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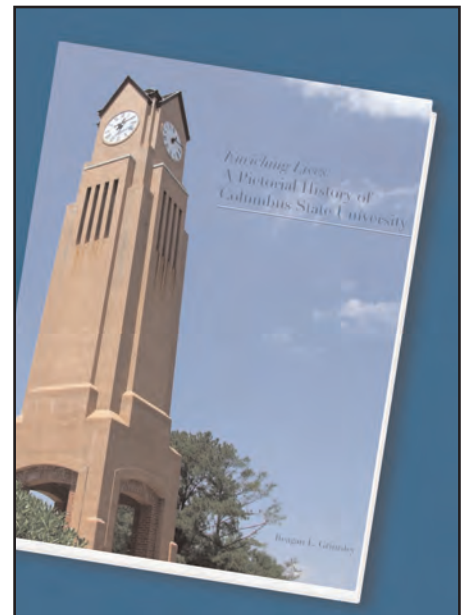
CSU History Showcased in Digital Collections

The Columbus State University Archives unveiled its latest major digital project, an online database of CSU materials available on the World Wide Web. The database, which includes nearly 400 images and other historical documents, is the culmination of a year long project to identify and make accessible images and other important documents pertaining to the history and culture of the university.

Among the content is the entire first annual of Columbus College, published in 1959, the grand opening program for the current college campus in January 1963, and over 350 images which date from 1958 to the present. The online collection is available at <http://archives.colstate.edu/esuphotos/> and is searchable by format, date, and image title. The images are representative samples of the more than 3,000 images and 200 linear feet of documents contained in the CSU Collection, which are located in the archives.

“This collection of images should be extremely valuable to the community as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our university in 2008,” states Reagan Grimsley, CSU Archivist and Assistant Professor. “These images will be a stroll down memory lane for the thousands of alumni, faculty, and staff who participated in the life of the institution from 1958 through 2008.” Some of the images will be featured in *Enriching Lives: A Pictorial History of Columbus State University*, which debuts April 2008. Produced by Donning Company Publishers, the 128 page print history will feature 183 images, with text and captions by Grimsley, and will be sold through the CSU Bookstore.

Established in 1975, the CSU Archives serves as a repository for records documenting the history of Columbus State University and the



greater Columbus region. Located in the Simon Schwob Memorial Library on the main campus, the CSU archives contains local history materials in a variety of formats, including but not limited to manuscripts, photographs, maps, and oral histories. The archive is open to the public from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information on the CSU Archives, contact Archivist Reagan Grimsley at (706) 568-2247 or visit the archives web site at <http://archives.colstate.edu>.

Reagan Grimsley
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Michelle Jones, Editor

Expanded LIBR 1105: In Full Swing

They just don't get it: "Boolean searching?" Poor babies.

What is a librarian to do with confused students in a one hour session, meeting once per week? How am I to get through to them? Boolean Searching is constructing keywords and conceptual terms upon any subject in a database or search engine using AND, OR, and NOT, which helps us to mine these electronic resources more efficiently:

[Search Statement A]

"Teenagers OR Adolescents AND Manic Depression"

[Search Statement B]

"Adolescents AND Manic Depression NOT Clinical Depression"

More about this later.

Expanding our Introduction to Library Science course (LIBR 1105) to two credit hours, beginning Fall 2007, has made a huge difference. Instead of having only one day in a week to cover such material, we now have two days a week which allows for more class assignments, homework to gauge student efforts, and time to survey feedback from students voicing concern over sessions where concepts did not connect. The latter is crucial to fostering student-centered learning, which I try to keep in mind whenever I teach this course. Colleagues that taught LIBR 1105 last fall with me made the same observations and comments during a library colloquium held December 2007, where we discussed the course credit change, what worked, what did not, and what might need to change next time. We intend to keep hosting colloquiums as a way to fine tune how we teach information literacy and further develop our program.

