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OLIN SURVIVES ANOTHER DISASTER

As devoted *Olin Info* readers will remember, last January the Olin Library survived the Great Flood of 1989, a spill of almost 2000 gallons of water from a broken plumbing fixture. During the evening of August 3, disaster struck again when out of the seemingly quiet night sky an extremely powerful bolt of lightning either hit the Olin Library or the ground very near it. Eye witnesses say the building shook, windows rattled, and startled staff and patrons almost fell out of their chairs. Computer terminals momentarily glowed more brightly, then the air was perfumed with the unforgettable essence of burned electrical insulation, and only unresponsive cursors indicated that the terminals had not been completely destroyed.

In a fraction of a second, the power surge caused by the lightning strike knocked out ten public access online catalog terminals, two Circulation terminals, a laser bar code reader, the Acquisitions Department terminal, two MarcEdit terminals in Cataloging, the OCLC interface, and 24 of the 32 available ports on the online catalog main computer.

Because the damage was so extensive, it has taken more than a month to diagnose, repair, and return the online system to operational status. However, as a result of this experience the data lines are now fully protected by surge suppressors, thus limiting any damage that future lightning strikes might cause.

Our sincere apology to all those who were inconvenienced while we struggled to repair the damage, and our heartfelt thanks to our friends at the University of Central Florida Library who loaned us the terminals and laser bar code reader that allowed us to be at least partially operational within a few days.

SABBATICAL LEADS TO UNEXPECTED BENEFITS

We are delighted to welcome Terry Sebright back as Head of Technical Services. During his year of sabbatical which he spent studying for his doctorate at the School of Library and Information Science at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Terry experienced life and learning in an extremely fulfilling manner.

Terry prepared for his doctorate by taking courses designed to give him in-depth knowledge of the entire library profession from Public Services and Reference to Technical knowledge and management. His studies included research methods, organization theory and information sciences. Terry plans his thesis to center around managerial behavior in relation to library automation, and he is very grateful for Dr. Grant's continuing support as he moves ahead in the research and writing of the thesis.

Although his course load was heavy, Terry found time for life's pleasures, too. Way to go Terry! Along with pursuing his doctorate, he has chosen a bride. Gloria Varner of Monticello, Fla. will be receiving her MLS degree on Dec. 15, 1989 from Florida State University and her Mrs. from Terry Sebright on December 30, 1989. After marriage she plans to work professionally in the Orlando area.

Despite the reality of library automation which faced Terry on his first day back in the form of a major lightning strike, Terry sees unlimited possibilities for the future of Olin Library. Through his studies Terry has realized more fully that Technical Services is truly the foundation of a library. It is here that library excitement begins with the purchase of materials and the preparation of those materials to be available and usable for the public.

Terry Sebright thanks Rollins College for the opportunity to fulfill his dream of getting a Doctorate. He and Gloria are looking forward to marriage and family life and indeed are grateful for the opportunity given them.

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QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS

Replies to recent comments in the Suggestion Box.

Can something be done? The Library is too hot [too cold] [too humid] [too dry] etc.

We occasionally have instances when there really is a problem with the heating and cooling system, and when that happens the situation is rectified as soon as possible. At other times, however, the difficulty is really a matter of differing personal reactions to the same climatic conditions. In general, we try to maintain a very even temperature, favoring the cool side just a bit since it is easier for those who feel chilly to adjust their body temperature with a sweater.

Can a bookdrop be installed at the Brevard Campus?

We are exploring a number of ways to improve library service at the Brevard Campus, and you can expect to see a bookdrop in the not-too-distant future. In addition, the collection at Brevard is growing, there are additional hours of service, the online catalog terminal linking the Brevard Campus to Olin should soon be operational, and there will be a courier service to make Olin materials readily available at Brevard.

You should subscribe to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

We do subscribe to this periodical and have for many years. If you don't find what you are looking for, PLEASE ASK AT THE REFERENCE DESK. If we really don't have an item, we can probably borrow it from another library.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES...

Students, faculty and staff returning to campus for the start of the Fall term found their greatest "automated system" fear confirmed - a zapped library computer. However, several short days later we were again "online" and accessible.

With this "calamity-of-the-year" behind us, we opened with a renewed commitment to the level of service that has become our hallmark, and one that obviates the complaints frequently voiced by college constituencies. Hopefully, we will again not make the Student Summit "hit list."

We approach the year as an opportunity to improve existing services, collections and library outreach. For example, the Academic Index, an electronic index exceptionally appropriate for

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a liberal arts college, is now available in Reference. A new FAX machine, funded by the State Library, will add another dimension to Interlibrary Loan service. Bibliographic Instruction is expanding, and a Winter Term course in research methods will be offered in conjunction with the Holt School.

