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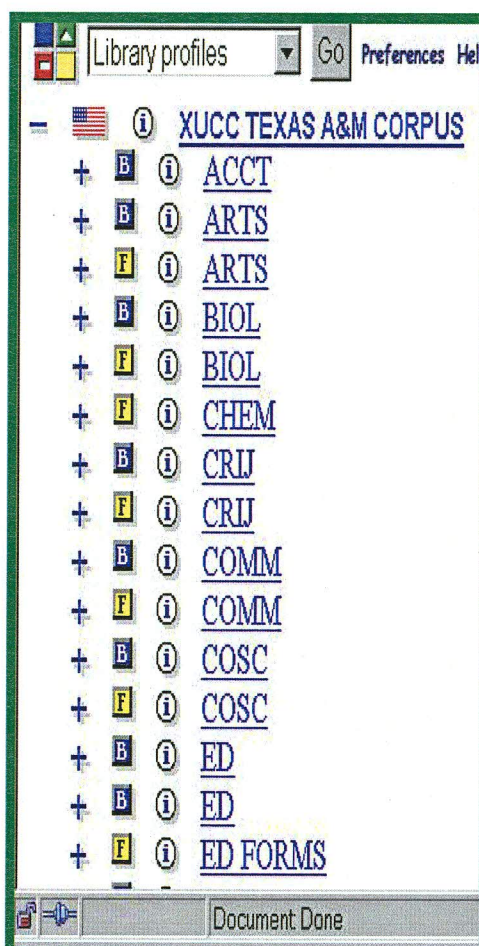
Special Collections & Archives

Mon. - Fri.
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
and by appointment

Library Revises Book Approval Plan

To keep up with changes in the university's curriculum, as well as the research needs on campus, the Bell Library staff met with A&M -Corpus Christi faculty and representatives from Blackwell's Book Services in early February to revise the book approval plan. Faculty members provided their input on the type of books and subjects they wanted the library to receive. This plan covers the books and forms that are sent to the Library to be examined.

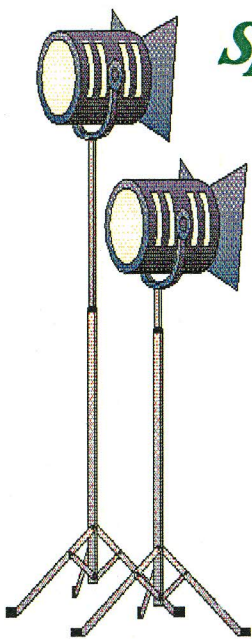
Although these meetings have concluded, faculty members are encouraged to continue providing input about the approval plan, and they may contact their



Faculty may view the online version of the approval plan to see which titles are available in the subject areas.

designated library liaisons for more information. Revisions and adjustments to the plan will be ongoing.

In addition, faculty members may view the approval plan profile online at <http://cm.blackwell.com>. Please contact Christine Shupala, Associate Director for Technical Services and Systems, for a password by email at Christine.Shupala@mail.tamucc.edu or by phone at 825-2348.



Spotlight on ... Periodicals

By Tracey DeLillo

The Periodicals Department is responsible for the Bell Library's journals, magazines, newspapers, and microform collections. In addition, the department provides services and assistance to the public. The Periodicals office is open from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday; and 2 - 10 p.m. on Sunday. The Periodicals staff consists of one librarian, one library assistant, and eight student workers. The department relies heavily upon these student employees, who are responsible for everything from collection maintenance to customer service.

