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JSTOR COMES TO TOWN

Student Technology Fee Helps Fund Cutting Edge Digital Resource.

By John W. Hoft, Jr.



What do the Columbus State University Cougars have in common with Alaska Pacific “Unimoosity”, the University of Miami Hurricanes and 885 colleges and universities in between? No, only Alaska Pacific has a Nordic ski team. Actually, we share in a new digital library. One that provides access to archives of numerous full run journals in full text with images just like the original print versions. This online library is called JSTOR (“J” – store) short for “journal storage”. It is available to you on any campus computer through your library web page.

Begun in 1994, JSTOR started out as an effort to digitize old journals to save shelf space in libraries. Soon, researchers realized that this database could be more than just a space saver. It also turned out to be an excellent research tool. Once constructed, the database offered a great way to unearth information that had been gathering dust in library dungeons. The JSTOR group gathered full

runs of old journal titles, negotiated licenses with the publishers, tore the journals apart page by page, then scanned them by image into the database just as they appeared originally. Along the way text versions of the journals were prepared to accommodate keyword searching.

Your library people decided that JSTOR was a “Must Have” resource for CSU students. This time, a partnership between students and your library made the addition of the JSTOR possible. A \$27,000 award of seed money from student technology funds paid the initial and one-time capital fee for the JSTOR license. For this we are grateful. Library Director, Callie McGinnis, smiled and said that she was “overjoyed” that the Student Technology Fees group approved the

JSTOR request so that the library could “offer this valuable resource to CSU students”. Now, as Professor Juliana C. Mulroy of Denison University in Ohio put it, we “don’t have to be at Harvard or Berkeley to have access to a first-class library anymore. [We] can do this research sitting in [the] office”.

JSTOR is primarily a back issue database. It does not furnish many current journal articles. For current journals we will continue to use GALILEO and the 180 databases at our fingertips there. JSTOR’s journals start from about 2 to 5 years in the past and continue back in full runs for many years. JSTOR consists of 5 Collections and the CSU library has subscribed to two of them: Arts and Sciences I with 117 journal titles and Ecology & Botany with 29 journal titles. Journals in JSTOR are selected in part by the journal’s citation record, recommendations from experts in the field and the length of time that the journal has been published. Back issues of the journals now a part of

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National Library Week April 14–20, 2002

What is more important in a library than anything else—than everything else—is the fact that it exists.

Archibald MacLeish

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.

Broadcaster Walter Cronkite

At a recent appearance before a college audience, novelist and poet, encouraged her audience to read voraciously and never stop learning. “My encouragement to you, is to go tomorrow to the library.”

Poet Maya Angelou

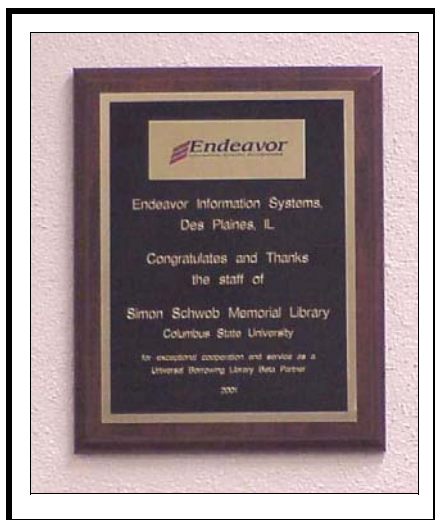
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JSTOR will be added as the years pass so that the journal run will always stay about 2 to 5 years behind current journal issues.

Searching JSTOR is a snap. Simply select a topic from the journal menu and enter keywords in the basic or advanced search options. Boolean searching is welcome. You can also browse back issue runs of journal titles within sixteen academic disciplines from African American Studies to Statistics. For example, a full run of *The Journal of Higher Education* can be searched or browsed from 1930 to 1996 digitally in full text. Director McGinnis summed it up: "Most librarians realize that researchers prefer online full-text access. It's easier, faster and a whole lot more convenient!" JSTOR is all of that and more!