African American Read-In

On the afternoon of February 4, students, staff, and faculty of CSU shared the writing of some of their favorite African-American authors at Simon Schwob Memorial Library. The National Council of Teachers of English, along with the Black Caucus of that organization, sponsors the annual nationwide African-American Read-In. Schools, libraries, bookstores, churches, and interested citizens are encouraged to host and coordinate read-ins in their communities. It is considered a significant part of Black History Month activities to emphasize this aspect of literacy. This observance began in 1990 and is held annually in February. Laura Lowe, a CSU graduate student and local actress, was our guest reader. Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, Nikki Giovanni, Walter Dean Myers, Samuel Delaney, and Ralph Ellison were some of the authors whose writings were shared with over 70 persons in attendance at the catered affair.

Interestingly enough, we are the only other institution in the University of Georgia System, next to the University of West Georgia, to offer a two credit hour information literacy course. As a system-wide mandate to integrate lifelong learning skills across the college curriculum, I think we are definitely moving in the right direction. Keeping in mind that CSU, along with other institutions in the University System of Georgia, sees information literacy and course content literacy as critical to any foundation of a college education. Additionally, it is an equally as important goal for the library's information literacy program, which strives to keep in step with CSU's own mandated efforts to matriculate well prepared students.

Well, Super Librarian that I am, I put on my two hour LIBR 1105 cape and spent more power-packed time teaching my students more about the concepts behind Boolean searching and the sometimes daunting art of creating search statements.

And for the first time, I did not panic with the bereft need to donate my masterpiece to the "Syllabi Hall of Shame" because more time could have been spent (without too many syllabus changes) exploring various ways to grasp and utilize these concepts. In fact, it may eventually become an information literacy competency that should serve them well as lifelong learners in the digital age.

Paula Adams

Coordinator of Instruction

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**Dr. John Summerfield recites from Alice Walker's
"Be Nobody's Darling."**

2008-2013 CSU Libraries Strategic Plan

Abridged Version

Mission Columbus State University Libraries supports the University's curricular, research, cultural, and community service objectives by providing library/information resources, instruction, instructional technology support, and other services that promote and enrich intellectual and personal growth and scholarship.

Vision The CSU Libraries will be a vital and essential component of university life at CSU, recognized as the campus's premier information resource, intellectual center, and academic sanctuary.

Values CSU Libraries is committed to Collaboration, Diversity, Excellence, Innovation, Intellectual Freedom, Service, Teamwork, and Instruction.

Goals

- Goal 1** Develop 21st-century information literacy programs.
- Goal 2** Provide quality, useful, and accessible information resources.
- Goal 3** Develop facilities to meet 21st-century library patron needs.
- Goal 4** Provide informational and instructional technologies that facilitate teaching and learning.
- Goal 5** Recruit, support, and retain outstanding faculty and staff.

Columbus State University Archives Receives Conservation Bookshelf

Treasured objects and artifacts held by the Columbus State University Archives will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation's museums and libraries. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2008. "This material in the bookshelf will allow us to better safeguard our collections," stated Assistant Professor Reagan Grimsley, who directs the CSU Archives.

"We are pleased to announce the first group of IMLS Bookshelf recipients. These small libraries and museums are taking up the charge to care for America's heritage," said Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of IMLS. "A recent national study tells a sobering story about the state of America's library and museum collections. Without immediate action we stand to lose important collections that are at the heart of the American story."

The CSU Archives is among the first to receive this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of *Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action*, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study by Heritage Preservation documenting the dire state of the nation's collections. The multifaceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America's collections,

especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and

knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.ims.gov.

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Library Staff Development Day: Road Trip!

March 3, 2008 was designated as the annual CSU Libraries Staff Development Day. The purpose of this event is to spend a day learning more about the library and its services and building teamwork experiences. In order to include all members of the staff in this event, CSU Libraries close on Staff Development Day; normally it is held the first day of Spring Break. The responsibility for planning this event falls to the library Morale, Recreation, and Development Committee. This year's Committee is chaired by Jon Haney, of Instructional Technology Services (ITS). Other members of the Committee are Reagan Grimsley, Archives; Judy Moore, Music Library; Sandra Stratford, ITS; and Vicky Thomas, library Senior Administrative Assistant.

