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Library Hours Spring 2008

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7:30a.m. - 1:30a.m.
Friday
7:30a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m.- 8:00p.m.
Sunday
Noon - 1:30a.m.

Reference Services
Mon. - Thurs.
8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.
Friday
8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m.- 8:00p.m.
Sunday
Noon - 10:00p.m.

Library Media Center
Mon. - Thurs.
7:30a.m. - 1:15a.m.
Friday
7:30a.m. - 7:45p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m.- 7:45p.m.
Sunday
12:00p.m. - 1:15a.m.

Library Instruction Center
Mon. - Thurs.
8:00a.m. - 12:00a.m.
Friday
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Saturday
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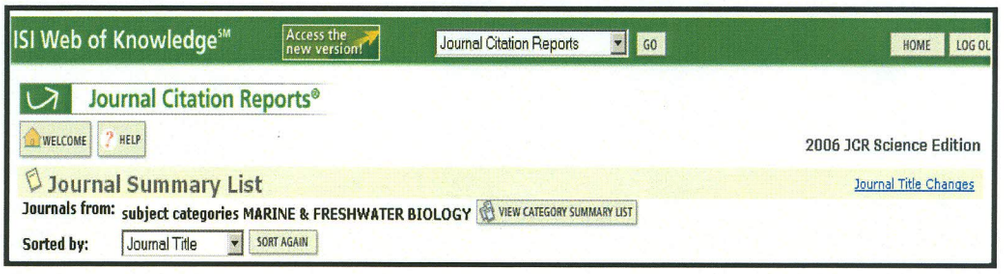
Sunday
2:00p.m. - 12:00a.m.

Special Collections & Archives
Mon. - Fri.
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
and by appointment

Journals Citation Reports

Are you curious about the top journals in your field? Would you like concrete data showing which journals have the greatest impact? The Bell Library now subscribes to "Journal Citation Reports" (JCR), from Thomson/ISI, the publisher of *Science*, *Social Science*, and *Humanities Citation Index*, available electronically from Bell Library's database page as **"Web of Science"**. ISI utilizes citation data to rank journals, using the number of times a journal is cited to determine its "Impact Factor". It surveys more than 8,400 journals from over 3,000 publishers in 60 nations.

To get to "Journal Citation Reports", go to the Bell Library's home page (http://rattler.tamucc.edu), click on "Find Articles" to get to the "Search All Databases" interface. At the top of the page, click "Find Databases", then type in "Journal Citation Reports", or browse through the alphabetical list. Click on the title, and the *ISI Web of Knowledge* page appears, with a prominent link to "Journal Citation Reports". Accessing from off-campus will require signing in using your Banner ID, or library patron number.



Within JCR, choose the Science or the Social Science database. Currently the only year for which we have access for cited articles is 2006, however some data from past years is available. Search for

- journals in a subject category
- country/territory
- all journals
- publisher
- journal title

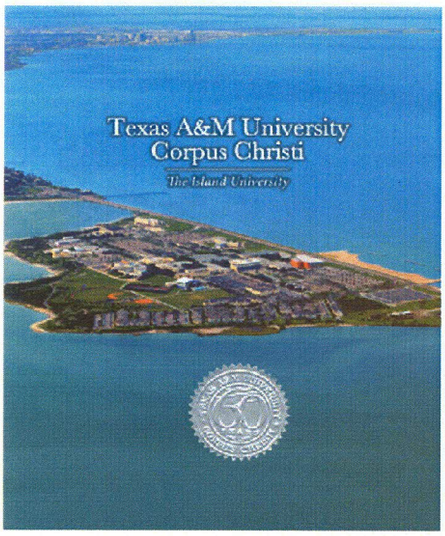
When you reach the list of journals specified, you will note the following data, with explanations on how the data was generated:

- **Total Cites /Year**
- **Impact Factor** (cites to articles in previous 2 years)
- **Immediacy Index** (cites to articles published in the same year)
- **Articles / Year**
- **Cited Half-life** (half of the citations are from articles published within the time frame listed)

