



News from the Field

Acquisitions

● **Boston University's Twentieth Century Archives** now include the papers of author and playwright Arthur Marx, who has written biographies of several Hollywood celebrities including his father, Groucho Marx. Marx began his writing career as a joke writer for Milton Berle, moved on to plays and films, and has contributed to television series such as *All in the Family*, *Maude*, *The Jeffersons*, and *Alice*.

● **Columbia University** has been given the archives of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, whose gifts built free public libraries and aided underprivileged groups across America. The historic collection, which includes the archives of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has thousands of items of correspondence, reports, and minutes dating from 1905. The gift was accompanied by an endowment of \$470,000, which will support an archivist for the Carnegie papers in the Columbia Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Columbia has also been given the archives of Vanguard Press, which launched the careers of James T. Farrell, Nelson Algren, Saul Bellow, Joyce Carol Oates, Marshall McLuhan, Dr. Seuss, and many other writers who helped shape American attitudes. The gift by Random House, Inc., includes more than 100,000 letters, manuscripts, and publishing documents from the press's founding in 1926 to its sale 62 years later. In celebration, the library has mounted a major exhibit of first editions, autograph letters, manuscripts, proofs, editorial records, photographs, and other materials which will be on view at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library through February 16.

● **Northeastern Illinois University's Ronald Williams Library**, Chicago, recently became an official depository library for Illinois Regional Archives (IRAD) materials. The IRAD collection consists of pre-fire manuscripts, census reports, official plats from communities that were later incorporated into the city of Chicago, film censorship records, and genealogical information. Requests for viewing materials should be made to Sara Schwarz, university archivist and IRAD librarian.

● **Ohio University**. Athens, has been given the Henry Miller collection of Robert Blair, late pro-

fessor of mathematics at the university, by Blair's heirs. There are approximately 500 items, including first editions of Miller's works, books signed or inscribed by Miller (including association items), critical and biographical works about Miller, bibliographies, issues of journals, works by Anais Nin, and record albums. Inquiries are welcome.

● **The Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been given Julia Child's personal collection of approximately 2,000 cookbooks. The professional and personal papers of the great American chef were already in the library, along with videotapes of some of the famous "French Chef" series on public television. Cookbooks were prominent among the gifts to the library last year: over 2,000 charitable cookbooks were received.

● **The University of Idaho Library**. Moscow, has received all the papers accumulated by Sen. James A. McClure (R-Idaho) during his nearly 25 years in Congress. Terry Abraham, head of special collections and archives, says that the bulk of the material will be opened for research after UI archivists have arranged, inventoried, and cataloged it, but he noted it will be an extremely involved, time-consuming process. Approximately 1,500 cubic feet of records are included in the gift.

● **The University of Michigan Library at Ann Arbor** has received a collection of 250 Yiddish books and periodicals from Congregation Shaarey Zedek of Southfield, Michigan. Included are many Yiddish periodicals published in Warsaw and New York, which will be bound and placed in the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library stacks.

● **The University of Tennessee-Knoxville** Library has received the congressional papers of former U.S. Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., including more than 2,000 of his own photographs of world leaders and four "doodle" cartoons drawn by President Ronald Reagan. Baker said it was "a trauma of sorts" to give up the papers. The university plans to do an oral history of the Baker years, including his service at the White House. Friends of the former senator have donated \$120,000 for the project.

● **The University of Texas at Austin** has taken custody of the library of Sam Rayburn, legendary speaker of the U.S. House. The library will remain in Bonham, Rayburn's hometown about 80 miles northeast of Dallas, but will be administered by the university's Barker Texas History Center in Austin.

The Sam Rayburn Library Foundation will transfer to UT Austin an endowment valued at approximately \$2.5 million for operation of the Rayburn library.

• **Wake Forest University** in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has received the personal papers and manuscripts of Wilbur Joseph Cash (1900–1941), an alumnus of Wake Forest College and author of the critically acclaimed *The Mind of the South* (Knopf, 1941). The University will host a symposium, “The Minds of the South,” February 8–9, 1991, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the publication of *The Mind of the South* and items from the Cash collection will be on display in the Rare Books Reading Room.

• **At Wheaton College in Illinois, the Billy Graham Center Archives** has received the papers of John and Betty Stam, who were executed by Chinese Communists in 1934, their second year as missionaries in China. The papers document their brief careers, their deaths, and the impact of their deaths on the mission and on their families.

