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Colorado State to Rejoin CARL

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of the CARL system.

The CARL system has continued to mature over the past six years, and when it recently became necessary to make a significant upgrade to the NOTIS system, the Libraries was in the fortunate position of being able to consider once again joining the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. When faculty and students return for fall semester, that process should be well underway. It is expected that both the CARL online catalog and circulation system will be in full operation by January 1991.

Many faculty are already familiar with CARL. Of 15 non-member institutions connected to CARL through Internet, Colorado State ranks first in level of usage. Library catalogs of most Colorado colleges and universities are on CARL, including CU-Boulder, CU-

Several years ago, when the Libraries needed to replace an aging and obsolete library circulation system, the NOTIS system was selected. CARL (Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries) was unable to bid on the project because they had not yet developed the circulation module of their system. Unfortunately, when the Libraries selected the NOTIS system, they were automatically dropped from membership in CARL since membership required the use

Health Sciences, CU-Law, Colorado School of Mines, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado, and Auraria, as well as the University of Wyoming. Several other files also are available for searching, such as government publications, Metro Denver Facts, InfoColorado, and the Academic American Encyclopedia.

One of the most exciting capabilities of CARL available to members, is called UnCover. This is a table of contents index to over 500,000 citations that CARL is compiling from approximately 10,000 journals received by the CARL libraries participating in the project. Between 2,000 and 3,000 articles are added to the database each day. The record for each journal article includes author, title, and descriptive sentences or abstracts when available. Once a user has located a desired journal title, the system will display a detailed listing of all issues received since the beginning of UnCover in 1988. Users can then select a particular issue and ask to see its table of contents displayed. Plans call for users to be able to request from their terminals delivery of any article discovered in the UnCover database.

In addition to supporting all of the traditional functions of a total integrated library system, the CARL software can act as a platform for loading other databases. There is potential for cooperative projects with the other research libraries in Colorado to load databases such as ERIC, MEDLINE, Engineering Index, Humanities Index, Applied Science and Technology Index, Social Sciences Index, Business Periodicals Index, General Science Index, and others.

It is indeed good to be back in the mainstream of Colorado research libraries as a member of CARL.

LI 301 — A Great Awakening

"I had not performed the duties of librarian long before it became evident to me that many of my readers were working at a disadvantage. Their knowledge of books of common reference was very limited.... They did not know they could help themselves.... They were willing to leave all to chance."

The world was a lot simpler when Raymond Davis penned this in the September 1886 issue of *Library Journal*. Davis's solution was a one-credit course in library use, approved by the University of Michigan Regents in 1881. If this was a recognized need a century ago, how vastly more important it is today.

Libraries and library user expectations are considerably more complex now. But how do typical students fare in getting the most out of the library? How do they learn the best use of the collection? Too often, they never do.

One answer Morgan Library provides is its own one-credit course, Introduction to Library Research Methods. Offered each semester, LI 301 aims to make students better independent users of the Libraries' collections and services. This is accomplished by helping

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the students learn the available resources and form a useful search strategy for the research topic of their choice.

The library faculty focus on such skills as searching the on-line catalog; using relevant CD-ROM databases; the value of periodical indexes and abstracting services; primary sources such as government publications; and locating evaluative sources such as critical bibliographies, book reviews, and biographical information. In the fall semester

of 1989 the class selected topics ranging from the Savings and Loan Crisis, to the rhetorical style of the Great Awakening in New England, to groundwater data analysis. Each student compiled a brief, annotated bibliography of sources relevant to his or her topic. Many related directly to assigned papers.

If your students don't seem to succeed in their use of the library and appear "willing to leave all to chance," advise them to consider LI 301. They may be in for a Great Awakening of their own.

John Schmitt, Head, Social Sciences and Humanities Department

Authorization Forms Facilitate Borrowing

Faculty at Colorado State University have a library privilege they may not know about. Faculty authorization is a procedure adopted at Morgan Library to give professors greater "remote access" to library collections. Faculty members simply fill out a blue authorization form indicating who can charge out books in their name. Authorized individuals can then show their ID at the Loan and Reserve Desk to charge out materials in the faculty member's name.

Faculty authorizations follow a school-year schedule. Authorizations can be given for up to one full

year: September 1 of the present year through August 31 of the following year. No authorization is allowed beyond the August 31 cutoff date; however, authorizations can be renewed each year. For details on obtaining a blue authorization form or for answers to other questions you may have about circulation procedures, phone the Loan/Reserve desk at 491-1842.

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Free Access to Library Computer Catalogs

Colorado State faculty and students who are using the campus backbone to dial up Morgan Library's CAM computer catalog and the CARL library system can also access other library computer catalogs across the nation. Altogether, 34 different libraries have Internet access. Among them are the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Kansas, the University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota, Princeton Uni-

versity, the University of New Mexico, the University of Pennsylvania, and Texas A & M University. Searching is easy because the computer catalogs are designed to be user friendly. All the dial-up user needs is the address and logon instructions. For more information, including a list of Internet libraries and the logon instructions, contact Doug Ernest at 491-1861.

Doug Ernest, Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian

Libraries Receives Rare Book Collection

In 1839 the Duke of Bedford had 100 presentation copies of "Pinetum Woburnense," a book on pine trees, printed as gifts for his wife and friends.

