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New GALILEO Upgrades Facilitate Electronic Access

Two recent GALILEO upgrades make searching for electronic journal articles a lot easier for CSU students and faculty. The first is the electronic journals locator, noted on the right side of the GALILEO homepage as "Journals A-Z & Citation Linker."

"Journals A-Z" is especially helpful when you have a journal citation in hand and want to find the article online. To use it, simply click on the feature's hyperlink, and then type the title of the journal in the search box. Provided the search is successful (i.e., your journal is available electronically through GALILEO), you will click through a number of screens (database name, year, issue, title of article) until finally the article appears before you on the screen.

The second new GALILEO feature, called "Find It," provides the means to link from a citation without full-text in one database to the full-text article in another database. When you do a GALILEO search, in the results list you will see a blue "Find It" box at the bottom left of any citation for which full-text is not available. Simply click on the box, and you will be taken to a screen that gives you the name of the database that contains the full-text journal. Click on the database name, and you will be

taken to the actual article. If the journal is not available online, you will be provided with links for searching the CSU and University System Universal Catalogs for copies of the print version.

Initially, the new features only search for electronic journal articles in GALILEO core databases. Eventually databases purchased by CSU will be included in the search process. Both features, which are part of GALILEO's three-year upgrade project, utilize SFX, a powerful link resolver software. Future GALILEO enhancements include a customized interface for the academic community, more customization of menus and access to content from library websites, online courseware and campus portals.

Callie B. McGinnis
Dean of Libraries

Royal Crown Cola Display

In 2005, local donors presented the CSU Archives with an extensive collection of Royal Crown Cola material, including memorabilia, photographs, and archival documents. This display, located on the third floor of the Schwob Library, highlights articles from the collection.



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Friends of CSU Libraries Ice Cream Social



Friends: **Biddy Hammett** and **Linda Kennedy**

On Sunday afternoon, July 23, 2006, members of the Friends of CSU Libraries gathered for an

old-time ice cream social. The event was held at CSU's Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians on Stark Avenue, the childhood home of Columbus' most celebrated writer, Carson McCullers. The Center's Director, **Cathy Fussell** (who is also a member of the CSU English faculty), gave a short talk on McCullers which included two video clips—one of McCullers' wedding in Columbus; the other, a short interview McCullers did in the 1950s with a New York City TV reporter.

Next, three CSU Library Faculty members spoke of their connections to McCullers. **Erma Banks**, Coordinator of the Information Commons/Reference, shared her experience working on a McCullers bibliography. Coordinator of Library Instruction, **Chris Bloss** told of his interest in McCullers as a Southern writer; while Archivist **Reagan Gimsley** spoke about the McCullers Collection in the CSU Archives. Following the librarians' presentations, attendees were treated to a tour of the house by Professor Fussell--and ice cream.

The Information Commons: Service, Comfort, and Convenience

The Schwob Library's Information Commons has put on a new face! Over the summer splashes of color, new computers and carpeting were added to give the Commons a brighter look and newer technology.

Opened in the fall of 2002, the Information Commons provides one-stop information shopping for CSU students. It offers space, technology and expertise to facilitate the scholarly use of information. There are 27 computers in the Information Commons; six of these are available for community users (although students have first priority). Printing is available in the Commons via a high-speed, networked black and white printer; all printing is deducted from the student's print account.

Adjacent to the Information Commons, is the Microform Room, which, in addition to microfilm readers, contains a computer and scanner set-up. The room also serves as a PowerPoint Presentation Practice Room. To reserve this space for a practice session, please call 706-562-1492/3.

In addition to basic research instruction and reference help offered at the Information Commons Desk assistance with more in-depth research is also available. A student needing one-on-one detailed assistance with a research assignment may schedule an appointment with a librarian subject specialist. A list of research librarians by subject is located on the web at <http://library.colstate.edu/info/liaisons.shtml>. Referrals to the appropriate research librarian are also available via phone at 706-562-1492/3.



