

BSU Library Newsletter

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THE CHURCH PAPERS: A-SORT-IT-AFFAIR

After a year of planning, moving boxes, ordering supplies, and holding strategy meetings, processing has begun on the Frank Church Collection (HSS 56). Ralph Hansen has been appointed project coordinator. Don Haacke, Leslie Pass, and Ellen Koger oversee and perform processing duties for separate aspects of the collection.

Piotr Czartolomny, a Polish emigrant who had been a librarian in his native country, worked with the collection during the summer. He consolidated materials and then separated out the legislative and federal agency files, which were sorted and alphabetized.

Ralph has submitted a grant proposal to the Association of the Humanities in Idaho to fund a matching grant of \$18,230. BSU's share of the match totals \$36,460. We hope to know the Association's decision by mid-October.

Don has completed a processing manual that will be used to train and guide temporary employees, volunteers, and graduate assistants working on the Church papers. Processing will be complete when all 1138 boxes have been opened, and their contents sorted, placed in labeled file folders, and listed on a register.

Ellen is processing the speech files, which pose several interesting problems and contain some significant finds. Ellen will soon create a preliminary list of the files with dates, titles, subjects, and cross references.

Leslie supervises the audio/visual portion of the project; this entails processing the films, tapes, photographs, and ephemera included in the collection. Ellen Jones and Jane Sailor of Educational Media Services have been hired on a temporary basis to clean, preview, and repair the films, which will be transferred to video tape.

Several scholars have requested permission to use the papers for specific research projects. Rod Gramer of the Idaho Statesman is writing the official Frank Church biography. Dr. LeRoy Ashby of Washington State University is also preparing a book on the late Senator. Two members of the BSU History Department have asked to use the papers; Dr. Patricia Ourada wishes to use the files pertaining to American Indians, and Dr. Errol Jones is interested in Latin American foreign policy and the multinational corporation files. Dr. Suzanne McCorkle of the BSU Communications Department has asked to use the speech files. William Howard Moore of the University of Wyoming wishes to investigate the "racketeering" and labor files in the collection. A number of other scholars and researchers have applied for permission to use the papers, which contain important information on some of the most tumultuous decades in America's history.

For more information contact Ralph, Don, Ellen or Leslie. If you have not received a tour of the rooms, please ask.

PERSONNEL

The Catalog Department has experienced several personnel changes. Susan Henggeler replaced Gloria Miller in the LA III position, and Rachel Terry has assumed Susan's position as LA II. Rachel Terry's former position of LA I remains to be filled.

Beth Allen replaced Lonna Dodd as the Library Materials Conservator. She is presently pursuing a master's degree in public health administration in addition to her duties at the Library.

On October 7th, Karen Gill will assume Andy Ribner's former position as Cataloger. She has a B.A. in humanities from Michigan State University, and a M.A.L.S. from the University of Michigan. Most recently, she worked as the French Monarch Project Cataloger at Michigan State University.

Anne Matjeka has assumed the position of Curriculum Resource Center Librarian; she replaces Dave Baldwin, who departed with a sartorial western sendoff.

Ellen Koger works in Reference and the Frank Church Room. She is an Idaho native who has worked in libraries in Caldwell and Ontario. She likes fashion, MTV, The New Yorker, feminist science fiction, and swimming.

Julie Richeson is the new Circulation Manager. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from BSU, and has lived in most of the western states.

Gail Millimaki is the new half-time stacks supervisor, and has previously worked in Continuing Education. She is a native of Minnesota but has lived in Idaho for seven years.

Sylvia Burr has prepared and distributed a new Library personnel telephone listing. Please check with her if you have not received a copy.

PLANS, PLOTS, AND PROJECTS

During March and April of 1986, the Library will host an exhibit entitled "The Book Beautiful". Brigham Young University will loan the exhibit to BSU; it will be displayed in the Frank Church Room. In a future issue of the newsletter, we will run a lead article on the exhibit. If you have questions, please contact Ralph Hansen.