Schwob Library Staff Awarded Endeavor Plaque

By Cynthia Fears

The library staff recently received a plaque from Endeavor Information Systems for exceptional cooperation and service as a Universal Borrowing Library Beta Partner. Universal Borrowing is a service which allows an

Services Librarian) and Erma Banks (Coordinator of Information Services) recorded each participant's movements as they maneuvered through GIL and GALILEO while conducting their research.

The results of this University System of Georgia (USG) survey, designed by W. Bede Mitchell, Laura Davidson, and Sonya Shepherd of Georgia Southern University's Henderson Library, will be reported to a statewide committee making recommendations to designers of the pages for changes. The survey revealed that students felt there was too much to choose from using GALILEO, and students did not understand the concept of databases. Another concern of the students was their unfamiliarity with the terminology used. Each CSU

eligible student, faculty, or staff member from a USG school to do unmediated borrowing from any other USG school without going through Interlibrary Loan.

In the fall of 2000, the library staff, in collaboration with four other USG libraries, began the beta test process on the new Endeavor Universal Borrowing product. The primary goal of beta testing was to verify that

freshman suggested that we have more sessions that assist in the use of library resources. However, currently each semester, CSU library offers GIL/GALILEO workshops for staff and students in addition to the 1-hour "subject specific" class sessions provided to professors for their individual classes.

Efforts to increase the awareness of the availability of information offered through GIL (Online Catalog) and the GALILEO databases are primary goals of the Information Services Department. Reference Staff will gladly provide one-on-one instruction in the reference area during regular library hours, as time permits. Students with questions can "always" get assistance.

new features/functions worked as designed in various data processing environments.

After many months of putting the new product through its' paces, reporting problems and enhancement requests, the final production version will be loaded in May. Universal Borrowing (now named Gil Express) will be available system-wide in Fall 2002.

GALILEO Interconnected Libraries: A Web Design Study By Erma Banks

~*Rachel Horne*~
2002 CSU Staff Woman of Achievement

By Callie McGinnis & Diana Lomarcan

In the spring of 2000 the CSU Women's Issues Advocacy Council created three annual campus women of achievement awards. These awards were created to recognize three outstanding women in the CSU community - one each from the faculty, staff, and students. Nominations are accepted each year in January and February, and the winners are announced in March at the annual Women's History Month Lecture sponsored by the Council.

Awards are given based on an individual's achievements in the following areas: Voluntary Community Service, Professional Leadership, Campus Leadership, Scholarship, and Achievements. *The Schwob Library staff was proud to have the first ever Staff Woman of Achievement in 2000 when Pennie Arrington (Instructional Technology) won this award. The staff is now doubly proud to have a second award winner in its midst.*

Rachel Horne, the 2002 CSU Staff Woman of Achievement Award winner, is one of those amazing jugglers--a multi-tasker! Over the last 30-plus years she has managed to build a strong marriage and raise two fine sons, both married with children, and both of whom are now employed by churches--one as a minister



Diana Lomarcan (Chair of Women's Issues Advocacy Council), Rachel Horne, and Library Director Callie McGinnis

and one as a music minister. As wife of a local minister, she has had many church-related obligations and duties. She has worked over the years with her husband Russell to build the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, a successful, vibrant and growing church. She has also been very involved in the activities of her denomination's statewide women's association, serving as an officer. Another of her church-related activities has been her participation (with Russell and others) in a gospel group.

On campus, our Staff Woman of Achievement

has been a member of the CSU Library staff since 1970. That's 32 years! She has spent over half of her life contributing to the well being of the library and Columbus State University. She has proven herself a loyal and competent employee and has earned the respect of her co-workers in the library and across campus.

Her position in the Cataloging Department has been very rewarding but challenging. Particularly stressful was the conversion from a manual cataloging system to an automated one. Our Woman of Achievement has per-

sonally touched more than half of the cataloging records currently in the library's online catalog. Because her imprint is on so many of the records, in 1992, when the library staff was deciding on a name for the new online catalog (which ended up being calling SIMON), it was suggested that the staff name the catalog "RACHEL" in honor of Rachel Horne--our CSU Staff Woman of Achievement!

