started night shift in May. We're so pleased to have Nancy with us. The Sorting Room filled up fast and some students "flaked out" during Intersession so the hiring & training cranked up again! We appreciate your patience while we catch up. The Reserve Offices have a new paint job & are looking spiffy. They are taking this opportunity to clean house and re-arrange as well.

Reference

Spring's arrival has brought changes and new beginnings to Reference.

Micki Reid is the proud mother of a

beautiful baby boy, Braxton Richard, who was born May 15th at Oconee Memorial Hospital. Priscilla Munson's first grandchild, Benjamin Lee Wentworth, was born on February 21st in Keflavik, Iceland. He is a "Navy Baby" whose parents are Dr. and Mrs. Michael Wentworth.

Pat Godwin has been promoted to a full-time (and more) position. She will be loading group minutes on the staffweb, updating Reference CD's, maintaining the classroom calendar, and assuming other duties until Micki returns.

Pat Henderson began a new part of her life on March 28th as she left the Library in a blaze of glory! Her retirement celebration was planned by Jan Comfort, Priscilla Munson, Gordon Cochrane, Micki Reid, Ralph Hayes, and Claudia Martin. Pat loved her many gifts, including a jewelry armoire, a handmade quilt, a South Carolina pen, fine china, and other splendid items. Although we were sad to see her depart, we are happy that she now has the time to travel and pursue other interests. She and her husband Benny have many plans to travel. They recently went to Branson, Missouri and Memphis, Tennessee. Her pictures of Graceland, a Southern shrine, are fantastic. She may have even seen Elvis!

Congratulations to Ken Murr, whose oldest son, Kevin, graduated from Seneca High School. Kevin will attend Francis Marion University in the fall.

The Librarians have been on the go as well. Camille Cooper conducted many English BI classes and will serve on the newly

formed Publicity Group, of which Micki Reid is Chair. Pam Draper has lead numerous BI classes and attended the PLA meeting at the new Anderson County Public Library. A “Brown Bag” lunch was given by Priscilla Munson, Suzanne Rook Schilf, and Jens Holley on their trip to the ACRL conference in Denver. Suzanne taught CU 101, prepared by attendance at a seminar at the Madren Center entitled “Teaching Today’s Freshmen” and a conference in Charleston on “First-Year Experience.” Lois Sill served on the Search Committee for VP of Research and is involved with inspection of CU Animal Research facilities. She also attended the USAIN (United States Agriculture Information Network) conference in Raleigh. Marie Foster is serving on the Search Committee for Associate Director of Judicial Services. Priscilla Munson and Chris Colthorpe served on the Search Committee for the Business Reference Librarian. Three highly qualified candidates for this position were interviewed. Ken Murr and Gordon Cochrane attended the National Online Meeting in New York City. Ken also attended the annual Government Documents conference in Washington, D.C.

Ralph Hayes has been coordinating Staff Recognition Day. Claudia Martin has been involved with the Training & Staff Development Group, who are planning future workshops and seminars.

Just when you think our jobs are boring, along comes a question like this from a professor. So the next time you are at a party and frantic for conversation, you may want

to thank Gordon Cochrane for the answer. “How much would it cost to build a fence around the “lower 48” states?”

“I have some numbers and estimates below. They represent a six-foot tall chain link fence. Other fence types are available from the same source in our Architecture Library (Lee Hall). The distance is an exact measure measuring inlets, rivers and land features (e.g. the 2,061 mile Atlantic coast is about 28,000 miles when traced exactly).”

| Distances | Miles | Feet |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Atlantic Shoreline | 28,673.00 | |
| 151,393,440.00 | | |
| Gulf Shoreline | 17,141.00 | 90,504,480.00 |
| Pacific Shoreline | 7,863.00 | 41,516,640.00 |
| Canadian border | 3,988.00 | 21,056,640.00 |
| Mexican border | 2,076.00 | 10,961,280.00 |
| Total | 59,741.00 | 315,432,480.00 |

Cost per linear foot for chain-link fence (6 ft tall) installed is \$8.10 per foot.