NOTES

The University Research Center has released a new study, Double Taxation in Ada County: 1985, by C. Mike Merz and David F. Groebner. The Idaho Statesman has recently featured articles on this controversial report, which may be found in the University Archives.

The Washington State Library has announced that its computer division, formerly called the Washington Library Network (MLN), has been renamed the Western Library Network. MLN has issued a search manual entitled: Efficient Inquiry for Reference Librarians on MLN. Copies are located at the Reference and Acquisitions terminals.

Beverly Miller has been re-elected to serve as editor of the Faculty Forum. This will be her 6th year as the chief. Congratulations BVM.

Don Haacke will serve on the Faculty Senate's Reduction-In-Force (RIF) committee. This appointment will last for the 1985-86 school year.

Leslie Pass, representing the Association of Classified Employees, and Darryl Huskey, representing the Faculty Senate, serve on the Parking Advisory Committee. Any problems or suggestions should be forwarded to them for consideration at the next committee meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 1985.

And speaking of committee assignments, Janet Strong has been appointed to the Faculty Senate Fringe Benefits Committee (we need that Faculty/Staff Lounge) and she is also chairing the University's Task Force on Copyright.

WHY AND WHEREFORES

Why are rare books inaccessible on weekends at the Library?

"Special Collections material ^Sis not made available to the public when there is no full time staff on duty. On weekends we only have student help available in this [Special Collection] area. It is our view that it is inappropriate to saddle student help with the responsibility of providing service where security is a concern. Students are not in a position to judge the appropriateness of a user's request.

Regular hours of access greatly exceed what most university libraries offer (Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)" R.W.H.

PAST AND PRESENT

In October, Terry Madden, Anne Matjeka, Katherine Ultican, Janet Strong, and Beverly Miller will attend Bibliographic Retrieval Service (BRS) training at St. Luke's Hospital Library. Terry and Anne will then train others to do searches on the BRS system.

Anne Matjeka is now training Terry Madden to assume the duties of the computer literature search coordinator. Terry has been backup searcher for two years. The coordinator maintains statistics, handles advertising, recommends search aids for purchase, reads vendor newsletters, establishes search procedures, and recommends policies. Terry will become search coordinator at the beginning of 1986, and Anne will act as backup searcher. Anne is also training Katherine Ultican and Janet Strong to do searches on the DIALOG system.

Dave Crane attended a MLN workshop on serials cataloging on September 20th at Spokane, Washington.

Janet Strong, Ralph Hansen, Adrien Taylor, Anne Matjeka, and Gloria Ostrander attended the PMLA meeting in Eugene, Oregon. The theme of the conference was "Models of Excellence" for libraries. Janet reports that she viewed a video tape of the author of the One Minute Manager, learned methods of computer searching, survey design and survey research, and received a pleasant tour of the University of Oregon campus conducted by University Archivist Keith Richard.

CRC receives back-up copies of the telecourses being offered through Continuing Education. The copies are taped on the weekend of the repeat session for each program. There is a five to seven day time lag before the programs are received in CRC.

CRC presently is discarding many outdated textbooks. You're welcome to take some—please inquire at CRC.

The Boise City Typographical Union has deposited its papers with the BSU Special Collections Department. The papers include membership records, correspondence, labor negotiations, contracts, and financial records dating from the 1880's to the present. Union members worked for the Idaho Statesman, the Capital Evening News, and major print shops that have operated in Boise. The collection should be useful to students from such disciplines as management, history, or communications.

Interlibrary Loan has been flooded with requests—a new form is now available, with a few minor content changes.

Please be alert for "problem" patrons, who often wander through the library in search of a "home." Several staff members have encountered transients at night. Be cautious when exiting the building during the evening, particularly if you are alone. Report any problems to Ralph Hansen.

Does anyone have the card from Dave and Donna Baldwin? It has not been routed throughout the library.

