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John M. Pfau Library Newsletter

California State University, San Bernardino

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Message from the University Librarian

On Sept. 28, 1965, California State College, San Bernardino opened its doors to 293 students, 29 faculty -- and 320 parking spaces. The library collection numbered 50,000 volumes and was housed in what is now Sierra Hall.

This year the John M. Pfau Library celebrates the university's 40th anniversary with the addition of its 750,000th volume, *The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System Map, 1929*. It is dedicated to the memory of Art Nelson, who served as university librarian from 1963 to 1988.

Art Nelson is remembered with fondness and respect. Among the very first staff members hired by President John Pfau, Art served for 28 years, retiring in 1991. He established the initial 50,000-volume collection and library facility that opened to students in 1965. He planned the six-story building located at the exact center of the campus that opened in 1971. A consummate bookman, Art championed quality services. An avid, ardent train collector, Art's interest and intellectual pursuits were many and varied.

Art has a unique place in our campus history. His contributions were many, and he was instrumental in guiding many careers. Countless thousands of users have benefited from Art Nelson's dedication to library materials and library services.

The staff of the Pfau Library is pleased and proud to dedicate its 750,000th volume to Mr. Arthur E. Nelson.

Johnnie Ann Ralph,
University Librarian

Michael Burgess Retires

By Brent Singleton



When Michael Burgess was first employed as a librarian at the California State College, San Bernardino in September 1970, he was 22 years old and the youngest faculty member ever hired on campus.

At the time, the library was housed in the southern half of Sierra Hall and served a community of only 2,300 students. After 35 years of faithful service to the library, Michael retired on Sept. 14 with his record as youngest faculty ever hired intact and having witnessed tremendous growth of the library, campus, and surrounding community.

Prior to arriving at the university, Michael had completed his undergraduate degree from Gonzaga University and a master of library science from the University of Southern California.

His initial job title was periodicals librarian, but in the early years of his career he was a jack-of-all-trades, dabbling in reference, cataloging, and collection development as well. In 1981 he was appointed chief cataloger and achieved the designation of full librarian three years later.

Starting in 1994, he was head of technical services and head of collection development for nearly a decade. However, a life-threatening heart attack in the summer of 2003 forced Michael to scale back his workload. After recovering and returning to his duties he served as head of collection development until the summer of 2005.

Outside of the library, Michael's accomplishments as a writer and publisher contributed to his successful academic career. Michael authored his first book in 1970 and has since authored or edited 107 books, edited three magazines, and written 20 short stories. His literary endeavors include works of fiction, history, genealogy, and several reference books.

Most of his fiction was written under his pseudonym, Robert Reginald, including two recent modern adaptations of H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*. In 1975, he started his own publishing company, Borgo Press, a venture he and his wife, Mary, carried on until 1999 and through which they oversaw the publishing

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Public Services

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Campus Operator	5000

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DATABASE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES: BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS ON BOARD FOR FALL

By Stacy Magedanz

We are extremely pleased to be able to offer the premier literature index for biological sciences, *Biological Abstracts with BIOSIS Previews*. The *Biological Abstracts* subscription offers indexing from 2001 to the present. The Pfau Library was able to purchase an additional five years of back file data, so our subscription includes indexing of biology literature from 1997 to the present. We hope to purchase further segments of the back file as funding becomes available. Access began Sept. 1st and has been funded centrally for all CSUs, thanks to the efforts of the system's SEIR office and the CSU Council of Library Directors. This new subscription replaces the far less comprehensive *BasicBIOSIS* database.

Three major research databases, *PsycINFO* (psychology), *MLA Bibliography* (language/literature), and *CINAHL* (nursing), have different interfaces this fall. All migrated from the old SilverPlatter platform to the EBSCOhost platform, which is familiar to many CSUSB library users as the front end to our most frequently used database, *Academic Search Premier*. Experienced researchers should check the "Advanced Search" tab for any special search options they need. *PsycARTICLES*, the collection of full-text journals published by the American Psychological Association, also has a new platform, on ProQuest.