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Haney Named Employee of the Year



Jon Haney, Associate Coordinator in CSU Libraries' Instructional Technology Services department, is the recipient of the coveted "Employee of the Year" award, which is presented annually by the CSU Staff Council. Jon, who has worked at CSU Libraries for over 20 years, has gained a reputation across campus for going out of his way to help others. A technology guru, Jon spends much of his daily routine sorting out solutions for users of WebCT VISTA and PowerPoint. Faculty members creating multimedia products rely on him for graphics and assistance; Jon tweaks their images, prints their posters and gives them instruction on hooking up projectors to laptops for conference presentations. He is also good at giving step-by-step instructions over the phone to panicked presenters across the campus, across the country, and outside the U.S. According to VPAA **George Stanton**, Jon has "rescued many of us."

Jon earned two degrees at Columbus College: a B.A. in Art and a B.S. in General Studies. He is a certified WebCT trainer and the Institutional Administrator for WebCT at CSU. Photographs, posters, and computer graphics created by Jon have received national recognition.

Derek Brantley, one of Jon's ITS co-worker, put it this way: "Mr. Haney exemplifies leadership, and [he is also a] team player...His patience is noteworthy. His ability to teach others on many varieties of technical and non-technical subjects is a plus to CSU...He is always willing to assist anyone. No job is beneath him."

Congratulations to **Jon Haney**, a CSU employee who puts customer service at the top of his list of priorities. Great job, Jon!

Grimlsey Wins Faculty Research and Scholarship Award



At CSU's spring 2006 Honors Convocation, archivist **Reagan L. Grimsley** was selected winner of the university's coveted Faculty Research and

Scholarship Award. This prize, awarded annually since 1995, is intended to recognize "the role of research and scholarship in the enhancement of a faculty member's teaching and service capabilities. The award also provides the university a way of identifying and rewarding faculty contributions to the creation, extension, or growth of knowledge, skills, or aesthetic products," according to the CSU Faculty

Handbook.

Reagan Grimsley's research activities include numerous presentations at professional meetings of library, history and archives groups. He has also written a number of articles that have been published in professional journals, and he is a regular reviewer for *Choice*, a journal that features book reviews for academic librarians. **Professor Grimsley** is the author of two monographs, one a history of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, illustrated by postcards; the other, the history of a church located in that same city. He also serves as editor of two journals: *Provenance*, the journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists, and *Muscogiana*, a journal of Columbus-area history and genealogy, published in collaboration with the Muscogee Genealogical Society.

Grimsley, who is Assistant Professor of Library Science and Archivist, came to CSU in 2001. In addition serving as director of the CSU Archives and teaching Library Science courses, Professor Grimsley is also an adjunct professor in the Department of History. He received his BS, MA and MLIS degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and is presently pursuing a PhD in History from Georgia State University. Prior to coming to CSU, he was the archivist at Pikeville College in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Another member of the library faculty, Associate Professor of Library Science **Erma Davis Banks**, was recognized at the 2006 Honors Convocation as a nominee for the CSU Faculty Service Award.

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Oxford: A City of Books and Libraries

The essence of libraries and librarianship is found in a visit to Oxford University's Bodleian Library, which has managed to maintain its founder Thomas Bodley's (b.1545) vision through centuries of cultural, economic, and social change. That mission, to serve the worldwide "Republic of Letters" with collections accessible to all, is in perfect synch with today's digital initiatives and a universal philosophy librarians hold dear.

I recently returned from an incredible sojourn to Oxford where I was a student in the annual two-week Oxford/UNC Chapel Hill graduate seminar on Libraries and Librarianship, thanks to the generous support of **Mr. & Mrs. J. Kyle Spencer**. My colleagues at the CSU Libraries have been sharing their Oxford experiences with me since I joined the staff in 2000, but their descriptions could not begin to capture the joyous experience of actually living in beautiful historic Oxford, touring its libraries, and meeting so many wonderful, talented, and committed professionals engaged in work at Oxford and throughout Great Britain. I am indeed privileged to have had the opportunity to hear so many distinguished library leaders, for example the President of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) **Debby Shorley**, the Head of British Collections at the British Library **John Tuck**, the Idea Store Programme Director **Heather Wills**, and the Acting Director of Oxford University Library Services **Ronald Milne**, to name just a few.

The full program covered a wide array of interesting topics: Oxford history and architecture; digital initiatives and technology; building design; professional development and certification; preservation

and conservation; emergency plans; health, public, and school libraries; technical services; acquisitions and collection management; and skills for 21st century librarianship. Interspersed among the presentations were tours of Oxford University libraries, Oxford University Press, the Botanic Gardens, a historic pub tour, and the new British Library in London, which took my breath away.