Government Documents Catalog Subscription (GDCS) and Federal Government Publications Catalog (FGPC) are available during October on a trial basis in the Reference and Documents/Maps Departments. Both catalogs index U. S. government publications by author, title, and subject for the period July 1976 through August 1985, and are cumulated monthly. GDCS is produced by Auto-Graphics, Inc. and FGPC is offered by Library Automation, Brodart.

The indexes have some similar features: they are in microform, and are sold on a subscription basis with a reader; the entries resemble those of the Monthly Catalog of U. S. Government Publications; and each includes SuDoc numbers, item numbers, and cross references. GDCS, however, includes tracings, Monthly Catalog numbers, separate author-title, subject, SuDoc number and report index files, top and bottom heading guides, OCLC numbers, and large print. FGPC includes LC classification numbers; author, title, and subject in one alphabetical catalog; and stock numbers. FGPC costs \$1500.00 and GDCS is \$2500.00 for a year's subscription. Please examine these services, and submit your comments to Darryl Huskey.

The Boise State University Marketing Report, 1984-85 contains much information on student/staff/faculty attitudes toward the Library. One suggestion was to consolidate various campus programs "to develop a one or two credit course for all entering students ... [which] would include: ... reading and study skills ... [and] library skills...." (p.22, no.5)

The following tables are sample responses taken from the Marketing Report, which is on reserve in the library.

Appendix B, Table 1, "Satis13"

Faculty and Staff Questionnaire Responses - Library

	Percent	Frequency
Service not used		106
Very satisfied	22	135
Mostly satisfied	50	306
Somewhat satisfied	19	119
Dissatisfied	6	38
Very dissatisfied	2	15

Appendix C, Table 1, "Satis15"

Student Questionnaire Responses - Library

	Percent	Frequency
Service not used		72
Very satisfied	18	300
Mostly satisfied	46	740
Somewhat satisfied	21	342
Dissatisfied	9	154
Very dissatisfied	5	89

Library Skills 102 is now offered on a pass/fail basis only. Students who complete their work satisfactorily will simply receive credit. If a student fails, the "F" is calculated into the G.P.A.

A new base listing of the CDM catalog should be available by October 7.

EQUIPMENT

There is some nifty new equipment in the library that you may not know about.

For example, Archives is now home to a dry mount press, laminator, mat cutter, and a roll cutter, which are primarily intended for preservation of the Frank Church papers and CRC materials. You are encouraged, however, to request repair or conservation for other library materials. To receive service, fill out a work order, which is available from Leslie Pass or Gwen Pittam. **Work will be done on Thursday afternoons only.** For more information contact Leslie at 1736 or Gwen at 1674.

The library has several manual and electric typewriters for use on the second floor. Next to these free machines are four electronic pay typewriters; twenty minutes of typing time costs \$.25. CRC staff replace ribbons and correction tape, while the company that owns the machines maintains and repairs them. The experiment has not been a complete success, as the company does not regularly supply ribbons and the typewriters therefore cannot be used. Problems also occur when a machine malfunctions while the meter is running. When the machines are working well and there are sufficient supplies, however, users appear pleased with them. CRC continues to monitor the new service and hopes it will succeed.



"We've gone totally user-oriented. We arrange our books according to the most frequently used terms."

CONTEST OF THE MONTH

Rename the BSU Library Newsletter!

A carefully selected panel of worldly, sophisticated, discerning judges who are jaded with the utter dullness of the name "Newsletter" will select the winner, whose name will appear in the next issue. Please, **entries are limited to one per person per day** (this means you, Adrien!). Submit all entries (neatly typed--et tu, AT!) to Peggy no later than October 31. Begin now!

Some suggestions we've received so far:

Library Learning Center Information Bulletin

The Bent Over Page

Library Paste

The Abashed Un-Librarian

The Cold Rag (not to be confused with the Hotline)

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