JCR can find the most frequently cited journals in a field, the largest journals in a field, or the publisher with the highest impact journals. A tutorial explaining the many ways to use JCR is available from http://www.scientific.thomson.com/tutorials/jcr. A glossary, suggestions on how to use the database wisely, information for new users, and a Help section is provided. If you have any questions regard-

Abbreviated Journal Title (linked to journal information)	ISSN	Total Cites	Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Articles	Cited Half-life
ACTA HYDROCH HYDROB	0323-4320	436	0.632	0.148	54	6.1
ADV MAR BIOL	0065-2881	832	2.158	0.250	8	>10.0

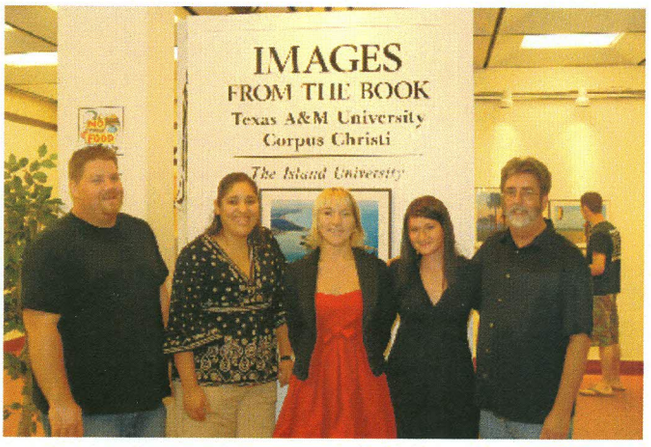
60th Anniversary Publication and Exhibit



The Mary and Jeff Bell Library hosted the debut of *Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi The Island University,* a commemorative volume that helps to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the university, 1947-2007. The book combines thoughtful historical images with contemporary photographs, thus joining the institution's past with its present.

The Bell Library played a key role in the book's production. The historical images came from the records of the university housed in the Special Collections & Archives Department. The volume's Introduction, an overview of the university's history, was written by Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck, Associate Director for Special Collections & Archives.

The contemporary images were created by very talented photographers, including Monica Cornell, Steve Nurenberg, Jessica Grumman, Brandy West, Reed Hewitt, John Woelke, Dr. Harley Moody and especially Jeffrey Janko, the university's photographer. Marshall Collins of the Office of Institutional Advancement coordinated the volume's production, while Carrie Miller was responsible for its inspired design. Bob Gammage and Steve Paschal provided important editorial contributions. Printer's Unlimited of Corpus Christi served as the printer.



L-R: John Woelke, Monica Cornell, Jessica Grumman, Brandy West, and Jeff Janko

Handsome in appearance as well as rich in content, the book will be a keepsake for people who support the university.

New Electronic Resources

By Virginia Hopkins

Sage Journal Collection includes 485 journals in Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, Technology and Medicine. Titles of special interest are *Nursing Science Quarterly* and *Journal of Pediatric Oncology*. Most full text coverage begins in 1999.

EcoSal or **Escherichia coli and Salmonella** (American Society of Microbiology) provides information on cellular and molecular biology. Access and searching of the genome database is included.

Points of View Reference Center is a new full text resource. It provides pro and con arguments for many current topics, including immigration, Iraq, Israel & the Palestinians, separation of church and state, stem cell research, tax cuts, and more. Resources include essays, political magazines, newspapers, radio and TV news transcripts, primary sources and reference books.

Wiley Interscience now includes more journal backfiles in these subjects: Cell Biology, Chemistry, Education, Environmental Science, Medicine, Genetics, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology.

H-Net is a free resource of lists and websites focusing on history by international interdisciplinary scholars and teachers posting peer-reviewed essays, multimedia materials, and discussions.

