



# News from the Field

## ACQUISITIONS

• **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY** has acquired a collection of the papers and manuscripts of David Abrahamsen, forensic psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and author. A major part of the collection consists of source material used by Abrahamsen in his 1977 book, *Nixon vs. Nixon: An Emotional Tragedy*, including a 16-page reminiscence by Nixon on his childhood. Also found in the Abrahamsen papers are many letters from David Berkowitz, the notorious "Son of Sam" killer, at whose trial Abrahamsen served as an expert witness for the prosecution.

• **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY'S** Strozier Library, Tallahassee, has been presented with a major collection of early Bibles and other rare books of significant value for the study of English Protestant thought between the 16th and 19th centuries. The collection includes a first edition of the King James Bible, a first edition of the Geneva Bible, a Stephanus New Testament, and a Torah in scroll.

• The **STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON'S** Special Collections Department has acquired the Frances R. Conole Archive of sound recordings. The archive, which includes both disc and tape, is devoted to the preservation of 20th-century vocal art as recorded over the last ninety years. More than 3,000 singers are represented in the holdings along with 4,000 complete performances of over 400 operas. An important feature of the collection is the total recorded output of many artists, including the complete discography of Maria Callas, Jussi Bjoerling, Beniamino Gigli, and Nicolai Gedda.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**, Tucson, has received a substantial gift of Russian books and periodicals on geology, mining, and prospecting from Constantin Popoff, an Arizona alumnus. The collection contains serials of the Institute of Mining of the Soviet Akademiia Nauk, elusive and out-of-print guides to mineral resources in the Soviet Union, and handbooks and treatises on mining and oil drilling.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI** has received the papers and personal library of Herschel Brickell, noted book columnist and literary editor of the *New York Evening Post* in the 1920s and 1930s. The collection consists of over 3,500 volumes with a substantial number of advance review copies in dust jackets of American fiction from 1920-1940, including Faulkner editions and fiction of the Harlem Renaissance writers. There is also a large number of letters to Brickell from Margaret Mitchell, Eudora Welty, Julia Peterkin, and Ellen Douglas.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S** Di-

mond Library, Durham, has acquired a collection of original letters of the poet Galway Kinnell (1927- ). Kinnell often uses northern New England as a focus of his work. The archive is 33 years of Kinnell's extensive correspondence with poet and critic Charles Bell of Santa Fe and includes about 300 letters, 350 drafts of poems, and 19 book manuscripts.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS' Humanities Research Center**, Austin, has acquired the archives of Edward Weeks, editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* from 1928 to 1966. The papers include more than 7,500 letters from contributors, 600 original manuscripts, and over 10,000 carbons of Weeks' letters to writers, among them Ernest Hemingway, Evelyn Waugh, John Kenneth Galbreath, Robert Frost, and Conrad Aiken.

## GRANTS

• **DAVIDSON COLLEGE LIBRARY**, North Carolina, has been given \$220,000 for a permanent book fund by Mrs. Ernest B. Obering of Oklahoma City in return for helping her father become "a truly educated man." The donation will be invested as the Joseph Abrams Bailey Memorial Endowed Book Fund honoring Obering's father, an 1883 Davidson graduate. The fund will be used to purchase approximately 440 new books per year in perpetuity.

• **LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY Library**, England, has been awarded a grant of £62,000 for three years by the British Library Research and Development Department to continue to support the British Library Information Officer for User Education Project. The primary aims of the project are to investigate, co-ordinate, promote and develop library and information user education in all types of libraries in Great Britain.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS' Kenneth Spencer Research Library**, Lawrence, has been awarded a \$139,808 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities for the processing of English historical and literary manuscripts of the 16th to 19th centuries and the preparation of a catalog. Over 400 subject collections in this area will be processed with the funds, which with a similar number already processed will be described in the guide.

• The **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Health Science Center at San Antonio Library** has received a \$19,700 research grant from the National Library of Medicine to evaluate the 1977-1980 monograph holdings of twelve medical libraries and the NLM. Principal investigator will be Virginia Bowden, associate director of the library. The study will provide detailed information about size, overlap, distribution and shifts in the cur-

rent monograph holdings, and will evaluate whether the TALON Cooperative Acquisitions Program has had a measurable effect on the collections of participating libraries.

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• The **CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES**, Chicago, has accepted ownership and managerial control of the Foreign Newspaper Microfilm Project (FNMP) from the Association of Research Libraries, effective January 1. The project, originating at Harvard in 1938, is designed to maintain a pool of current foreign newspaper titles on microfilm and has been housed at the Center since 1956. CRL's absorption of the proj-

ect provides for all present participants, whether or not members of the Center, to continue to take part in the project; however, no new non-CRL members may participate without first becoming Center members.

• The **U.S. OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL** has lifted its ban on the importation of single copies of published materials from Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea, and Cambodia, according to a January issue of the *Federal Register*. The Customs Service can now release to individual or institutional addressees any books, newspapers, magazines, films, phonograph records, microfilm, microfiche, posters, and similar materials published in these countries. ■■

# People

## PROFILES

**DON L. BOSSEAU**, university librarian at the University of Hawaii, has been named librarian of San Diego State University effective this summer. He has also served as director of libraries at Emory University and at the University of Texas at El Paso. From 1966 to 1972 he worked at the University of California, San Diego, as assistant university librarian and head of computer applications.



*Don L. Bosseau*

Prior to his work at UCSD, Bosseau was assistant librarian and research associate at General Atomic in La Jolla and a research engineer at Allis-Chalmers Nuclear Division in Milwaukee. He holds a master's in engineering from the University of Kansas and an MLS from the University of Hawaii.

In five years as chief administrator for the collections at the Manoa campus in Honolulu, Bosseau has been actively involved in reorganizing the library's structure to accommodate new computer systems.

**STEVENS W. HILYARD** has been appointed university librarian at the University of Southern Maine, effective July 1. Hilyard was most recently director of the library at Pittsburg State University, Kansas, from 1976 to 1982. Prior to that he was college librarian at New England College (1966-1976), assistant librarian at Grand Valley State Colleges (1965-1966), and administra-

tive assistant to the librarian at Bowdoin College (1962-1963).

Hilyard recently completed most of the requirements for a doctorate in the administration of educational media and technology at Boston University, and has begun work on a dissertation on "educational, experiential, and personality characteristics of academic educational media directors." His MLS is from the University of Michigan.

He is also involved in consulting, with experience in the implementation of technology and building planning and design.

**BRUCE M. HURLBERT** has been named director of library services at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, effective February 1. Prior to this appointment he was assistant director of libraries for administration at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he had also served as assistant director for the academic campus.

From 1968 to 1972 he held several positions at Florida Atlantic University, the most recent being that of assistant director for technical services.

Hurlbert received an MLS from Florida State University in 1968.

**JOHN G. JAFFE** has been named director of libraries at Sweet Briar College, Virginia. Since 1979 Jaffe has been acquisitions librarian, rare



*Bruce M. Hurlbert*