

Conclusion

As a member of the reference staff, I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity of working closely with the Innovacq project. It may not be a viable option for most law libraries to allow a reference librarian to devote so much time to technical service projects but I feel it has greatly improved not only my use of Innovacq but more importantly my knowledge of the law library procedures and holdings. I have a grasp of serials and their nuances that I would never have possessed had I not done this project. The Innovacq project was, in a sense, a crash course on law library publications and interdepartmental cooperation.

The transition from a manual to an automated system of serials control, or in the UNM Law Library's case, from kardex to Innovacq, can be tumultuous. Initially, it can appear to dredge up more problems than it resolves, and depending on how much planning was done prior to installation, con-

version itself can extend over several years or more. Despite the upheaval and length of time required to fully implement an automated system, a new serials control system provides an opportunity to solve the many problems that may riddle the existing system. Prior to a transition is the perfect time to examine problems that have rolled over from year to year: for example, inconsistencies in holding records, bound runs, bibliographic and check-in information, cataloging decisions or recurring subscription/vendor issues. In order to benefit from a new system you must make sure that the existing records are accurate before transferring the information to an automated system. Cleaning up the present system while making the transition to Innovacq may not have been in the planning initially at UNM, but it wasn't long before it became part of the process. And now at the project's completion, we feel we have not only made the transition but have a clean system to work with as well. ■■



News from the Field

Acquisitions

- **Louisiana State University's Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections**, Baton Rouge, have acquired an extensive group of manuscripts documenting several generations of the Mathews and Butler families. Consisting of more than 4,500 items, spanning the years 1811 to 1945, the manuscripts detail the accounts and affairs of sharecroppers and tenants from at least six different plantations. Subjects documented vary widely from black labor and history, ecclesiastical history, engineering and agricultural projects, to natural history and bird watching. The papers were acquired with the support of the LSU Friends of the Libraries.

- **The University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry's Edward G. Miner Library**, New York, has received the papers of John Romano, M.D. Romano was the founding chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Rochester, and an influential figure in American psychiatry and in the development of medical and psychiatric education. The Romano papers span the period from 1928 to 1989. The collection includes extensive files of personal and professional correspondence; the minutes, reports and memoranda of the University committees

on which he served; records of the Department of Psychiatry (1946-1971); nearly 50 years of clinical rounds; and a large collection of personal and historical prints and photographs.

Grants

- **The Center for Research Libraries**, Chicago, has been awarded \$95,080 in outright funds by the National Endowment for the Humanities to improve bibliographic access to its microform holdings. The grant will enable the Center to disseminate bibliographic information about the monographic holdings of its materials in the Cooperative Africana Microform Project and titles in commercially produced microform sets. Records for monographic titles will be added to two international bibliographic databases. Approximately 13,000 records will be converted into machine-readable form, added to the OCLC database, and eventually tapeloaded into the Research Libraries Information Network database.

- **The Ponce Technological University**

College of the University of Puerto Rico has been awarded \$28,669 by the Department of Education under Title II-B, Library Career Training Program. The College will sponsor a Library Management Institute to improve the supervisory skills of 30 librarians of the University of Puerto Rico's Regional Colleges Administration. The Institute will consist of seven ACRL continuing education courses: CE 101, CE 112, CE 116, CE 107, CE 105, and CE 118.

● **The State University Colleges at Buffalo, Brockport, and Fredonia, and the State University of New York at Buffalo** have received a \$13,002 grant from the New York Governor's Office of Employee Relations and the United University Professions Professional Development and Quality of Working Life Committees to fund "Libraries in the '90s," a series of four staff development programs. The series will increase opportunities for librarians in Western New York to explore areas of common interest.

● **The Tabor College Library, Hillsboro, Kansas**, has received an Interlibrary Loan Development Program (ILDP) grant of \$4,000 from the Kansas Library Network Board. Tabor's grant will make available to Kansas libraries using the Interlibrary Loan Program approximately 200 additional volumes dealing with rural poverty. The grant was designed particularly with the College's social work program in mind. The Interlibrary Loan Development Program is intended to strengthen statewide interlibrary loan service by providing collection development grants to academic, public, school, and special libraries across Kansas.

● **Texas A&M University at Galveston** has received a \$100,000 grant from the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program to continue building and updating its Galveston Bay Literature Survey Bibliography and collection and to continue staffing a Galveston Bay Information Center. A printed draft of the bibliography will complement the on-line form which will be available for public use by the end of calendar year 1990. A grand opening of the Information Center is slated for February 1991.

● **The University of New Mexico's Centennial Science and Engineering Library, Albuquerque**, was awarded \$10,000 by the NASA Training Project Program. The grant will be used to add materials in the following areas: supplementary materials for classwork, additional copies of books in high demand by undergraduates, materials about women and minorities in science and engineering, materials on ethics in science and engineering, materials on writing skills, and directories on co-op programs, summer jobs, and research opportunities. A representative group of women and minority students in the NASA Training Project will assist in

recommending needed material.

● **Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia**, has received an \$81,500 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable, and Educational Fund for the organization of two important collections of Alfred I. and Jesse Ball duPont papers. The papers, totaling 450 linear feet, will be processed, organized and readied for shipment to Washington and Lee University by History Associates, Inc., of Rockville, Maryland, a professional organization that specializes in archival projects. The grant will cover moving expenses, archival processing and description, production of a published guide, and new shelving to house the collection.

News notes

● **The Consortium of Popular Culture Collections in the Midwest (CPCCM)** has been established for special collections libraries at Bowling Green State University, Michigan State University, and Ohio State University. Because the founding libraries of the consortium share a collecting focus on subject areas related to the popular arts and the mass media, their geographic proximity offers practical and cost-effective opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing. The formation of this consortium grew from informal relationships among member libraries dating from the 1970s. During a two-day retreat in 1988, library representatives from each of the universities agreed to formalize their cooperative efforts. A prospectus to outline activities in development, access, promotion, and preservation of these specialized research collections was then developed by a joint working group. Library directors from the three universities signed the prospectus in August 1990.

The creation of CPCCM was prompted by several factors. First, the universe of available documentary materials related to contemporary American culture is extremely broad and diverse. Second, the sheer bulk and diversity of multidisciplinary resources causes serious selection and exclusion problems for the special collections library. And third, non-traditional physical formats place many of the products of contemporary culture outside usual academic library practice. CPCCM members will work toward the establishment of professional cataloging, preserving, and storing items as diverse as comic books and video games. For more information, contact Lucy Caswell, CPCCM, c/o Popular Culture Library, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403; (614) 292-0538.

● **The University of Guam, Mangilao**, broke ground on August 24 for the renovation and expansion of its Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library.



Groundbreaking ceremony at the University of Guam, Mangilao.

Among the dignitaries present at the ceremony were Congressman Ben G. Blaz; Chih Wang, dean of Learning Resources; Rosa R. Carter, former president, University of Guam; Governor Joseph

F. Ada; and Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, president of the University of Guam. The government of Guam has appropriated about \$8 million for the renovation project. ■■

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Profiles

JOSEPH W. CONSTANCE, JR., has been named director of the Geisel Library at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. Prior to his appointment, Constance served as head of the Archives and Manuscripts Department at Boston College and as university archivist and curator of rare books at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

At Boston College he founded the Congressional Archives program through which the legislative papers of Boston College graduates were both acquired and made available for research.

Constance is a member of the ALA and has also been active in the Society of American Archivists, Society of Georgia Archivists, and the New England Archivists. He recently served as editor-in-chief of the New England Archivist Newsletter and