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Bell Library Staff Attends Book Fair and Conference in Mexico

by Nancy Cunningham

Seven members of the Bell Library staff attended the International Book Fair and Online Conference in Monterrey, Mexico September 26-30. The annual book fair is organized and sponsored by the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM). The trip was organized by the Texas-Mexico Relations Committee of the Texas Library Association. In the past, the Bell Library and the library of the ITESM have participated in the exchange of library staff members between the two institutions. The purpose of the visit was to review Spanish language resources and develop contacts in Mexico for the future purchase of materials as well as attend the conference, En Linea (Online) '98.

Jose Gonzalez, a Library Assistant II in the Interlibrary Loan Department, made a presentation at the conference

regarding electronic document delivery and the experience of the Bell Library.

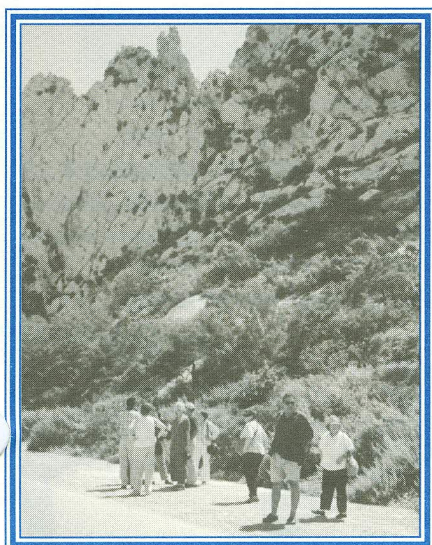
Grace Charles, Library Assistant II

in Special Collection and Archives, selected several books for purchase for that department at the fair. Deanna Solomon, who is in charge of the library's Systems Department, also attended the technology conference. All Texan participants on the trip were able to attend various programs designed especially for them. These programs included Spanish for Librarians, Mexican Literature, and Purchasing Materials in Mexico.

While in Monterrey, Bell Library staff members had the opportunity to visit other libraries and museums in Monterrey and most importantly, to renew their friendships with colleagues at the ITESM library. Participants included Nancy Cunningham, Chris Shupala, Deanna Solomon, Venu Gurram, Pritha Hariharan, Grace Charles and Jose Gonzalez.



Participating Texans at Monterrey Book Fair



Texans visit La Huasteca Park

Coastal Bend Health Information Network Expands

by Sally Gibson

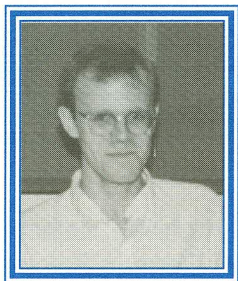
The Coastal Bend Health Information Network (CBHIN) is entering its third year of operation. Its primary purpose is to provide rapid access to current health information for health professionals, students, and medical residents in training through database access and rapid document delivery. Nursing and allied health students are welcome to use Spohn Memorial Medical Library for their information needs. The medical library is open Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm and contains subscriptions to over 360 medical journals. A full time staff member is located at the medical library to assist students and provide interlibrary loan services.

This year the CBHIN is seeking to expand its membership and increase its level of service. Victoria College/University of Houston has joined the consortium. Now the members of the CBHIN include five institutions of higher learning and four area hospitals. By adding new members the CBHIN hopes to strengthen its presence in the Coastal Bend area and improve its ability to provide document delivery service quickly and efficiently.

Ed Kownslar Joins Library Staff

by Nancy Cunningham

Edward Kownslar has been selected as the new Librarian in the Department of Information Literacy. He will be working with Denise Landry-Hyde in the design and delivery of library instruction programs to students, faculty, and staff. Ed will also be the liaison librarian for the Physical and Life Science Departments (PALS). Ed was formerly a Reference/Instruction Librarian at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. He earned his B.S. in Journalism from the University of Kansas and earned his Masters in Library Science from University of North Texas. Welcome Ed!



Ed Kownslar

Personnel News

Sylvia Contreras resigned as Interim Library Director in October to become Assistant Director at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Health Sciences Libraries.

Nancy Cunningham and Denise Landry-Hyde will be presenting at the "Anticipating Change: Innovations in Teaching, Learning, and Assessment" Conference to be held here on January 7-9, 1999. Nancy's workshop is "Developing Effective and Innovative Library Research Assignments," and Denise's is "Using the World Wide Web for Research."

Chris Shupala and Sylvia Contreras presented a program called "Challenges and Opportunities Facing Technical Services in the New Millennium" at the Academic Library Association of Ohio annual meeting in November 1998.

Jose Gonzalez participated in a session dealing with document delivery via the Internet at the "En Linea" conference in Monterrey, Mexico, in September 1998. Other panelists were Dr. Jaime Pontigo (Instituto de Investigaciones Electronicas; Cuernavaca, Morelos), Rocio Mendez (Universidad de las Americas-Puebla), and Jay Ford (Uncover Document Delivery Services). The session focused on how libraries and other institutions share material through the Internet and related issues such as copyright and consortia.

Grace Charles attended the Western Archives Institute in September 1998. This institute is conducted annually by the California State Archives in Palo Alto, CA, and is considered to be one of the premier training programs for those dealing with archives & manuscripts.