The collection of Dekker-published journals is no longer available as a distinct searchable database, because Dekker merged with a larger publisher. However, we still have full-text access to all Dekker titles, which can be found in via our Online Journals List or via the "Search for Full Text" button during a database search.

If you have any questions about these database changes and updates, please contact Stacy Magedanz (magedanz@csusb.edu or x75103) for more information. 🐙

The Book and Beyond, Part II: Remembrance of Things Past

In the academic year 2005-2006, the Pfau Library will be celebrating 40 years of service to the students, staff, and faculty of California State University, San Bernardino. This article is the second in a series commemorating those years.

I remember it was Jan. 2, 1971 when I drove in from Riverside for my first day. It was very cold, perhaps 42 degrees and the wind was blowing at what seemed to be 122 mph. I remember thinking, "No one told me about the wind." -- Johnnie Ann Ralph, university librarian

For my interview in 1994, I had been told to pick up a parking pass from the parking booth in front of campus. I was so impressed that the friendly person on duty immediately recognized my name and knew what I was here for. I went to the bookstore to pick up free information on rentals in the area. Right up front was Chewie, the bookstore cat, sleeping on a pile of books. He enthusiastically purred when I stopped to pet him. "This must be a great place to work," I thought. "They even have a cat in the bookstore!" -- Bonnie Petry, reference librarian

When I joined the library over 30 years ago, there were no computers. Information was typed on 3 x 5-inch cards under author title, subject, or call number. Students had to look up the appropriate cards to find the books on the shelves. The library had fewer books and fewer people on campus, but everyone was friendly and you recognized most people you encountered in the library and on campus. -- Maisie Conceicao, head of monograph cataloging

When I arrived for my interview, one of the first things I was given, along with my packet of information, was a bottle of water. To me, that was really unusual. I remember thinking, "I must be in the desert; if they want to be hospitable, they offer you your own water supply." I also remember thinking how great it would be to live where you could see mountains every day. I'm from the prairies, so mountains were a big novelty to me. I still love to look at them. -- Stacy Magedanz, reference librarian

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of 300 books. Mary has been Michael's loving confidant for nearly three decades, and he gladly tells all who will listen that she was "the best thing that ever happened to me."

We have not seen the last of Michael; he will continue to work in the library on a half-time basis under the Faculty Early Retirement Program. In a return to his jack-of-all-trades days, he will be working on various special projects assigned by the university librarian. 🐙

Meet Eva Sorrell, our new cataloging librarian in the spring newsletter.

Quiet Zone Comes to 5th Floor

By Lisa Bartle

The library as a space has two roles. It is a dynamic place of online researching, group work, and research instruction. Although it is exciting to have students actively engaged in the learning process, all of this engagement comes at a cost — usually noise. Notwithstanding, many students view the library as a refuge. It is a place for the students escaping a noisy roommate; it is a place for the back-to-school-parent who *knows* silence won't be found at home. For these students, academic success can depend on the library being as quiet as possible. In an attempt to balance reality with student expectations of the library, we have designated the 5th floor as a quiet zone. While on the 5th floor, please

- No talking
- No audible electronic devices
- No interactive group work except in designated rooms

There are signs all over the floor to help users remember the new rules. If you have any questions about this policy, please consult a librarian at the reference desk. 

Library Goings On

Lisa Bartle, reference librarian, is presenting at the California Library Association's (CLA) conference in November 2005 in Pasadena. The title of her workshop is "The Juggling Librarian Presents PHP." Lisa was elected to the CLA Assembly for 2006-2008 and as secretary for the CLA Information Technology section for a one-year term.