The entire library faculty and staff have received at least preliminary CPR training, a new and enthusiastic late night crew came on board during August, and new College faculty and staff were introduced to the services and resources available to them in Olin Library almost as soon as they arrived on campus.

These are just a few of the things happening in your library. Welcome to the improved Olin Library of 1989-1990.

George C. Grant
Director

OLIN STAFF DONATES TO FOOD DRIVE

Last April the Knowles Memorial Chapel sponsored a campus-wide food drive to help replenish a food bank serving the Orlando area. The Olin Library staff responded generously by contributing a wide variety of items, including baby foods, fruit juices, canned vegetables and meats, dessert items, rice, dried beans of several varieties, and staples such as sugar, salt, and shortening. More than 110 different items were donated, weighing well in excess of one hundred pounds.

LIBRARY HIGH-TECH

New CD-ROM Workstation in Reference

The ACADEMIC INDEX is the new "user friendly" electronic database now available in the index table area of Reference. It replaces the Wilson disc version of *Reader's Guide*.

The ACADEMIC INDEX is designed for college-level research in the Humanities, Social Sciences, General Sciences and Current Events. It provides references from over 390 scholarly and general interest journals (over 75% of which are available in the Olin Library), as well as six months coverage of the *New York Times*. An updated CD-ROM is issued every month, so the coverage is quite current.

The ACADEMIC INDEX can be searched for articles on art, economics, history, literature, popular science, psychology, and religion. Citations for consumer product evaluations and graded reviews of books, movies, theater, etc. are also available.

Try a search on the ACADEMIC INDEX and discover how easy it is to create a printed list of current citations on any of a wide variety of topics.

Telefax for Interlibrary Loan

The Olin Library has recently installed an OmnifaxG55, a state-of-the-art telefacsimile machine which was purchased with federal grant money distributed by the State Library of Florida to enhance interlibrary loan service throughout the state. The Olin Library was one of about twenty libraries to receive such a grant.

According to the guidelines put forth by FLIN, the Florida Library Information Network, telefax will not be used for routine loan requests but rather will be limited to requests deemed urgent by the borrowing library.

While primarily for interlibrary loan purposes, the G55 will also be available to Library Faculty and Staff to send and receive professionally-related correspondence.

The Olin Library FAX number is (407) 646-1515.

GIFTS

... Something Old

The Olin Library Faculty and Staff would like to thank Mrs. S. L. Chertok, a resident of Orlando, for her gift of an antique book press. While looking something like a medieval instrument of torture and weighing-in at nearly a hundred pounds, the solid iron book press is still a highly useful piece of equipment when extensive repairs need to be made to a book. We have been unable to determine its exact age, but we assume it is at least fifty years old, and it may be much older than that. It will be treasured for years to come both as a piece of library history and as a valued addition to the Technical Services inventory of equipment.

... Something New

A major scholarly event occurred this last spring with the publication of the *Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition*. The original *OED* has been the premier etymological dictionary of the English language since it was first published almost exactly one hundred years ago. However, as necessary supplements were added over the years, the *OED* became somewhat difficult and unwieldy to use, and a new version was needed that would incorporate into one set the original scholarship, the material found in the supplements, and the growing research reflecting the influence of American English usage.

The new *Oxford English Dictionary, Second Edition* fulfills that promise. It is a major scholarly resource that almost every library will covet, but because the prodigious effort to create it is somewhat reflected in the price, it is a purchase that many libraries will find difficult to afford.

The Olin Library is extremely fortunate that Mrs. Carolyn B. Talmey, a long-time Winter Park resident, came forward and volunteered to purchase the *OED2* for us in memory of her husband, Paul Talmey, a life-long bibliophile.

The twenty volumes of the *OED2*, weighing in at 138 pounds and taking up 3 feet 9 inches of shelf space, now reside in the Reference Collection at call number REFERENCE PE 1625 .O87 1989. Given that one hundred years have elapsed between the first and second editions, the *OED2* should well serve the Rollins community for many years to come. Our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Talmey for her magnificent gift.

DocsData: GPO Interagency Seminar

In April Carolyn McFarland, Olin Documents Librarian, attended the U.S. Government Printing Office's Interagency Seminar for depository librarians in Washington, DC. The five day seminar featured an overview of the GPO Library Programs Service, a comprehensive review of key Federal information producing agencies, and a day at the Library of Congress.

The Library Programs Service is the division of the Government Printing Office responsible for the Federal depository system: Acquisitions, cataloging, distribution of materials; inspection of libraries; and the production of the *Monthly Catalog* (the official index to U.S. government publications.) We learned about the procedures involved in this complex operation and gained insight into the problems faced.