Grand total \$2,555,003,088.00

Pat Henderson had an article published in *Library Mosaics*, May/June 2001, entitled “Clippings to Computers: The Great Newspaper Migration.” The article is about the South Carolina Newspaper Database and how it evolved from the clippings file. Congratulations to Pat! –*Claudia Martin*

Special Collections

With the arrival of summer has come the departure of graduating students and the hiring of new ones. The unit continues to work on its long term processing projects, some collections have been completed. Stephanie has completed processing the

Clemson student government records. She is also working with Professors Wayne Chapman and Frank Day on an electronic publishing project for a Clemson alumnus' manuscript about his memories as a Clemson cadet in the late 1930s. Stephanie will be identifying photographs to illustrate the work. Mike finally completed adding additions to the photograph collections that Alan Schaffer used to do his photo history of Clemson. Laurie is finishing up the Bernard Behrend Papers and Jim has completed a few loose ends to the Liberty Corporation records. Melissa continues to work with folks in the Records Center on having the Byrnes scrapbooks filmed; there have been some delays but it is hoped that they will be completed by the end of the summer.

Jim is chairing the Libraries' Disaster Recovery Group that also includes Alan and Vicki. It is meeting on a regular schedule and have heard presentations from two well known disaster recovery companies (BMS/CAT and Munters). Further work on the Disaster Plan will occur this summer. Jim, Vicki, Melissa, Dennis, and Alan continue to work on the implementation of encoded archival description. Melissa will be first using this format/system in the Byrnes/Brown project in order to have a searchable finding aid mounted on the web that follows current best practices. Beth and Denise recently attended a meeting of the group and Denise and Melissa are working on its implementation. Denise and Beth are also working on getting the Thurmond Speeches back online. They have not been available since December 1999.

In May, Alan and Mike visited Senator Thurmond's office up in Washington and

brought back two loads of records and some artifacts. Discussions are underway regarding the closure of the office next year. Alan will be going back this August to coordinate the transfer of some more items. Estimates have been received to install HVAC and shelving in the Fumigation Room that now has some old shelving.

Susan and Will Hiott have done some revisions to the exhibit of artifacts from Fort Hill has been installed at the Strom Thurmond Institute. Susan is also mounting a new exhibit in Cooper about the history of the Clemson mascot. The Heritage Advisory Committee met in May and approved adding a number of items on to the historic objects inventory.

Systems

In case you haven't noticed, the Libraries has no more terminals. They were all replaced by PCs in the last couple of months. A few terminals had been in use for dedicated purposes in Architecture and Circulation but even those were finally sent to surplus. It's truly the end of an era; they served us well since 1984 but technology marches on.

There are now two new (and hopefully stable) scanners at the scanning table outside Teri Alexander's office on Level 4. If these keep operating it will make a great improvement in how Richard spends his time. One of the older ones claimed way too much of Richard's talents. The scanning stations are in great demand because they are the only ones on campus that are available to the public.

The final release of NOTIS should be here within a week or so. This will be release

7.2 and there will never be another one. The vendor says they will support NOTIS for the next 5 years but there will be few customers to test that claim. Clemson and the University of South Carolina still use NOTIS, as do some other large sites (University of Michigan, Louisiana State University and other state university libraries, the Florida Center for Library Automation for example) but all of those mentioned are actively engaged in selecting other systems. The vendor hopes that all NOTIS libraries will select Horizon, their client/server library management system.

This will be the first year since 1983 that Clemson has not been involved in a NOTIS User's Group meeting. For the past two years these meetings have been only gatherings at Mid-winter and Annual ALA meetings, instead of the dedicated 3 days meeting with 800 attendees in NOTIS' heyday. This summer is the first time that the vendor will not even set aside time at ALA for a gathering of NOTIS users. The end of another era...

Watch for the next reports the
week of July 9, 2001.