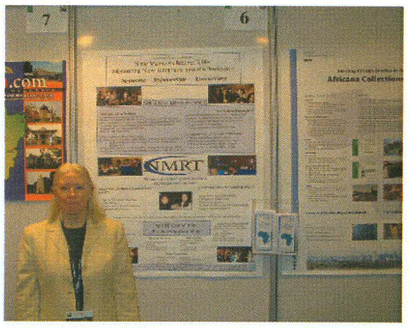
These resources can be accessed from the library's home page at http://rattler.tamucc.edu, and clicking "Find Articles", then "Find Databases". Questions regarding these or other electronic resources may be directed to the Reference Desk at x2609, or the Ask-A-Librarian link under "Help".

Information Literacy Program

The Bell Library Information Literacy program would like to invite requests for library instruction for Spring Semester 2008. If you teach a class that might benefit from a demonstration or hands-on training for resources for your class, we can help. The Librarians who teach the classes provide information on the print or electronic resources that will benefit your class. Instruction can be provided in the Library Instruction Center (with space for 25 students), or in the regular classroom. All requests for library instruction should be placed at least one week prior to the date requested. For more information, or to schedule an instruction session, please call Edward Kownslar at x2677, or email him at Edward.Kownslar@tamucc.edu.

Library and Personnel News

Sally Bickley, Reference Librarian, attended the 73rd International Federation of Library Associations' General Conference and Council in Durban, South Africa, in August. She presented a poster entitled "ALA's New Members Round Table: Mentoring New Librarians into the Profession." The poster examined survey results of international and U.S. librarians just entering the profession. Librarians from several countries were interested in setting up a similar program for their new librarians.

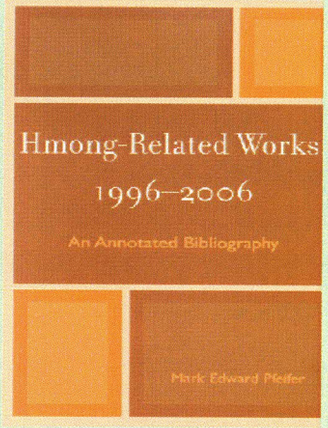


Edward Kownslar attended the Texas Council of Academic Libraries meeting in Austin in September, as well as the Federal Depository Library Conference in Washington, D.C., in October.

James Rodriguez, Library Associate II in Media, earned a BA in Psychology in December.

New Bibliography

Scarecrow Press has published a reference work by **Mark Pfeifer,** Reference/Instruction Librarian, called "Hmong-Related Works, 1996-2006: An Annotated Bibliography." The work was released in September 2007.



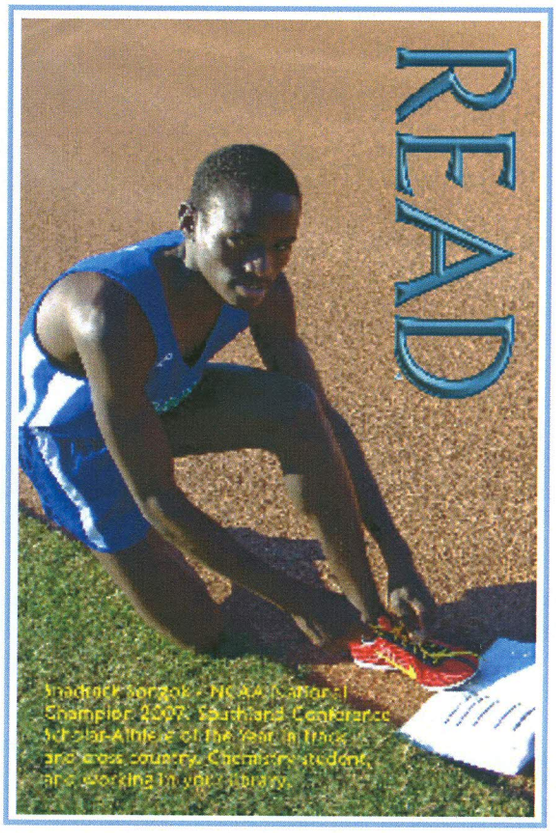
The book provides a brief history of the Hmong ethnic group, which is one of the fastest growing ethnic origin groups in the United States. The bibliography provides full reference information (including internet links to articles where available) and descriptive summaries for 610 Hmong-related works. Many items describe the Hmong culture and their subsequent acculturation in the United

Conference 2007, "e-Records Management: You Can Do It" in Austin, TX in October.