Staff Development Day has frequently entailed ventures away from the main campus—to such venues as the Yancey Center, the Rankin Center, the Springer Theatre, and Butts Mill Farm. For the 2008 Staff Development Day, the Committee decided that a field trip to another university library was in order. Consequently, on March 3, thirty-one members of the library faculty and staff boarded a CSU bus and headed up to Carrollton, Georgia—to the University of West Georgia (UWG), another state university in the University System of Georgia. After a ninety minute bus ride, most of the group visited the library, where they learned about a variety of initiatives at the Ingram Library, including the use of benchmarking, marketing and outreach efforts, their LIBR course, and the use of Docutek for electronic reserves, along with remarks from one of their librarians who is serving as a special assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

At noon the group hiked (up the big hill!) to the Food Services Building for lunch with members of the West Georgia library staff. Upon returning to the library, there were meetings with

counterparts—CSU Libraries staff learned how their West Georgia counterparts did their jobs and shared information on CSU practices.

While the staffs of both libraries were meeting, members of the CSU Libraries ITS Department met with their counterparts on the West Georgia Campus. They shared information on topics from installation of classroom technology to distance learning practices.

The entire group boarded the CSU bus around 3:30 p.m. for the return trip, arriving back in Columbus around 5:00 p.m. Consensus was that the day was well-spent and a great learning experience; many staffers expressed interest in visiting other libraries. CSU staff offered many compliments about the UWG library, including:

- They had their own electronic classroom in the Library.
- The new couches and chairs were very comfortable. I enjoyed looking at their new books display and saw students browsing it with interest--it's a great idea. The DVDs were eye-catching, too.
- I liked the offices for Circulation staff behind the desk and the check out of laptop computers.
- The self-checkout system was cool. Artistic wall to restrooms on main floor was a good use of student art in the library.
- The staff was very knowledgeable.

A good time was had by all!



Left to right: Michelle Viers, Susan Smith, Regina McHenry, Michelle Jones, Erma Banks, and Cynthia Fears (all CSU library employees—except for Susan Smith, who is Associate Director of Libraries at University of West Georgia Libraries).

Libraries Host Rite of Passage Convocations

During the month of March, CSU Libraries hosted three Rite of Passage Convocations. These events, which were initiated in 2003, are sponsored each year by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. They provide an opportunity for recently promoted full professors to share their thoughts with the university community on their research, teaching experiences or, more generally, life in the academy.

The 2008 convocations featured five presenters:

- Dr. Rik Newton, Professor of Sociology
- Dr. Deborah Jacobs, Professor of Music
- Dr. Deborah Gober, Professor of Mathematics Education
- Dr. Brian Schwartz, Professor of Biology
- Dr. Lisa Oberlander, Professor of Music

The presentations began at 12:30 p.m. At two of the convocations Dr. George Stanton introduced the speakers; Dr. Terry Norris introduced speakers at the third. After the presentations, each speaker received a commemorative plaque to celebrate his/her Rite of Passage talk. Light lunch

refreshments were served beginning at noon to allow time for fellowship. The convocations ended at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance at the events averaged around forty, and included faculty, staff, and a few students. The speakers were very engaging—presenting slide shows and anecdotes, requiring the audience to participate in rhythm exercises and work math problems, and even offering a clarinet solo. It was a wonderful way for members of the university community to get to know the new professors.



Dr. Deborah Gober gets the audience to solve a math problem.

Georgia Depository Meeting

On December 11, 2007, the Libraries hosted the annual meeting of the Georgia Depository Association at the International House's event hall. This association consists of faculty and staff from the federal depository libraries in Georgia; however, the meeting was open to anyone interested in government documents. Callie McGinnis, Dean of the Libraries, officially welcomed the participants. Those presenting during the meeting included Hallie Pritchett, Map Librarian at University of Georgia, along with Patricia Kenly and Bette Finn, Georgia Tech research librarians. Subjects mentioned during the informal "Miscellaneous Topics" session moderated by Susan Field, U.S. Regional Depository Librarian at University of Georgia, were updates about the Government Depository Office, Federal Depository Library Program, and Regional Depository at University of Georgia; recovery from the fire in the University of Georgia library; and information about a temporary regional librarian. In addition, Susan Field was recognized for her many years of service as the Georgia regional librarian by Erma Banks, Coordinator of Information Commons/Reference Librarian at Columbus State University, and wished well on her impending retirement.