Other agencies presenting programs were: the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bureau of the Census, Office of the Federal Register, National Technical Information Service (NTIS), and the Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Offices.

Featured in the EPA's presentation was the new TRI (Toxic Chemical Release Inventory) online database, which gives information on the annual estimated releases of toxic chemicals in the environment.

The Census Bureau's emphasis was on the 1987 Economic Censuses and the 1990 census. Highlighted were some of the changes to expect in the 1990 reports and the expectation of more information being produced in electronic format. A C D-ROM test disc (Doc C 3.275:T28) was distributed to depository libraries this summer.

In-depth presentations by the Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Offices gave an understanding of the processes and publications involved in the protection of intellectual properties. It was good to learn that the University of Central Florida is to become a patent depository, as the closest depository has been in Fort Lauderdale.

NTIS is an important source for government supported research reports covering a wide range of topics (most very technical). Since most of these reports are not available through the depository system, it was helpful to learn about NTIS's services and products, and the procedures for acquiring those products.

The Office of the Federal Register gave an overview of the rule making process of the Federal government and the Office's publications. Participants learned the step-by-step procedures for researching the *Code of Federal Regulations* (Doc AE 2.106/3:) and the *Federal Register* (Doc AE 2.106:).

The highlight of the seminar was the day at the Library of Congress. Staff of the Interlibrary Loan and Photoduplication Offices outlined services available and procedures to follow when requesting those services. Of special interest was the tour of the Congressional Research Service, which is available only for members of Congress and their staff. Subject specialists produce non-partisan non-biased reports on topics requested. (Although not issued to the public, these reports might be available through the congressional district office by request). CRS publications available in the Olin Library include the *CRS Review* (Doc LC 14.19:) which has brief articles of topics of current interest, and *Major Legislation of Congress* (Doc LC 14.18:) which gives a summary, history, and status of major current legislation.

The day ended with a tour of the Library (actually three buildings connected by underground tunnels.) Since the main reading room in the original Jefferson Building was being renovated, we were led through these tunnels to a stack area where we found the remains of the card catalog, which was frozen in 1980, in drawers aligned on the shelves. The library now has an on-line system, and researchers are encouraged to sign up for instruction in its use.

The enthusiasm of staff members and fellow depository librarians that we met was contagious. We hope that by attending such seminars and becoming more knowledgeable about the Federal agencies and their publications, we can better serve our patrons. And, it was great to be in Washington in April!

TRANSITIONS AT OLIN

Suzanne Green, Library Specialist in the Circulation Department, replaced **Charlotte Wells** who accepted a position in the library of an Orlando law firm. Suzanne, one of Circulation's day crew, is a graduate of Arkansas State University with a B.S. in Journalism. She is pursuing her interest in art with further studies at Rollins.

Beth Dickinson, Guru Halady and Trish Ramsay of Circulation's evening crew each accepted new positions over the summer. Beth joined her family business. Guru is working with a national firm while continuing his studies with the Crummer School. Trish, who designs jewelry, is employed by an area jeweler.

Circulation's new evening team is made up of Rick Gossett, Patti Haley and Julie Harvey.

Rick Gossett, a senior on the dean's list at the University of Central Florida, is majoring in Applied

Sociology. He looks forward to beginning an internship soon with The Orlando *Sentinel*. Rick brings experience at Orlando Public Library to his duties in circulation and reference.

Patti Haley earned her B.A. in English from the College of New Rochelle in New York and did graduate work in Library Science at S.U.N.Y., Albany, N.Y. She, too, is an experienced library worker having been employed two years in a Massachusetts junior high school library before her recent move to Florida. Patti plans to pursue a master's degree in Library Science in the near future.

Julie Harvey, the third member of the evening team, is a transfer to the Hamilton Holt School from Seminole Community College. An English major at Rollins, Julie plans to go to law school.

Mark Niemczyk, formerly Library Systems Coordinator and editor of *Olin Info*, accepted a position with a national firm. His position at Olin has just been filled. Watch for details in the next issue of *Olin Info*.

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Oct 1-7 Authors in the Park
Oct 16-31 Academic Support Services

*ATTENTION: Students, Instructors, Staff and Community Readers

Do you have a collection or work you would like to share? Lobby exhibits in 1988/89 included a jewelry exhibit by a staff member and examples of creative writing from Jean West's class in children's literature. Please contact:

Jim Belz	646-2684
Charlotte Johnson	646-2503

To exhibit art work in the Irving J. and Jeannett M. Reuter Tower Reading Areas contact:

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