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Farewell to the Dean

Joan Chambers will soon be leaving her post as Dean of Libraries at Colorado State University. Joan, a Colorado native whose graduate degrees are from the University of California-Berkeley in Library Science and the University of Southern California in Systems Management, has enjoyed a distinguished career as an academic librarian and administrator. As she puts it, "My profession and my career have been my passion for the past 38 years."



Joan Chambers

While head of the Library's Government Publications Department at the University of Nevada-Reno, Joan was a founding member of the American Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable and was elected chair of the University Faculty Senate. She was also selected by the prestigious Council on Library Resources Academic Management Intern Program to spend a year developing management skills under the mentorship of the University Librarian at Duke University.

Joan was next appointed Assistant University Librarian at the University of California-San Diego and was soon named University Librarian at the University of California-Riverside. Before leaving UC-San Diego, she was selected to participate in the coveted Association of Research Libraries Academic Libraries Consultant Training Program. While at UC-Riverside, she was selected for the first Senior Fellows Program held at UCLA for administrators of research libraries.

Joan has served on or chaired numerous committees of professional organizations, including the International Federation of Library Associations, the Coalition for Networked Information, the American Library Association, and the Association of College and Research Libraries. She has served as a member of the board for both the Research Libraries Group and the Association of

Research Libraries (ARL). Her publications, presented papers and workshops cover topics ranging from federal documents to management. She has also served as a consultant for the review of several academic libraries.

Joan was named Dean of Libraries at Colorado State University in 1985. Her years at CSU have been characterized by sky-rocketing inflation, an explosion in **continued on page 2**

A Promise Fulfilled

In a special ceremony held February 29 at the Library Staff Lounge, Colorado State's eight college deans announced pledges to the Library Campaign of \$25,000 from each college. The \$200,000 donation kicked off the University's annual Faculty-Staff Drive.



President Yates, Dean Crabtree and Dean Chambers share a moment during the ceremony.

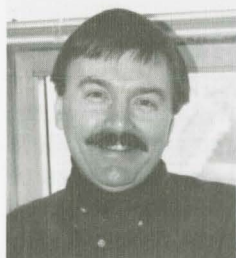
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print and electronic publishing, unprecedented technological advancements and significant increases in library use. Among the major achievements during her tenure at CSU are: (1) continuous and consistent growth of the collection, taking CSU from a status of "on probation" to the rank of 96 of 108 ARL libraries; (2) the introduction of information technology, taking the Library from its first online catalog to a reputation as a national leader and innovator; (3) planning for and construction of a major addition and renovation, which will take Morgan Library into the 21st century with expanded room for the collection, inviting and comfortable study space, state-of-the-art technology, and a building that will be the jewel of the campus; and (4) a successful fund-raising campaign which has resulted in an impressive and gratifying list of donors and the legacy of a \$2 million Library endowment.

On a more personal note, Joan is looking forward to more time with her husband, Don, at their home

in the Colorado mountains and more time for the other passions in her life, starting with bicycling from Anchorage to Fairbanks, trekking to the base camp on Mt. Everest, and reading the many books in what has grown over the years into a sizable personal library. She sums it all up – "I am fortunate to be part of an exciting and stimulating profession, to hold challenging and personally rewarding positions at some of the finest universities in the country, and to have met and work with faculty, students and staff that I admire, respect and enjoy. These people have been the threads throughout that have enriched each experience. I have found so much pleasure and satisfaction in my career – if I had it all to do over again, I wouldn't change a thing. After a brief respite, I plan to return to the faculty on a reduced appointment, bringing my career full circle back to my first love – teaching. I am especially fortunate to look forward to this transition in good health and good spirits and I wish the same to the many friends and colleagues I have met along the way."

New Faculty Member



Rich Hines

Rich Hines joined the Libraries faculty on February 12 as Coordinator of Sciences/Technology Services and Electronic Information Services. Rich is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in economics. He went on to graduate school at Simmons College,

Boston where he received an M.S. in Library and Information Science.

Prior to coming to the Libraries, Rich was head of the Vesic Engineering Library at Duke University and has held positions in the Perkins Library at Duke and in the Engineering Library at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Along with a love of working with the public, Rich brings with him extensive experience in technology. Rich Hines may be reached at 491-1876 or e-mail: rhines@vines.colostate.edu.

FirstSearch: Use it at the Library or from Home or Office

The FirstSearch service is an online reference system that provides library users with an array of electronic database searching options. While in the Morgan Library, users can access 41 different products from the FirstSearch Topic Area Selection screen. Thirteen topic areas range broadly from general reference and current events to very specific academic or scientific disciplines.

From home or office, users can also access the FirstSearch system through the online catalog. Remote users can choose from nine of the 41 databases available within the library. Most notably, WorldCat includes holdings from over 18,000 libraries worldwide with over 30 million items in the database.

*Lindsey Wess
Manager, Electronic Information Lab*

Topic Area Selection

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- 1 Arts and Humanities8 General Science
- 2 Business and Economics9 Life Sciences
- 3 Conferences and Proceedings10 Medicine and Health Sciences
- 4 Consumer Affairs and People11 News and Current Events
- 5 Education12 Public Affairs and Law
- 6 Engineering and Technology13 Social Sciences
- 7 General and Reference14 List of All Databases

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Trimble Donation to The Libraries

The estate of Martha Trimble has donated over 300 books to Morgan Library, many of them first editions and autographed works of noted authors.

Martha Trimble became a member of the English Department faculty in 1939. After serving in the Navy in World War II, she returned to Colorado State as a specialist in composition and western American literature until her retirement in 1979. She was a strong advocate of re-

quired courses in writing; at times when the requirement was threatened, she helped to defend and save it.

A lifelong resident of Fort Collins, Martha Trimble had a dedicated interest in western American history. She was a founding member of the Western Literature Association, and the author of a biography of N. Scott Momaday.

*Evelyn Haynes
Social Sciences/Humanities
Librarian*



Martha Trimble



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Serials Librarian*

Library Receives Award

Some members of the Libraries Assistive Technology Team – (l. to r.) Diana Wess, Billie Hundtoft, Jean Winkler, Meghan Kennedy, Cathy Harris and Dorothy Leising – proudly display the "Recognition of Outstanding Effort" award presented to the Libraries by the Resources for Disabled Students Office. This award is given annually to the department on campus that has gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of students with disabilities.



Extraordinary Precautions



Nichole Galloway, a library student employee, sorts rare books into one of the two thousand records boxes that will protect special collections and university archives during construction of the Morgan Library addition. All boxed materials will remain available to users. For access, call the Archives at 491-1844.

Coming Soon

- SAGE – The new online catalog
- Web-based Electronic Reserve
- New areas of the building will open up
- Old sections will be renovated
- Watch for forthcoming details



View of Library Construction



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