Left to Right: Susan Field, University of Georgia; Guy Frost, Valdosta; Lori Lester, Georgia Southern.

Midland Middle School Tour

Midland Middle School students paid a visit to the Simon Schwob Memorial library for a tour on December 14, 2007. The purpose of the trip, according to Midland Middle school teacher Sue Funk, “was to expose my gifted history students to another resource for their National History Day Projects.” Students ranged from grades 6th-8th. Columbus State University librarians conducting the tours included Paula Adams, Library Instruction Coordinator; Michelle Jones,

Interlibrary Loan Librarian; and Carole Burke, Government Documents Librarian. The groups were split up for a library tour that emphasized historic newspapers on microfilm, research materials available in the library archives, and newspaper articles viewed via a mini demonstration of a few GALILEO databases. Overall, the experience proved to be an enlightening one for all involved.



Michelle Jones (far left) and Carole Burke (third from left) pose with Midland Middle School students.



Paula Adams (center) takes time to smile with students from Midland Middle.

Collection Analysis for a Trimmer Figure

Faculty and students may have observed that over the past decade CSU Libraries underwent a dramatic change in its ability to maintain a current collection that supports the university's mission. While some of the change has been a significant boon to providing access to library materials (for example, GALILEO, electronic database subscriptions, GIL Express, and digitized collections), several budget cuts have significantly compromised the collection of print and media resources as well as the Libraries' ability to meet the growing demand for more and more electronic resources.

To help CSU Libraries assess, demonstrate, and cope with the impact of an insufficient budget and annual vendor/publisher price increases for subscription-based resources,

the Libraries has recently embarked on two projects:

(1) initiated a one-year subscription to a web-based collection analysis tool created by Library Dynamics called *Spectra Dimension*. This service provides reports that numerically and graphically compare CSU holdings and annual usage of circulating print titles published from 1999 through 2006 with other individual member libraries, groups of libraries, or commercial collection development tools such as *Choice* and *BookNews*.

(2) developed a periodicals survey form that liaison librarians will complete for journals in their liaison areas. The form includes data about the academic department, the journal's price and availability in print and electronic

form, and CSU holdings. Based on this information along with the librarian's knowledge of how the journals are used, each librarian will make recommendations concerning the type of journal access we should provide in the future. Hopefully, a significant number of print titles can be cancelled because the titles are represented in GALILEO full text databases, JSTOR, or some other full text database to which we subscribe.

Roberta Ford

Assistant Dean of Libraries

Music Librarian

Associate Professor of Library Science

New Faculty/ Staff



Morgan Carraway joined CSU Libraries in August 2007 as an archival assistant. She currently handles all issues related to the oral history collections including an interview project for CSU's 50th anniversary. She has previously been a middle school teacher. Morgan has a B.A. in Secondary Education--

History from Columbus State University. Some of her interests include playing piano and clarinet, reading, exploring genealogy, and following her husband's military career.

Linda Jones joined CSU Libraries in January 2008 as Cataloging and Periodicals Librarian. Her last position was Technical Services Librarian at Griffin Technical College in Griffin, Georgia. Also, she has previously been a library media specialist in Tennessee and Florida. Linda attained a B.S. in Business Education from Georgia College & State University and an M.S. in Educational Media from Nova Southeastern University. She received her M.L.I.S. from the University of South Florida in December of 2007.

Linda is married and has two sons. She loves southern gospel music and reading. Some of her research interests include professional development for librarians and technical services departments in libraries.