Oxford program coordinators **Kate Alderson-Smith** and **Gail Merrett** arranged time for me to meet with the Bodleian's Head of Music **Peter Ward-Jones** and his staff to learn about the music collection and operation at both the Music Faculty Library on St. Aldate's, which supports music instruction at Oxford, and the New Bodleian's Music Reading Room, part of the Bodleian's Special Collections. I then had the

pleasure of hearing Peter play an organ recital at Magdalen College just before a beautiful evensong service. I also squeezed in a performance of the Oxford Operatic Society's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*.

The Oxford experience is a highly rewarding and stimulating educational program. It broadened my perspective of libraries and helped me develop a deeper understanding of the profession. I shall always treasure this rich learning experience and proudly carry my now expired Bodleian "Bod" Library reader card.

-- Roberta Chodacki Ford
Music Librarian

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Archives to Process Woodruff Papers

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board (GHRAB) Grant Program has awarded Columbus State University a \$3333.00 grant to arrange, describe, preserve and make accessible the **James W. Woodruff, Sr.** and **James W. Woodruff, Jr.** Papers held by the Columbus State University Archives. The 135 linear feet of papers document the lives of father James W. Woodruff, Sr. (1879-1963) and son James W. Woodruff, Jr. (1914-1976). Among the papers of the Columbus businessmen are the records of three radio stations, WRBL in Columbus, WGPC in Albany, and WATL in Atlanta. Both men were active philanthropists, and the senior Woodruff led the effort to establish the series of dams on the Chattahoochee, one of which is named in his honor, and is often referred to as "The Father of the Chattahoochee". Woodruff, Jr. assisted in the foundation of both the James W. Woodruff Civil War Naval Museum, now the National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus, and the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning.

"The opening of this collection of papers to the public has been a long term goal of our facility," stated **Reagan Grimsley**, CSU Archivist. "With all of the recent debate over water sharing and the environment along the river, the historical content of these papers can shed light on how the

river has changed over the past fifty to one hundred years. Now groups such as the graduate students in the Environmental Science program at CSU can utilize these papers as they seek to understand the complicated history of the Chattahoochee."

Established in 1975, the CSU Archives serves as a repository for records documenting the history of Columbus State University and the greater Columbus region. Located in the Simon Schwob Memorial Library on the main campus of CSU, the archives contains local history materials in a variety of formats, including but not limited to manuscripts, photographs, maps, and oral histories. The archives is open to the public from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information on the CSU Archives, contact Archivist **Reagan Grimsley** at (706) 568-2247 or visit the website at <http://archives.colstate.edu>. The project is funded under the Historical Repositories Grant Program. Sponsored by the Georgia General Assembly and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the grant program assists local historical organizations in preserving Georgia's documentary heritage through improved inventory cataloging, microfilming, and records preservation. GHRAB, the state's statu-

tory body for historical records planning, works to promote the educational use of Georgia's documentary heritage and to support efforts to improve the condition of records statewide. The board is charged with advising the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Department of Archives and History on records and policy issues. For further information on GHRAB, please contact the Secretary of State's Department of Archives and History at (404) 656-2362 or visit the website at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/ghrab/>



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New Personnel

Systems Librarian



This August, the Schwob Library welcomes **Akeisha Heard** as the new Systems Librarian.

Akeisha is a December 2005 graduate of Kent State University with a Master of Library and Information Science degree. She comes to CSU from Columbus, Ohio, where she worked as a software engineer and technical intern on various ongoing research projects at OCLC (Online Computer Library Center). As Systems Librarian, Akeisha will serve as the Libraries' liaison to the computer science department and CISM. She'll also maintain the Libraries' web pages and electronic resources, participate in library and campus-wide technology planning, and troubleshoot technology problems for library employees and users.

Science Librarian

Linda Schotz joins the Information Services Department at Schwob Library as the liaison librarian to the College of Science. She will also serve as a member of the Instruction Team. There she was employed of a biology teacher at Bibb County High School. Recently,

she earned a Masters of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She also holds a Masters Degree in Secondary Science from University of Montevallo and a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife from Auburn University.

Schotz has had a variety of experiences from teaching high school biology, indexing periodical literature, working with the U.S. Forest Service and working with 4-H camps.