The following Librarians attended The American Library Association Midwinter Meetings in Philadelphia, PA, in January: **Sally Bickley, Kristen Davis, Ed Kownslar, Sarah Sutton, Jennifer Anderson, Laura Martinez,** and **Christine Shupala.**

The Library says goodbye to **Jennifer Nance**, Library Associate II in Access Services, who left in January. Good luck, Jennifer! We will miss you!

The Library would like to welcome the new employees that started during the fall semester: **Cindy Munoz**, Library Information Specialist, Driscoll Children's Hospital Library; **Cely Smart**, Library Associate II in Periocials; and **Joseph Urrea,** Systems Support Specialist I, Media.



Shadrack Songkok is a student assistant in the Library's Circulation Department. A customized READ poster was created to recognize his achievements in scholastics and athletics. Some of his achievements are: 3-time All-American, twice in track, once in cross-country; holds the school record for the 1,500 m, 3,000 m., 5,000 m, and 10,000 m. He holds the Southland Conference all-time record for the 10,000 m. He is a two-time Southland Conference Runner of the Year, and the Southland Conference Champion 2 years in a row. He was the Southland Conference 1,500 m. champion in 2007. He was the NCAA Division I National Champion in 2007, and a NCAA Division I Academic Champion. The library salutes Shadrack for his many achievements.

2007 Faculty Publications Bibliography

To celebrate National Library Week, the Mary and Jeff Bell Library will sponsor the Faculty Publications Reception, in partnership with the Office of Graduate Studies and Research. Faculty will receive a letter early in the Spring, requesting submission of scholarly or creative achievements for FY 2007 to include in the Faculty Publications Bibliography. The reception will take place in April, in conjunction with "The Academy Speaks", which recognizes the recipient of he University Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity Award.

Special Collections & Archives: The Victor Lara Ortegon Papers

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

Special Collections & Archives is gratified to announce the acquisition of the papers of Victor Lara Ortegon, longtime Corpus Christi radio commentator and civic activist. Considered by many people to be the most trusted Spanish language media personality in this city, Ortegon has been referred to as the Walter Cronkite of Corpus Christi. The department received the papers through its many years of association with Ortegon, but especially through the efforts of Professor Robert Bezdek, whose friendship with the esteemed commentator greatly facilitated the acquisition.

Victor Lara Ortegon was born in Candela, Coahuila, Mexico in 1928. He moved with his family at an early age to Nuevo Laredo because of his parents' desire to obtain a good education for their children. He attended school in Nuevo Laredo and Laredo.

Ortegon developed an early interest in radio. In 1948, he commenced his career in broadcasting by serving as an announcer on XEFE, a radio station in Nuevo Laredo. In 1949, he married Hortencia Puente, who became a life long partner in his work. The couple relocated to Houston where Victor Lara was employed as a newsman, commentator, and translator for three years by KLVL, a pioneering Hispanic-owned radio station in the Bayou City.

In 1953, Ortegon took a position with Corpus Christi's KUNO Radio, thus beginning his long and storied tenure with that station. He commenced his noon talk program called "Comentarios" in 1955, which became Corpus Christi's most important forum for the local Hispanic community. As the host of "Comentarios," Victor Lara Ortegon gained legendary status. He retired from broadcasting in 2000. Over the years, he received countless awards and honors from organizations and governmental bodies. On a personal level, Ortegon is viewed as a consummate gentleman, a true role model for the community. Doubtless, he will be the subject of a future biography.

The papers comprise approximately 25 linear feet. These items include photographs, correspondence, publications, periodicals, commentaries, videos, cassettes, and other historic documents, as well as many of Ortegon's testimonials, awards, and plaques. Grace Charles, Special Collections & Archives Library Associate I, has sorted and foldered the collection and is in the process of further refining its order.

The department is fortunate to have the papers of this venerable individual. They represent another milestone in the efforts of Special Collections to build research resources dealing with the Corpus Christi Mexican American experience.

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