One of those copies, 117 other rare books and 240 cartons of scholarly journals are part of a collection recently donated to the University Libraries by Dr. D.K. Bailey. Valued at more than \$100,000, the collection consists of books about science and nature that date from the 1700s through the 1900s. Many contain hand painted, color lithographs and illustrations.

Bailey, botanist, physicist and explorer, has collected books about the study of plants, particularly conifers, since 1937. He became interested in rare books while studying as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University. Many of the books in the collection were purchased in England.

The Bailey collection covers the botanical sciences of North America as well as Great Britain, Africa, France, and Ireland. The addition of these works to Colorado State University Libraries significantly complements the collection of original botanical pieces already owned. They provide a valuable link between the work of early botanists and the modern world of plant science.

This remarkable collection of scientific works is the most valuable contribution of books ever received by



Gathered at a reception for the Bailey collection are (left to right): Dr. Jay Hughes, dean of the College of Forestry and Natural Sciences; Dr. Dana K. Bailey; Joan Chambers, director of University Libraries; and Dr. Frank Hawksworth, U.S. Forest Service.

the University Libraries. It is housed in Special Collections in Morgan Library.

The Libraries continually seeks to enhance existing collections with the addition of private special collections. For further information please contact Joel Rutstein, Collection Development Officer, 491-1838.

Jean McBride, Director of Development

The News You Never Saw

"Don't be afraid of students, because we still have several million troops. There is no need for us to care about influence abroad. As long as our social order is stable, our image will be improved." Cynical yet image-conscious, Deng Xiaoping's words were reported May 10, 1989, nearly a month before the slaughter on Tiananmen Square.

Don't be surprised if you missed the story. It appeared in Chinese in the Hong Kong *Ching Pao*. It wasn't overlooked by a U.S. agency, the Foreign Broadcast Information Service. The *FBIS Daily Report* selects, translates, and transcribes current news from local sources around the world. The information originates as foreign radio and television broadcasts, news agency reports, newspaper articles, and interviews. The material is translated within 72 hours, published in microfiche, and distributed to federal depository libraries such as Morgan Library. The accumulated primary source materials constitutes a massive collection of social, political, and economic news. In many instances it is also a fascinating look at state control.

The *FBIS Daily Report* began in the 1950s as a CIA intelligence gathering function and has gradually evolved into an unclassified source of foreign reporting.

Morgan Library receives all eight parts of the service: China, East Europe, the Soviet Union, East Asia, the Near East and South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and Western Europe. It is of interest to those doing research in Political Science, Mass Media, and most aspects of Area Studies.

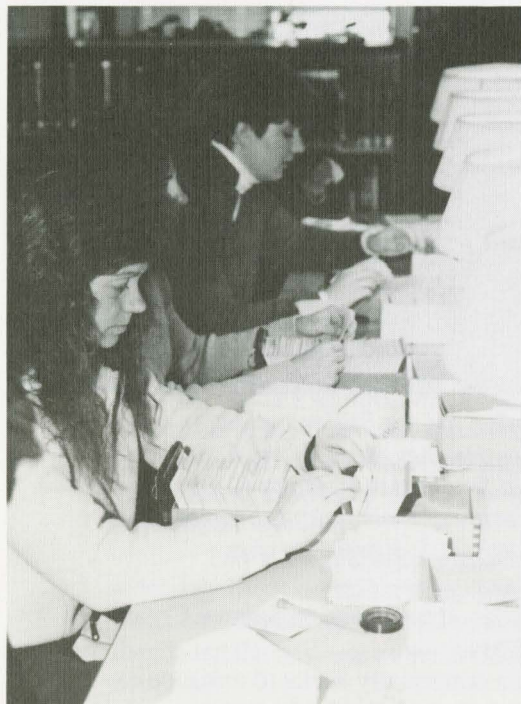
If you would like to know more than what's reported on the wire services, contact Fred Schmidt, 491-1881, or Suzanne Taylor, 491-1880, in Morgan Library's Government Documents Department, about the FBIS collection and its index.

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Did You Know?

The borrowing and copying of books was encouraging by the 4th Lateran Council of 1215. At one monastery, books were lent only to borrowers who returned the original with a fair copy. The librarian-monk then retired the original to the research collection and circulated only the copy.

Compacting the Card Catalog



In February, library staff began removing more than 750,000 computer-generated cards from the author and title catalogs in Morgan Library. After removing the cards, staff compacted the catalog, putting the remaining cards in fewer drawers, emptying the entire first row of catalog cabinets. With more space on the main floor, the reference area will soon be rearranged to provide more convenient service.

Library users will now find authors and titles for all books acquired since 1977 only on CAM, the computer catalog. The card catalog contains author and title cards only for older, unconverted items particularly in the social sciences and humanities, and for certain titles published as part of numbered series. CAM is now the most authoritative catalog, so when looking for materials, search CAM first.

Did You Know?

The 1989 *Cumulated Index Medicus* weighs 95.6 pounds according to a recent article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. This compares with only 63.2 pounds of indexing for the 1978 annual. By way of contrast, the CD-ROM version of the same title weighs about 6 ounces and cumulates indexing from 1984 through 1989. It is available for use at the Sciences and Technology Reference Desk in Morgan Library.

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