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President's Message

Morgan Library Makes Important Advances as a Research Facility

A modern research library is essential to the continued progress of any outstanding land-grant university. In recent years, Colorado State's Morgan Library has taken significant steps toward improving its services and collection.

In continuing to emphasize the priority given to enhancing library quality, I was pleased to help dedicate the library's new Anheuser-Busch Current Periodicals Room February 1. Thanks to a gift

of \$250,000 from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, the university was able to remodel a section of the Morgan Library to provide a central location for easy access to approximately 8,000 periodical titles.

Since June of 1989, the Morgan Library has added more than 40,000 volumes to its collection, which now numbers approximately 1.5 million volumes. Such efforts have permitted Colorado State's Morgan Library to continue as a member in good standing in the Association of Research Libraries.

A library is a place where wisdom waits, locked away in the pages of books, until anyone – scholars and

Albert Yates, President, Colorado State University, Patrick T. Stokes, President, Anheuser-Busch Inc., and Joan Chambers, Director of Libraries, cut the ribbon at the opening of the Anheuser-Busch Periodicals Room.



simply the curious alike – seeks it out. With all of our support, Colorado State's Morgan Library will continue to grow as a facility that promotes intellectual freedom and the free exchange of ideas. I look forward to the many advances in the library that all of us will enjoy in the coming years.

*Albert Yates
President, Colorado State University*

Current Journals Are Always Available

If you have been in Morgan Library this semester to use a recent or current issue of a journal, you already know that current, unbound issues can no longer be checked out.

We are pleased that, thanks to the generosity of the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, we can now offer faculty the assurance that current journal issues will be available when they come to the new Current Periodicals Room.

For the 25 years Morgan Library has been in existence, a primary complaint of users has been that they "can't find the issue" they are looking for. A faculty member who was halfway through a journal would check it out, since there was no guarantee the issue would be on the shelf when he or she returned. To be useful, "current" journals must be available "currently."

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University for the \$2 million annually expended for journal subscriptions.

It is important that a library with relatively few subscriptions ensure their availability, because there may not be an alternate source if the desired journal is checked out. Availability at Colorado State with 8,500 journal subscriptions is more than four times as important

as it is at the University of California, Davis, with 38,600 subscriptions.

As faculty and students enjoy increased access to article citations through the dozens of electronic databases in the Libraries, the demand for journals has skyrocketed, as has the expectation that the desired journals will be on the shelf.

The current periodicals room is staffed all hours Morgan Library is open and assistance is available at the information desk. Donnice Cochenour, Serials Librarian, is in charge of the room. She, or your department's liaison in the Library, will be happy to answer your questions.

Joan Chambers, Director of Libraries

Selected Articles By Request (SABR)

Subscription prices for journals in the sciences have increased tremendously in recent years. These high prices mean the Libraries cannot subscribe to all pertinent science and technology journals. In order to provide timely access to needed journal articles the Libraries' Sciences and Technology Department has begun a new

service called SABR (Selected Articles by Request). By using a private vendor and purchasing articles as requested, the Libraries can supply needed articles even though it does not subscribe to the journals.

The Libraries receives the table of contents for each new journal issue shortly after publication and files them in red notebooks in the Current Periodicals Room. If you wish to obtain an article listed, simply fill out one of the forms inside the notebook and leave it at the Science Reference Desk. The supplier promises rapid shipment, and the Libraries will forward the article to your campus address or call so you can pick it up.

Nearly forty journals are available through this service, including such titles as: *AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses*, *Experimental Hematology*, *Geomicrobiology Journal*, *International Journal of Solids and Structures*, *Protein Engineering*, and *Software Engineering Journal*.

For a complete list of titles or for more information about this service, please call the Science Reference Desk at 491-1887.

Dorothy Leising, Library Technician, Sciences and Technology Department

New CD-ROMs in the Documents Department

Congressional Record, 99th Congress, 1st Session, Jan. 3-Dec. 20, 1985

Seals and Other Devices in Use at the Government Printing Office

1987 Economic Censuses, U.S. Bureau of the Census

North American Observational Data, July-Dec. 1987, National Climatic Data Center

Also new, but on floppy disk: *Electromap World Atlas*

Ongoing Support:

A Family and College Tradition of Giving

The College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences has a history of support for the University Libraries dating back to 1978. When the new Veterinary Teaching Hospital was in its planning stages, Dr. Harry E. Kingman Jr. approached the Libraries with an offer to support a veterinary library in the new facility in memory of his parents, Dr. Harry Ellis Kingman and Edna Garbutt Kingman. The new library was incorporated into the plans and Kingman funds were used to purchase all of the book shelving, furniture, book trucks and card catalog units for this branch library.

