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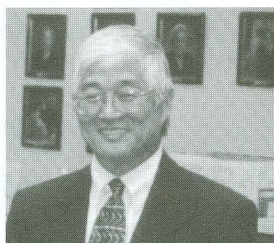
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Library Director Ben Wakashige Resigns

Library Director Benjamin T. Wakashige left the Bell Library on July 17, 1998 to accept a new position as the State Librarian of New Mexico. He began his new position at the New Mexico State Library in Santa Fe on July 22.

"I have appreciated the support of library staff and university administration over the past four years," Wakashige said. "It has been an honor to serve the faculty and staff of Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi."



Ben served as director of the Bell Library from 1994 to 1998. During his tenure, the library automated its card catalog and has drastically increased its electronic reference sources. Ben's enthusiasm, vision and concern for strong customer service has been noticed by students, staff, faculty and community members.

EXPO '98 Resource Showcase

Bell Library
August 27, Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

All new and returning faculty are invited to the library for a reception and orientation to services offered by the Bell Library, Tutoring and Learning Center, Center for Teaching Excellence, Driscoll Children's Hospital Medical Library, Coastal Bend Health Information Network, and The Art Museum of South Texas. Please drop by for refreshments, music, demonstrations of new resources, information packets, and a tour of the library's new electronic instruction classroom. See you there!

Interim Director and Associate Director Named

Sylvia Contreras will serve as Interim Director during the search for a new library director. She previously held the position of Associate Director for Systems and Technical Services. She has also served as Systems Librarian at the Bell Library and as the Manager of Computerized Access Services at CSU Long Beach library.

"I feel that I have 'cut my teeth' at this institution," Sylvia said. "I have learned a great deal from Ben and share his innovative ideas. I will continue to expand upon his vision of customer service and teamwork."

During her tenure, the library has installed the library catalog and electronic databases, and has enhanced its material ordering and receiving process.

"I am very proud of where the library is technologically," Sylvia added. "We have more than 100 databases available and provide access from faculty and staff offices, student dorms, and off-campus locations."

New and improved services for the fall include the expansion of the electronic resource workstations, the enhancement of the multimedia center, and the installation of a technology classroom.

Chris Shupala will serve as Interim Associate Director for Systems and Technical Services during Contreras' term as Interim Library Director. Chris has served as Technical Services Librarian since 1997. Prior to that position, she served as Cataloging Librarian and as Government Documents Librarian. She has worked at the Bell Library since 1995. Chris earned her Masters of Library Science at Indiana University.

"I am excited about this opportunity and believe it will be a great learning experience for me," Chris stated.

Creating Successful Library Assignments: Quick Tips and General Guidelines

by Denise Landry-Hyde

These points should help in evaluating a library research assignment.

Purpose

What goals are being met by completing the assignment? Be clear on what you would like the students to accomplish. Explain to the students what they are expected to learn.

Relevance

What is the "educational tie-in" that keeps the assignment from being perceived as "busy work"?

Requires Critical Thinking

Encourage a critical approach to what students find in the library, particularly what they find on the World Wide Web, if this source is required. Does the assignment ask them to summarize, analyze, evaluate, or make comments?

Doability

Make sure the necessary materials are in the library or readily obtainable (not missing, on Reserve for another class, etc.). Keep in mind that students may not be as familiar with sources as is the instructor. As a general rule, assignments based on using a certain type of tool (indexes, subject encyclopedias, government documents, etc.) are more successful than scavenger hunts. Make this a successful experience for the students!

Flexibility

Do students have the opportunity to tailor the assignment towards their own academic interests? As much as possible, offer students several different sources to choose among (which leads to critical thinking). If all students in a class are trying to get to one source, it is too great a temptation for someone to check out the item, tear out needed pages, hide the resource, or copy from another student.

Accuracy

Is the assignment clearly stated? Define any questionable words for students. Telling them to use the "library computers," for example, may be very ambiguous. This could mean to use the online catalog, electronic databases, the Web, or stand-alone workstations containing specialized databases.