Michael Burgess, head of collection development, retired as of Sept. 14, 2005. Michael will remain at the library half time as a part of the FERP program (see article this issue). He recently published: *The Eastern Orthodox Churches: A History and Chronology* by McFarland & Company; *Codex Derynianus* 2nd edition with Katherine Kurtz by Underwood Books (September 2005); *Across the Wide Missouri: An Account of a Journey from Virginia to Missouri in 1819 and Back Again in 1822*, edited with Mary Wickizer Burgess by Wildside Press; *iViva California!: Seven Accounts of Life in Early California*, edited with Mary Wickizer Burgess by Wildside Press; *California Ranchos*, 2nd edition by Burgess McK. Shumway, edited with Mary Burgess

Araceli Calles, library assistant I, earned a BA. in sociology in June 2005. Araceli is continuing to work at the library while she attends San Jose State University and earns an MLIS.

Sylvia Cardenas, library assistant III, celebrates 20 years of library service in October 2005.

Stacy Magedanz and **Bonnie Petry**, reference librarians, are presenting at the California Library Association's (CLA) conference in November 2005 in Pasadena. The title of their workshop is "Introducing OLLIE." Stacy Magedanz's article "Allusion as Form: The Waste Land and Moulin Rouge!" has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming volume of the literature criticism journal *Orbis Litterarum*.

JoAnn Oliver, library assistant III, celebrates 20 years of campus service in October 2005.

Bonnie Petry, reference librarian, published *San Quentin: The Evolution of a State Prison* with Wildside Press in August 2005 with co-editor Michael Burgess.

Barbara Quarton, head of reference, was elected president/president-elect of the Academic Section of California Library Association for 2005-2007. In addition, Barbara was elected the library representative to the Faculty Senate for 2005-2007. Barbara was granted tenure and promotion to associate librarian as of Sept. 2005.

Eva Sorrell, technical services librarian, joined the library on Sept. 1, 2005. There will be an article introducing Eva in the spring newsletter.

Madeline Terrazas, library assistant III, retired as of April 24, 2005.

Jill Vassilakos-Long, head of technical services and government documents librarian, and co-author **Michael Burgess** published *Murder in Retrospect: A Selective Guide to Historical Mystery Fiction* by Libraries Unlimited, June 2005. Jill was granted tenure and promotion to associate librarian as of Sept. 2005.

Xiwen Zhang, reference librarian, was granted promotion to librarian (the equivalent of full professor) as of Sept. 2005. 

Library Hours

Library

Monday-Thursday

8am-11pm

Friday

8am-5pm

Saturday

9am-5pm

Sunday

2pm-11pm

Reference Desk (First Floor)

Monday-Thursday

9am-9pm

Friday

9am-5pm

Saturday

9am-5pm

Sunday

2pm-6pm

Info Den (Fifth Floor)

Monday-Thursday

1pm-6pm

Friday

1pm-5pm

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

Closed

Periodicals Service Desk (Third Floor)

Monday-Thursday

1pm-9pm

Friday

1pm-5pm

Saturday

1pm-5pm

Sunday

2pm-6pm

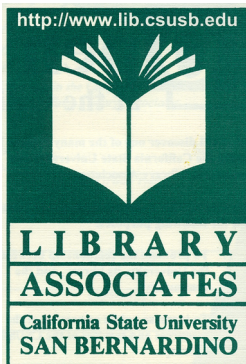
Calendar of Events

Distinguished Alumni Recognition Reception

November 5, 2005
4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Fullerton Art Museum

40th Anniversary Gala

May 6, 2006
5:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.
San Manuel Student Union



John M. Pfau Library Associates

The Library Associates was founded to promote the relationship between the University, its library, and the community, increase public awareness of the resources and services of the John M. Pfau Library, and sponsor cultural programs such as exhibits, lectures and other events. Members of the Library Associates make full use of the library, including borrowing library materials on the same basis as CSUSB students, reference assistance, and low cost interlibrary loan service.

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Single/Family	\$30.00 per year
Business	\$50.00 per year
Life Member	\$250

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