Her passion moves from studying dragonflies to research in butterflies. Ms Schotz is looking forward to working with the faculty and students in their research pursuits.

Instructional Librarian

Paula Adams comes to CSU Libraries from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where she served as Social Sciences Subject Specialist Librarian. She earned a B. A. Degree in English from Michigan State University and a Master's of Librarians Science from Wayne State University. Paula will assume the position of Liaison Librarian to the



Department of Theatre and Communication; she will also serve as a member of the Instruction Team. Her areas of interest are information literacy, philosophy of information, post-modern theatre and transpersonal psychology.

ILL Assistant



Bessie M. Bussey joined CSU in August as a part-time interlibrary loan assistant. She has been living in Waverly

Hall, GA all of her life. As an alumna of CSU, she has a degree in Computer Information Studies. Furthermore, she has a general studies degree from Chattahoochee Valley Community College. Her prior work experience includes working in circulation at the CVCC library. Some of her hobbies include reading and playing basketball.

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New Personnel Continued Archival Assistant



In July of 2006, **Giselle Remy Bratcher** transferred from her part-time position in the Interlibrary Loan Department to a full-time position in the CSU Archives. Giselle's current title is Archival Assistant, and in the Archives she will fill several roles, including reference, developing the digital archival collections, and performing basic preservation for archival documents.

Giselle holds a BA degree in religion from Clark-Atlanta University, a Master of Divinity from Princeton University, and a Master of Social Work from Rutgers University. She is married to Rodney Bratcher and is the proud mother of one son, Joseph. Among her many interests are research, writing and activism.

What's New at CSU Libraries

New carpeting and lighting have been installed in the Schwob Information Commons; there's also a **PowerPoint Presentation Practice Room** that can be reserved (see article, p.2)

The Schwob Library's 2nd floor study room has been refitted as a **seminar room** for group study (seats 12 comfortably); make reservations at Circulation Desk.

There's a new tab on the GIL (online catalog) page labeled "**New Items.**" This will allow you to see new books and other library materials cataloged in the past one to five months.

Two new **SFX (link resolver)** features are on the GALILEO web page (see article, p.1)

Two **online audio music databases** are now available: Classical Music Library

and Naxos Music Library (see Music Library web page for details)

Library faculty are teaching special **Information Literacy components** in sections of ENGL1102 and CPSC1105

WebCT **VISTA**, a web-based tool for course materials, discussion and more, is in full production. For more information call Doug Buttler, Instructional Designer in ITS, at 706-568-2254

CSU Libraries' ITS department has now **media-equipped over 100 classrooms** with installed projectors, sound, computers, and VCRs. About 30% of the classrooms have DVD players. For training in the use of classroom technology, contact ITS at 706-568-2043

The CSU Music Library is hosting the fall **meeting of SEMLA** (the Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association), October 12-14. Go to <http://library.colstate.edu/music/semla/index.htm> for more info

The CSU Libraries' web page now has a **suggestion box** for your convenience. Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions. Responses will be posted on the library web site.

CSU Archives has taken over publication of **Muscogiana**, a journal treating local historical and genealogical matters that was formerly published by the Muscogee Genealogical Society. The latest issue features articles on local federal pensioners, itinerant artists who passed through Columbus and records of Riverdale Cemetery.

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COMING THIS FALL

OCTOBER 16 – NOVEMBER 5

LibQUAL

What's that?

A 27-question electronic survey that asks library users about their expectations for library services, resources and facilities

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey when you receive your notice in October.

You could WIN an MP3 Player!

Research Forums: Call for Proposals

The CSU Libraries will for the sixth consecutive year host the CSU Faculty Research Forums, which will take place on January 18, January 25, February 1, and February 8, 12:30-1:30pm. The forums offer an opportunity for CSU Faculty to share their scholarship with both CSU and the local community. Each session will follow the same format as in the past, with two twenty minute presentations followed by a twenty minute question period. A website which documents past years forums is located at <http://library.colstate.edu/forums/index.shtm>

Faculty who are interested in presenting in the upcoming forum are encouraged to send an abstract of less than 300 words to **Reagan Grimsley** at grimsley_reagan@colstate.edu by November 15, 2006. This year a selection committee will select eight proposals for the four research forum dates. First time participants and new faculty members are strongly encouraged to apply.

Reagan Grimsley,
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