Pitfalls to Avoid

- Assuming Most Students Already Know the Basics
- Requiring Resources Not Available or Readily Available
- Giving an Entire Class the Same Exact Assignment
- The Scavenger Hunt

Role of the Librarian

The librarians are happy to work with you in developing an assignment—looking at a draft and/or providing feedback. Since students will be coming to the Reference Librarians for help, it would aid the librarians, and therefore the students, to have a copy of the assignment and possibly recommended sources in advance. When an assignment is completed, librarians may be able to provide feedback. Did any students seem confused or have trouble understanding the assignment? Were there any resource or access problems related to the assignment? Faculty and librarians working together can make library assignments successful learning experiences for students!

Source: Mosley, P. A. (1998). *Creating a Library Assignment Workshop for University Faculty*.

The Journal of Academic Librarianship, 24, 33-41.

New MBA Orientation

The Bell Library will team up with the College of Business to host the first New Master of Business Administration Student Orientation on September 12, 1998 from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. The orientation will feature an introduction to the program for all new MBA students and an additional introduction to library resources in business to be presented by Nancy Cunningham, liaison librarian to the College of Business. The library portion of the orientation will take place in the new electronic classroom in the library.

New Employees

Terry De La Garza, Library Assistant III,
Circulation
Chelsea Ziakas, Library Assistant III,
Serials
David Shontz, Graduate Assistant,
Circulation

Personnel News

The annual Bright Idea Award winners were Lydia Kelley, Chris Shupala, Noreen Kalien and Nancy Cunningham. Lydia suggested the mailbox move which streamlined mail distribution. Noreen created artificial plant and flower arrangements to beautify the library building. Nancy developed a more efficient way to handle suggestions in the suggestion box. Chris initiated the faculty publications bibliography and reception.

Noreen Kalien is serving as co-chair of the Texas Library Association Library Support Staff Interest Group and is planning a program for the 1999 conference.

Denise Landry-Hyde has been appointed to serve on the Texas Library Association Publications Committee.

Nancy Cunningham has been appointed to the Texas Library Association Texas-Mexico Relations Committee, and also serves as a member of the American Library Association International Relations Round Table.

Priscilla Shontz has been appointed chair of the Texas Library Association New Members Round Table / Quality Books Inc. Professional Development Grant Committee.



Roadrunners

Beach to Bay Team

This year's Beach to Bay team was sponsored by EBSCO, our subscription vendor. The event, which was held on May 16, began at J.P. Luby Park and finished at Cole Park. Members were: (top row, left to right) Dave Fowler, John (J.C.) Canales, Jose Gonzalez; (bottom row, left to right) Estella Rodriguez, Brad Meyer, Ben Wakashige.

Bell Library and ITESM Connection Continues...

by Deanna Solomon and Jose Gonzalez

On May 15, Deanna Solomon, Network Manager for the Bell Library, visited the campus of Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. This was the second staff member of the library to participate in the exchange, Jose Gonzalez, Interlibrary Loan Library Assistant had traveled to ITESM in January.

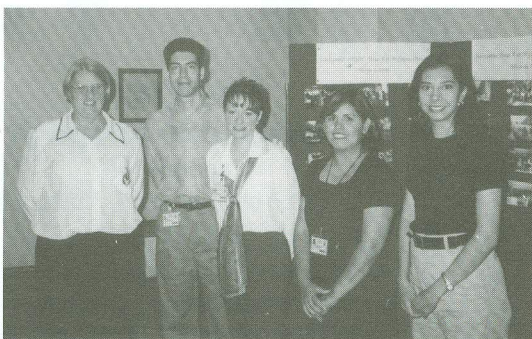
The relationship between the two libraries helps promote the exchange of ideas and techniques on how best to accomplish the task at hand. By seeing how others perform similar duties, we can better serve our patrons.

Katia Gomez will be visiting the Bell Library in early September.