Spring 2002 Staff Development Day

By Cynthia Fears

The library staff participated in their third annual Staff Development Day on March 11. The event was held at the Rankin Arts Center. The staff benefited from a presentation by Tom Cetwinski, a UGA training officer in the Library's Human Resources Department, on "Facilitating Meetings". The day was concluded with a tour of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.



Library staff and RiverCenter Technical Director Steve Sweet (first row, far right) on the stage of Legacy Hall.



Library Operating Schedule: Summer 2002

Schwob Library

Schwob Library (continued)

May 7-10	8 am-5 pm	August Break, 7-18:	8 am-5 pm
May 11-12	Closed	Monday-Friday	Closed
		Saturday-Sunday	
	<i>May Session</i>		<i>Exceptions</i>
May 13-June 2:		Monday, May 27	Closed
Monday-Thursday	8 am-8 pm	<i>Memorial Day</i>	
Friday	8 am-5 pm	Thursday, July 4	Closed
Saturday	Closed	<i>Independence Day</i>	
Sunday	2-6 pm		
			Music Library
June 3-5	8 am-5 pm		Begins Tuesday, May 7
	<i>Summer Session</i>		
June 6-July 29:		Monday-Friday	9 am-6 pm
Monday-Thursday	8 am-10 pm	Saturday-Sunday	Closed
Friday	8 am-5 pm		
Saturday	1-6 pm		<i>Exceptions</i>
Sunday	2-10 pm		
July 30-August 2	8 am-5 pm	Monday, May 27	Closed
August 3-4	Closed	<i>Memorial Day</i>	
August 5-6, Staff Days	Closed	Thursday, July 4	Closed
		<i>Independence Day</i>	
		August 5-6	Closed
		<i>Staff Days</i>	

Library Hosts Faculty Research Forum Series

By Callie McGinnis

There were stories of giant turtle-eating crocodilians, readings of Irish poetry, a little bit of legal history, a short guitar recital, results of an experiment with fat and skinny rats, and a group of students performing old English dances. Where was all this happening? At the library--at the Faculty Research Forum Series!

During the months of January and February, the Schwob Library hosted seven faculty research forums, each an hour in length. Librarians had envisioned the forum series as a means for faculty to share their knowledge of and passion for their research with colleagues and students. They felt it would also present an opportunity for faculty to share the results of faculty development grant projects and travel abroad experiences. It was also a way to make students aware of the role that research plays in the life of a university faculty member. Further, by hosting the university-wide series librarians hoped to move closer toward their goal of making the library the intellectual hub of the campus.

During fall semester, the library received fourteen proposals from sixteen CSU faculty members from the following areas: Anthropology, Basic Studies, Communication, Counseling & Educational Leadership, English, Geology, Music, Psychology, Public Health and the Library. All proposals were accepted. Participants were asked to speak about their research project as well as the research process, and were cautioned to remember that they would be speaking to a diverse group representing many different academic fields and levels of expertise.

The forums were scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 and were held on the first floor of the Library. Attendees were encouraged to come a few minutes early to enjoy light refreshments provided by library staff, thanks to a contribution from Acting VPAA Vander Gheynt. Each forum featured two faculty presentations and was divided into three twenty-minute sessions. The first presentation was allotted twenty minutes, as was the second. Following the second presentation was a twenty-minute question and answer session. This discussion session was usually lively and stimulating, and while not all parties always agreed on issues, the dialog was thought-provoking and friendly. [See *Simon Says* (January 2002) vol. 4, no. 2, p. 8, for a list of the forum presenters and their topics.]

Attendance at the forums was good, although the majority of attendees were members of the CSU faculty and staff. Comments from audience members and presenters indicated that the series was a worthwhile venture and should be continued. Commented one faculty member, "There is little opportunity for faculty to share their enthusiasm among the Colleges and this is an appropriate function for a library." Another added "I hope the librarians benefited from the talks and took pride in the library's role in re-establishing academic dialogue on campus. Try to keep it up!" Based on sentiments such as these, the Library plans to host another series of forums early in 2003 and will issue a call for proposals to CSU faculty this coming fall semester.



Dr. Dan Ross



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