WilsonWeb OmniFile Full Text

WilsonWeb OmniFile Full Text is a Columbus State University purchased, multidisciplinary database that provides complete content from six of Wilson's full text databases. The information available is selected from full text academic journals and magazines. Wilson's six full text databases include Education, General Science, Humanities, Readers' Guide, Social Sciences, and Business. The additional periodical databases offered when available include Applied Science & Technology Full Text, Art Full Text, Biological & Agricultural Index, Index to Legal Periodicals & Books, and Library & Literature Information Science Full Text.

Basic and advanced search options are offered to complete your research. Within either of these contexts, one has the option of limiting the results only to full text articles, page images (PDF), and peer reviewed articles. Also, there is an expansion limiter to search within the full text of the articles for more results. Subject areas can be chosen as well as remaining at the default of "All." Other options comprise choosing a document type, physical description, and a specific date.

A journal directory lists the full periodical title, international standard serial number (ISSN), start/end indexing dates, start/end full text dates, and dates of embargo. The results of searches within Wilson Web are listed by percentages in reference to the relevance of each document to the searched topic. Within a record for each item, users can see the following options available:

- Full Text HTML** The full text appears in HTML without page numbers and/or pictures. Some exceptions may apply concerning the pictures.
- Full Text PDF** The full text appears in portable document format exactly as the page would appear in the print journal.
- Library Owns?** The system does an automatic search in Columbus State University's GIL (online catalog) for the journal title in which the article appears.
- WilsonLink** The database attempts to find a full text copy of the article in another database. Any database listed under the heading Full Text which Columbus State University subscribes to, the full text is available by clicking on the database name.

In order to access this particular database off campus, a valid username and password are necessary. The system will request this information. Usernames and passwords are the same ones used to log in to campus computers via Novell. The only difference is that containers are not used for the username in this process. If there are any questions concerning this database, please contact the reference desk for further assistance at 706.562.1492/1493 or via e-mail at this site http://library.colstate.edu/web_forms/ask_a_question.asp.

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Faculty Research Forum Series 2008: Seven Faculty Present their Research Findings

Early in spring semester CSU Libraries presented its seventh annual university-wide research forum series. This year's series consisted of three forums held on January 31, February 7, and February 14. A call for proposals was sent out in the fall by the coordinator of the series, Reagan Grimsley, archivist. Presenters and their topics were:

January 31, 2008

- Dr. Joel Tishken, Associate Professor of History, *The Zions of Africa: Non-Nicean Christianities of Modern Africa*
- Dr. Wayne Summers, Professor of Computer Science, *Computer History Myths Debunked*

February 7, 2008

- Dr. Pinar Gurkas, Assistant Professor of Psychology, *Child Care Experience and Self-Regulation in Early Childhood*
- Dr. Joseph McCallus, Professor of English, *Surviving Relics of American Colonialism in the Philippines*

February 14, 2008

- Dr. K. Seon Jeon, Assistant Professor of English, *Teaching Politeness Strategies Using Communicative Language Tasks*
- Dr. Deirdre Greer, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, *Teaching Mathematical Concepts Through Problem Solving*
- Dr. Florence Wakoko-Studstill, Associate Professor of Sociology, *Teaching Race & Ethnic Relations in Global Times: Pedagogical Concerns*

The forums began at 12:30 p.m. and ended at 1:30 p.m. Each presenter had approximately twenty minutes for his/her presentation; there was time at the end for questions from the audience. Light lunch refreshments were served beginning at 12:00 p.m. The refreshments were provided by the library Value Added Services Committee, which is chaired by Giselle Bratcher, Archives. Other members of the committee are Erma Banks, Information Commons; Doug Buttler, Instructional Technology Services; Brandi Epps, Circulation; Mariah Fowler, Periodicals; Linda Jones, Cataloging and Periodicals; and Michelle Viers, Information Commons.

For more information about the Research Forum Series, including a list of all former presenters and abstracts of their presentations, go to <http://library.colstate.edu/forums/index.shtm>.



Dr. Gurkas reveals that the game Simon Says is a good tool for testing a child's self-regulation abilities.

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WAY MORE THAN BOOKS!