Katia is the head of the Serials Department at the Tecnológico. Katia wrote, "My plans are to visit and know the library and your procedures, in order to learn

ideas that

improve our services. I hope to acquire many experiences that can serve as a model for my work and can help other departments. I am very happy to have the chance to visit your city, because I have never been to any Texas city other than McAllen. Thanks and best wishes to you all."



Deanna Soloman (far left) and Katia Gomez (far right) with co-workers at the ITESM reception.

Exciting New Electronic Resources

by Nancy Cunningham

All these new resources will be available from the library, home or office through the library's web page:

College Source

A collection of 3,000 United States college and university catalogs available to search full text through the web. Information on admission requirements, tuition, academic programs and other university services.

Datapro Series - Collection of evaluative reports on software, systems, products, and vendors.

Software Directories
Enterprise Networking
LAN's & Internetworking
Managing Data Networks
Network Management Systems

Lexis-Nexis

Full-text (90%), online resource for information from a variety of resources including major newspapers, regional newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals, specialized newsletters and government documents. Subject areas include domestic and international law, accounting, tax, patents, medicine, finance, general business, insurance, public policy, biographies, literature criticism, and general news.

MarciveWeb DOCS

This product is the enhanced GPO publications database providing users with ability to locate government documents in the Bell library or in other area libraries. Also provides hypertext links to other government publications available on the web.

STAT-USA

Provides access to many diverse government publications in the area of international relations, international business, economics and labor. Includes full-text international market research reports, country studies, labor reports, and statistics.



The library's annual Staff Appreciation Day picnic was held on June 6 at the Parker Pavilion in Flour Bluff. Staff and their families enjoyed great barbeque (thanks to Tommy Solomon), food, conversation and games. Above, Alexis Gould takes a swing at the pinata.

Special Collections & Archives : The Galvan Family Photographs

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

As part of its ongoing efforts to preserve the visual record of Corpus Christi and South Texas, Special Collections & Archives is assembling the historic photographs of Rafael, Sr. and Virginia Reyes Galvan and their descendants. This project to establish the Galvan Family Photograph Collection is a cooperative effort between Special Collections and the Galvan family, and is financed in large measure through a grant from the Texshare Access To Local Holdings Program.

Rafael, Sr. and Virginia Reyes Galvan were two of the most significant Hispanic community figures in the history of Corpus Christi. Their former residence, the Galvan House, was a center of local community life. It is now part of Corpus Christi's Heritage Park and is considered one of the city's most historic domestic structures. Businessman, civic leader, a founder of LULAC, and Corpus Christi's first Mexican-American policeman during the early 20th century, Rafael Galvan, Sr. (1887-1966) was a force in the economic, social, and political affairs of this area. Among his many endeavors, in 1949 he constructed and opened the Galvan Ballroom, which became a focal point of social life for many residents of Corpus Christi and its environs. The Galvans produced several children, including Ralph, Jr., Sam, Eddie, and Bobby who became professional, big band musicians and had an impact on the musical development of their region.

The family's photographs date from the late 1800s through the 1990s and reflect many activities of the family, organizations they belonged to, and especially events and musical groups at the Galvan Ballroom. Galvan family members have graciously allowed the library to duplicate over three hundred select items from their personal photograph collections. These duplicates, along with approximately 160 of the originals, have become part of the holdings of Special Collections & Archives and will be made available to researchers. These images will help document an important segment of the South Texas experience.

Funding from the Texshare Access To Local Holdings Program made it possible to hire Jan S. Weaver, Adjunct Instructor of History at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, as the part time archivist for the Galvan Family Photograph Project. Jan has accessioned, identified, and is currently cataloging the images. Grant money, along with matching funds from the library, also paid for duplicating the photos.

Special Collections & Archives is thankful to the Galvan descendants and Texshare for their generous support. The Galvan Family Photograph Project is another example of public agencies and private citizens working together to make local history accessible to everyone.



Galvan Ballroom

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