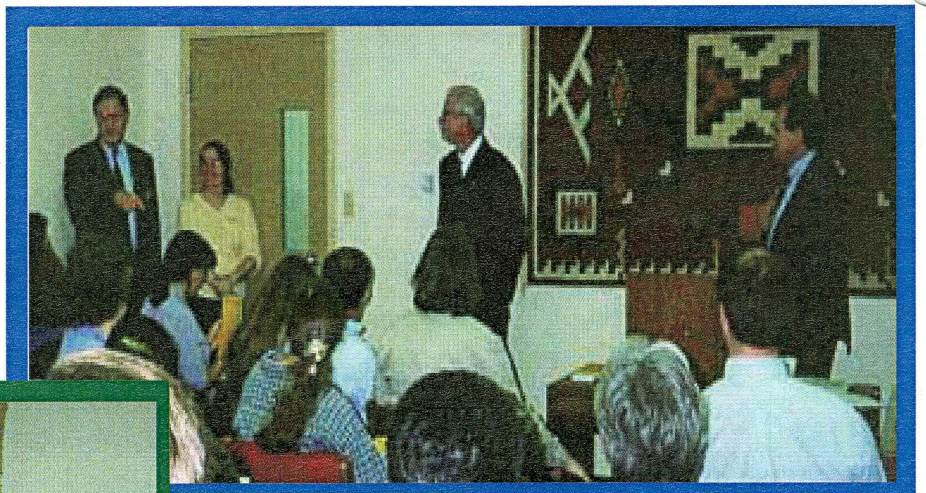


Chelsea Ziakas & Tracey DeLillo

The Bell Library maintains current subscriptions for nearly 1500 print titles and provides access to an additional 500 titles electronically. One of the ongoing responsibilities of the Periodicals Department is the production and distribution of a comprehensive Periodical Holdings List, which is now available online at <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/dept/serials/phlindex.html>. A major goal of the department in the coming months is to implement a system of frequent and accurate updating of the online PHL, which will help to ensure currency with electronic resources.

Specific questions or concerns regarding periodicals should be directed to Tracey DeLillo, Serials Services Librarian, by email at Tracey.DeLillo@mail.tamucc.edu, or by phone at 825-2355.

A&M-Corpus Christi to host Library Science Program



L-R: Dean Paul Hain, College of Arts & Humanities, TAMU-CC, Nancy Cunningham, Associate Director for Public Services at the Bell Library, TAMU-CC, Dean Phil Turner, UNT, and Dean Keith Swigger, TWU.



Dean Phil Turner, UNT & Dean Keith Swigger, TWU

Beginning in Fall 2000, University North Texas and Texas Women's University will offer a joint, two-year distance education program in which participants will earn an ALA-accredited Masters of Library Science degree. Although classes will take place on the A&M-Corpus Christi campus, all eligible residents may apply for admission to this program. Anyone interested in applying should consult this web page for more information: <http://www.unt.edu/slisc/coop/factsheet.htm>.



Personnel News

Nancy Cunningham and **Brad Meyer** presented "Freshman Library Orientation: Design and Assessment" at the First Year Experience Conference – West on January 29 in San Francisco.

Susan Gaston, who was on military leave for the Naval Reserves in Gaeta, Italy, returned to the library in March to resume her duties as the Business Coordinator. Welcome back, Susy!

Edward Kownslar has published an article, "Closing Down a Government Documents Collection: The Experiences of Millsaps College," in the Winter 1999 Documents to the People.

Denise Landry-Hyde has published an article, "Outreach at a Public, Academic, Regional Library - Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi," in issue number 67/68 of The Reference Librarian.

The Bell Library staff would like to like to thank **Estella Quinones** for her good, and diligent, work as the temporary Business Coordinator. Estella is now working as the Program Coordinator on the Maps Project.

Candace Schorsch has been hired as Library Assistant III in Technical Services.

Christine Shupala was named the Bell Library's Associate Director for Technical Services and Systems in January. She had been serving as the Interim Associate Director since summer 1998. Congratulations, Chris! In addition, Chris attended the Leadership Institute of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Affiliate of the American Association for Higher Education on February 25-26 in Washington, D.C.

The following librarians attended the Texas Library Association's annual conference in Houston April 11-14: **Nancy Cunningham**, **Edward Kownslar**, **Abby Kratz**, **Denise Landry-Hyde**, and **Brad Meyer**. Nancy also gave a presentation, "Basic Spanish for Librarians," at the conference.

Alva D. Neer Retires

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

Special Collections & Archives staff member Alva D. Neer retired at the end of February after six years of able, dedicated service. Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, she moved with her husband Jerry to Corpus Christi in 1991. She came to work in Special Collections during the summer of 1994 as a Library Assistant III.