Dr. Kingman is currently retired from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences but remains involved. He and his family continue their annual support which began with the Edna Garbutt

Kingman Memorial Book Fund. Money from the Kingman Family is still used to purchase much needed equipment, shelving, and furniture for the branch.

The College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences also supports the Libraries by helping defray the rising cost of journal subscriptions and by purchasing books that could not have been acquired with regular University Libraries budgeted funds. Without such assistance, acquisition of these resources would not be possible.

The University Libraries would like to thank both the Kingman Family and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences for their continuing generous support.

Lisa Hinton, Libraries Development Office

The Corner on Collection Development: Diversity

Recognizing the University's strong commitment to diversity and multiculturalism, the Libraries implemented a plan to allocate up to \$20,000 of the Materials Budget to purchase titles to support this campus-wide focus.

Librarians are serving as liaisons with campus advocacy groups. Each of these librarians has been allocated \$2,500 to spend on materials in their assigned area and they are working closely with the campus groups to determine local needs. A number of titles have already been purchased. Most are newly published books, but important older works have been ordered as well. If you have suggestions, or would like further information about this collection development effort, please contact the appropriate advocacy group liaison listed below:

Black Student Services: Joan Beam (491-1861)

El Centro - Hispanic Student Services Program: Nora Copeland (491-1846)

Native American Student Services: Doug Ernest (491-1861)

Services for Asian American Students: Anna DeMiller (491-1860)

Resources for Disabled Students: Suzanne Taylor (491-1880) or Jean Winkler (491-1846)

Women's Programs and Studies: Barbara Branstad (491-1862)

Gay/Lesbian Alliance: Judy Berndt (491-1859)

In addition, titles arriving through normal channels are noted by selectors so the Libraries can evaluate current collections in areas related to diversity and mul-

ticulturalism. The Libraries also received a profile of current diversity-related titles from a major vendor so present holdings can be compared with available sources.

Additional materials will be purchased as a result of a successful grant for the "College and Major Unit Diversity Projects," prepared by Margo Sassé, head of the Catalog Department. Funds will support purchase of two major microfilm research sets: *Pamphlets in American History - Women and Black Abolitionist Papers*. The grant will also fund conversion of nearly 20,000 pre-1976 diversity-related bibliographic records making them available on the computerized CARL catalog.

Joel Rutstein, Collection Development Officer

Annual Personal Library Contest Returns

Each year the Libraries sponsors a Personal Library Contest designed to promote the collection and appreciation of books by Colorado State undergraduates. Collections are judged on intellectual interest, knowledge of books, and scope and development of the collection.

Application forms will be available at the Loan Desk in Morgan Library in March and faculty are asked to encourage undergraduate collectors to apply. Prizes are \$200 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third. Prize money is donated by Dr. LeMoyne Anderson, Director Emeritus of the Libraries.

Judy Berndt, Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian

Library Offers Business Databases

In the fast moving world of business, up-to-date information is valuable. But value carries a price tag. Dozens of business oriented databases exist, but almost all are aimed at a corporate clientele and are too expensive for college students and faculty to access readily. That's why the library has moved to close this gap by purchasing two key business databases in compact disk format.

The first, *ABI/INFORM*, indexes 815 business and economics magazines and journals from the last five years. Emphasis is on research oriented publications and article abstracts are provided. *ABI/INFORM* is updated quarterly. The library owns approximately two-thirds of the periodicals indexed.

The second database, *Compact D/SEC*, formerly known as *DISCLOSURE*, includes the full text of all the information the 12,000 publicly owned U.S. corporations provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Updates arrive monthly.

Both databases allow the user to search in a number of ways and either download or print search results. The databases are available on workstations located near the Reference Desk on the first floor of

Morgan Library. These workstations receive heavy use, so you may wish to sign up in advance for *ABI/INFORM* or *Compact D/SEC*. For reservations or additional information, call Doug Ernest or Joan Beam at 491-1861.

Doug Ernest, Social Sciences and Humanities Librarian

MLA Bibliography on CD-ROM

Humanities students and scholars will enjoy easier access to publications in the areas of world literature, linguistics, and folklore with the *MLA Bibliography* on CD-ROM recently acquired by Morgan Library. This single optical disc contains 205,000 citations to the literature published since 1981. The disc will be updated quarterly, adding about 9,000 items with each edition. This major source for literature and language indexes 3,000 journals and serials plus many edited collections. The librarians at the Social Sciences and Humanities Reference Desk will be happy to help you get started.

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