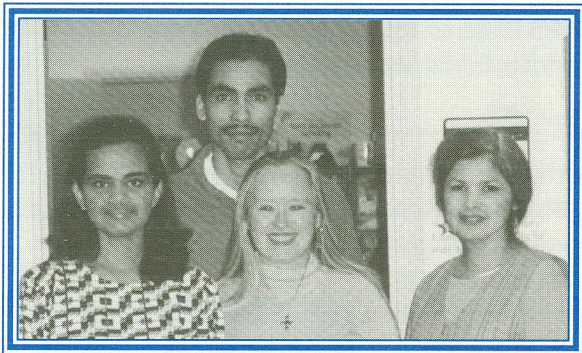
Spotlight on ... Interlibrary Loan

by Lisa Muilenberg

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) staff at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi consists of three full time employees, including an ILL Librarian, Lisa Muilenburg, and two Library assistants, Lydia Kelley and Jose Gonzalez. At the present, there is also one part-time graduate assistant Pritha Hariharan and two student assistants. This staff works towards retrieving items not owned by A&M-Corpus Christi.

ILL is a free service offered to the students, faculty and staff of A&M-Corpus Christi. Items received primarily consist of books and journal articles. However, other items such as dissertations, maps, and videos may also be requested, with the understanding that these items are more difficult to retrieve. ILL will request items that have been checked out from the main collection, but will not order items available at the Bell Library in either the reference, reserve, or special collections.

Items requested through ILL that are available through the Coastal Bend Health Information Network (CBHIN) may be retrieved within 24 hours. However, the average turnaround time for an ILL is 3-5 working days. The ILL staff encourages anyone who has requested an ILL to contact them after this time if they have not yet received their ILL.



Interlibrary Staff

ILL requests are filled by many sources, including Texas libraries, document delivery services and public and private libraries throughout the United States.

The ILL department is open between 8am and 5pm Monday - Friday.

- Lisa Muilenburg 994-5702
- Lydia Kelley 994-5906
- Jose Gonzalez 994-5772
- Pritha Hariharan 994-5772

Textbooks Added to Reserve

by Terry De La Garza

The Mary & Jeff Bell Library is pleased to announce the upcoming addition of over 600 textbooks to the Reserve Collection within the Circulation Department. The University Bookstore will be providing the library with all currently required course textbooks for the Fall 1998 and Spring 1999 semesters. These textbooks will be available to patrons with current SandDollar Identification cards for several hours use within the library building only.



Library Instruction Center Adds Computers

by Denise Landry-Hyde

The Library Instruction Center held an open house on Tuesday, November 10th from 2-5 p.m. for faculty, staff, and students. The Library Instruction Center now has 26 computers which enable students to have "hands-on" experience during library instruction sessions on the use of electronic resources.

In the past, only demonstrations of these resources were possible. Now students have a chance to put their newly acquired skills and knowledge to work during the classroom session, so learning is optimized.

Library instructors have also noticed that students are more "tuned in" during presentations. When the Library Instruction Center (room 109) is not being used for library instruction, it is available as an open computer lab. A schedule is posted at the entrance to the library indicating open hours. Each workstation is equipped with Netscape and Internet access, PowerPoint, and a zip drive, so that students can work on presentations as well as use Word, Excel, and Access. The Center is also equipped with a scanner and a networked printer. The Center is staffed by lab assistants who are always available to help. The Center is open 7:30-midnight Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. on Friday, 10-6 on Saturday, and 2-midnight on Sunday.



Library Instruction Center

The James M. Manning Papers

by Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

Special Collections & Archives has recently acquired the papers of James M. Manning, who was one of the initial surveyors of the Nueces County region. Consisting of approximately one hundred and sixty documents that date from the 1830s until the 1880s, the Manning Papers include Manning's business records, surveying field notes, hand-drawn maps, land surveys, and other such items. These fragile documents represent some of the earliest materials dealing with the settlement of Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

The Manning Papers were acquired through a cooperative effort among community and campus people. Rex H. (Jim) Stever, noted postal historian, Corpus Christi resident, and patron of Special Collections & Archives, brought the existence of the Manning Papers to the attention of departmental staff. Stever likewise proved crucial in gaining financial support to obtain the papers, which were in the possession of a documents dealer. Substantial funding from local professional surveyors came through the good offices of the Frontier Surveying Company, especially facilitated by the company's founder J. Dale Moore and its owner Robert L. Young, and from the Coastal Bend Chapter 12, Texas Society of Professional Surveyors. Campus funding came from Dr. James Bonner, Director of the Blucher Institute, Dr. Gary A. Jeffress, Associate Professor of Geomatics/GIS, and Special Collections & Archives. Individual contributors included Murray Bass, Jr., Judge Max Bennett, C. John Clark, James M. Goldston, Dr. Gary Jeffress, Melvin Maddry, J. Dale Moore, Naismith Engineering, Inc., Russell Ochs, Horacio Oliveira, Caesar M. Perez, David A. Pyle, Jamie Pyle, and Robert L. Young.



(L. to R.) Dr. Gary Jeffress, Dr. Thomas Kreneck, J. Dale Moore, Robert L. Young, Rex H. (Jim) Stever, & Dr. James Bonner review the James M. Manning Papers.
(Photo by Lisa Prado)

Special Collections & Archives greatly appreciates the valuable assistance of the people and agencies involved in acquiring the Manning Papers. This collection supplements the voluminous amount of surveying materials already held by the department and further documents the history of our region.

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<http://www.tamucc.edu/~libweb/>

and the Driscoll Childrens Hospital Medical Library's website:

<http://www.driscollchildrens.org/library/>



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