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Library Newsletter volume 1(14)

September 22, 1995

Announcements & Gossip fit to print:

We have always known what a hard-working and talented staff we have here at Poynter Library. Here is some good news to celebrate with our colleagues.

Congratulations to Barbara Reynolds on her well deserved promotion! Barb's new title is Administrative Assistant. It became effective Friday, September 8.

Renee Stokes has been accepted into the USF Library School graduate program for this Fall. Keep up the good work, Renee!

Virginia Champion is a recipient of the 1995 USPS "Dollars for Scholars" Scholarship, generated by the USF Faculty-Staff Scholarship Campaign. Virginia is currently enrolled in the honors program at USF, her major is English Literature. Good luck, Virginia!

Congratulations to Jim Schnur (Special Collections) for passing his comprehensive exams. Jim says his thesis will follow and expects to graduate in December. Good work, Jim!

A reminder from Barb: American Heart Walk

If you need information about the American Heart Walk that is coming up on Saturday, October 7, see Barb Reynolds. Three library folks have signed up from the Library already. If you can't walk, consider being a sponsor. Everyone on campus is urged to take part in this very good cause. Let's have a good turnout in honor of Harry Schaleman!

Susan Anderson & Joyce Burkhart have an article in the September issue of C&RL News, "St. Petersburg Jr. College reorganizes for the '90s."

Administrative News:

The Library Faculty meeting scheduled for Sept. 18th has been rescheduled for Sept. 25th at 2:00p.m.

The travel committee of JJ, Dan and Kathy will be continuing this year. Please send any travel requests to Kathy so that the committee can work on a preliminary budget.

From Lanny regarding our safety seminar:

I have done an "alphabetic countdown" to come up with four groups that will respond to the scenarios distributed during the Staff meeting of 9/19/95. The group members are: Group 1--Arsenault, Greaves, Notaro,

Sanchez; Group 2--Bringas, Henry, Oberhofer, Sherwood; Group 3--Brodosi, Jackson, Reynolds, Stokes; Group 4--Champion, Neville, Richards, Schnur. To move the project forward, I ask that Arsenault, Bringas, Brodosi, and Champion (alphabetically challenged) coordinate the efforts of their groups. Groups 1&2 should address scenarios 1 through 4, and Groups 3&4 should address scenarios 5 through 8.

Anyone needing a copy of the scenarios should contact Deb Henry.

Automation News:

The "official" library web page is now simply:

<http://www.stpt.usf.edu/library>

From Ed:

We have new remote LUIS and UNIX login guidelines from Campus Computing. Copies are available at the reference desk.

If you need to use the headphones at CDROM workstation #7 the jack is in the back of the CPU, the 4th jack over from the left as you are facing the front of the computer.

Our FCLA trip last month gave us a good idea of what they are working on. For instance, full text and image databases should be online, optimistically, after the first of the year. At the meeting we got a good idea of where the new library should be from a technological standpoint vis-a-vis FCLA. This process led to the conclusion that we will keep the IBM controller but purchase a router for the new building and route our Notis packets through the Internet, thus eliminating the current GTE phone line. Routing will increase transaction speeds significantly but Signe believes we will have new downtime issues to deal with in circulation and for OPAC.

There is now an automatic switch between the Lexis/Nexis workstation and the adjacent LUIS terminal. The two stations now share one printer on a first in first out basis. The printer made available is now being used for tech service functions. An automatic printer switch is also being used between our two new telnet LUIS workstations. For those who have not used these terminals, you can log onto LUIS simply by typing "luis" at the NERDC login screen.

Collection Development News:

Kathy is continuing to weed the Reference Collection. Please examine the materials out at the Reference Desk and discuss any questions you have with her.

Public Services News:

Two new databases have been loaded into LUIS and are located at #16, Indexes to Article and Reports.

ABI/INFORM (1985 to date); Journal codes are searchable in

ABI/INFORM using "nr=".

Dissertation Abstracts (1861 -)

A note from JJ:

"I want to thank everyone who assisted with the shelf reading project this summer. Although we have not quite finished we have made more progress than seemed possible, given everyone's work loads and absences during the summer break. I would like to see the completion as soon as possible so encourage all of you to go up and do a little when you can.

Probably everyone has noticed that Reserves are off to a lively start this semester. I believe that we have more professor representation i.e. more faculty members have chosen to put items on Reserve than ever before. Consequently the shelves are already pretty full, and I anticipate more to come seeing as we are still only two weeks into the semester. The Reserve staff has begun to weed out some of the lesser used materials in order to make some more space available.

With regard to the desk schedules for the Fall semester: The Reference Desk schedule is set for the rest of the semester so if anyone has a commitment or absence come up please try to trade with somebody else, or let Tina or me know. Where the Circulation Desk is concerned, it also is pretty much set also. Because of funding problems we may not be able to find any additional OPS so the question of Saturdays is still on hold. So I have worked out a revolving schedule which you will find on the schedule. Again, if anyone has a conflict, please let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, we are already having problems in Reserves with people not replacing items in their correct place. Books are on the shelf in Title alphabetical order (like most of the holdings). Please be sure to place each item back in its precise place. This helps the next person who has to look for the same item. Also, the footstool disappeared from Reserves last week. Please do not remove the footstool! Some people need to use it to reach the top shelves, and have to make students wait while they go to find another one.

Thanks to all for your cooperation."

From Tina:

A small box for recycled paper has been placed on top of the yellow microfiche cabinets by the reference desk. Please place any 8 1/2 by 11 (non-confidential) recycled paper in this box. If students need paper for the LUIS or CDROM printers they may then be referred to this box. Thanks for your help in using our paper resources efficiently!

Technical Services News:

OPAC: Remote access to proprietary databases

Many people use the keypad on the right-hand side of the keyboard to enter their id numbers. The computer system will not accept data from the keypad. Use the numbers over the top row of letters (QWERTY).

From Renee: New Recreational Reading

1. Downtown by Anne Rivers Siddons
2. Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend by Robert James Waller
3. Snow Falling On Cedars by David Guterson

Internet & other techie stuff:

Check out the following bookmarks at the Reference Desk:

Florida Government Information Locator Service

<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/fgils/>

University Pages - Home pages of U.S. Universities organized geographically.

Yahoo - Reuters online News Summary

Yahoo - Reference

(Editor's note: the acronym locator was a big disappointment.)