Alva brought a great deal of knowledge, talent and enthusiasm to her position. Indeed, Alva's contributions to Special Collections & Archives are too numerous to recount. With two years prior cataloging experience with AMIGOS, she entered the books, periodicals and other print materials of Special Collections into the Innovative system. Alva was also crucial in helping to build resources through purchases and donations.



Alva D. Neer & Jerry Neer

Students, faculty, visiting scholars and other researchers highly regarded Alva for the way she provided them with information in the reading room. Upon hearing that Alva had retired, historian Bruce Cheeseman remarked: "I hate to see her go. I could always count on Alva to go the extra mile to get the material I needed."

Alva was also popular with the library staff. In 1999, she received the library's Bright Idea Award for her efforts to maintain staff morale. This appreciation was similarly demonstrated by the large attendance and displays of affection at her retirement coffee on February 28. Truly a unique individual, Alva Neer will be missed, especially by her colleagues and friends in Special Collections & Archives.



Safety in the Sun

Since summer activities often take place outside, these web sites provide basic information about staying in the sun and protecting yourself:

Seven Steps to Safer Sunning [U.S. Food and Drug Administration]
http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/596_7sun.html

Sunscreens [U.S. Federal Trade Commission]
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/health/sun.htm>

Choose Your Cover [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]
<http://www.cdc.gov/ChooseYourCover/qanda.htm>



Going to the Parks

Padre Island National Seashore (U.S. Park Service)
<http://nps.gov/pais/>

National Parks Located in Texas (U.S. Park Service)
<http://www.nps.gov/parklists/tx.html>

Texas State Parks and Historic Sites
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/parks.htm> (Texas Parks and Wildlife)

*Special Collections & Archives:
Publication of Ignacio Garcia, Viva Kennedy*

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

The recent appearance of Ignacio Garcia, Viva Kennedy: Mexican Americans In Search of Camelot (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2000) represents a significant contribution to historical literature and is another milestone in the use of materials held by Special Collections & Archives. The author draws heavily from the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Papers in his examination of one of the most important phenomena in Mexican American political development.

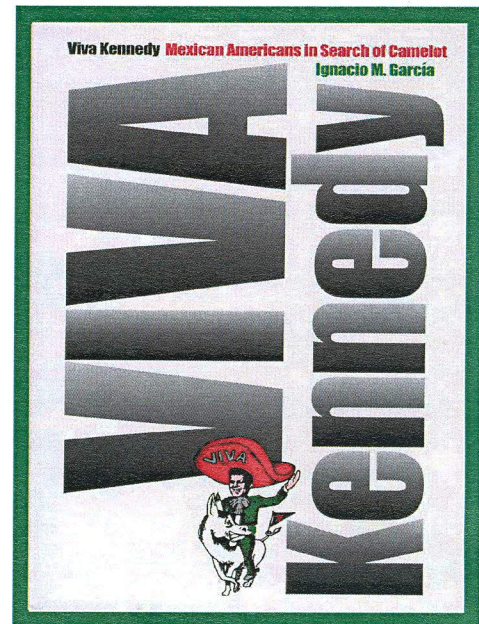
A former A&M University-Corpus Christi history faculty member, Ignacio Garcia is currently professor of history at Brigham Young University. His book is an account of the mass movement among Mexican Americans during and immediately following the 1960 presidential campaign of Senator John F. Kennedy. Professor Garcia's volume is destined to receive national acclaim.

Dr. Hector P. Garcia was one of the national coordinators of the Viva Kennedy Clubs and was deeply involved in the politics resulting from the 1960 campaign. His papers in Special Collections & Archives are the major holding of primary documents in the United States on that political movement. Although Professor Garcia was keenly interested in the subject, he became convinced that enough material existed to write a book on the topic after he had been introduced to Dr. Hector's papers.

Professor Garcia praises the Garcia Papers and especially the assistance provided by Grace Charles, Special Collections staff member and processor of the Garcia Papers. Through Grace's personal attention, Special Collections was able to extend the highest quality of service to Professor Garcia during his research of this excellent book.

In addition, the publication of Viva Kennedy helps to real-

ize Dr. Hector's dream that his papers be used for scholarship. Their role in Viva Kennedy continues to demonstrate the wisdom of Dr. Hector's decision to donate his papers to A&M University-Corpus Christi, where they receive the care they so fully deserve.



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