Grants

• **Alfred University's Herrick Memorial Library** in New York has been given \$93,500 by the Charles E. Culpepper Foundation of Stamford, Connecticut, for barcoding its holdings and for software.

• **Auburn University in Alabama** has received a Title II-C grant to finish a three-year project to catalog the microfilm set *Confederate Imprints*. Records are being entered into OCLC to provide broad access to these research materials.

• **DePaul University, Chicago, has received a** library support grant for the third straight year from the International Council for Canadian Studies and the Canadian Consulate General in Chicago. This matching grant will be used to purchase materials relevant to Canadian studies.

• **Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington,** has been granted \$283,525 in Title II-D funds to implement an automated library system that will link Gonzaga's new Center for Information and Technology (CIT) with libraries at the University of Idaho, University of Montana, Western Montana College, North Idaho College, and Whitworth College. Federal funds will cover about 29% of the cost of equipment needed to establish the network. The remaining costs, expected to exceed \$1.8 million, will be borne by the participating institutions. They are in the final stages of forming a consortium to be known as INLAN (Inland Northwest Library Automation Network). INLAN's hub will be Gonzaga's new CIT, which will utilize computers and high-speed telecommunications to facilitate the rapid exchange of library holdings data, online

periodical indexes, FAX and digitized document images, and specialized databases. The \$20 million CIT project is funded, in part, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It will be the largest building on Gonzaga's campus at 135,000 square feet.

• **The New York University Bobst Library** has been selected by the Rockefeller Foundation to administer the Media Alternatives Project (MAP) under a first-year grant of \$116,000. MAP will promote the use of independently produced films and videos in American history courses. Alternative works by and about African, Asian, Native American, and Latino people will be identified. Initially the project will result in published guidelines for the use of multicultural media in the classroom, as well as lists of recommended films and videos in American history. Future plans include the production of video and print materials, a national teleconference, and the development of a database.

• **Ohio University, Athens, has received a Title II-C** grant to catalog special research collections on Southeast Asia. The first year's award is \$132,999, with the amounts for three subsequent years to be determined later. Items to be cataloged include serial titles microfiched by the Library of Congress office in Indonesia. This part of the project will complete an effort begun in 1985 to catalog the full set of these materials. The microfiche contain valuable research on Indonesia mainly in the Indonesian language, and otherwise unavailable elsewhere in the world. The Library of Congress plans to add the serial titles to its national database as well.

• **The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign,** has received two Title II-C grants to create cataloging information about two collections and enter it into national databases. A grant of \$174,766 will enable the Agriculture Library to continue cataloging its massive collection of publications by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and agricultural experiment stations in all 50 states. They will become available for the first time by their real titles and by author and subject. The second Title II-C grant, for \$100,901, is for cataloging the Latin American collection. Full bibliographic information about 30,000 items will be input into national databases, permitting searches by subject and eventually by key words. The project is part of a nationwide effort to provide full cataloging information on Latin American books for OCLC and RLIN.

• **The University of Maine's Raymond H. Fogler Library** in Orono has been awarded \$115,628 under the Strengthening Research Libraries Resources Program to acquire Canadian Studies resources and enhance access to them. The library will complete its collection of *Pre-1900 Canadiana*, create machine-readable records for the 57,000 titles in this collection, and load them

into its online catalog, which will be accessible through INTERNET. The Fogler Library's holding symbol will be added to the OCLC records for all *Pre-1900 Canadiana* titles, which will be available through interlibrary loan. The library will also identify needed federal and provincial Canadian documents and nominal census materials.

- **The University of South Carolina** in Columbia has received \$31,000 for establishing a South Carolina Post Card Collection which the university's South Caroliniana Library will house and service. The grant from the South Carolina Humanities Council will be used to organize and catalog the collection. Records for 15,000 post cards will be entered into the university's systemwide, NOTIS-based online catalog (USCAN), using the MARC format for archival visual materials.

News notes

- **Diablo Valley College Library** in Pleasant Hill, California, inaugurated its new automation system with a tea party on August 30, 1990. ALICE (Access to Library Information for College Education) was welcomed by costumed library staff and college drama students, banners, buttons, balloons, bookmarks, croquet games on the library

- **The Library of Congress** has announced that the first complete recording of George and Ira Gershwin's 1930 musical comedy, *Girl Crazy*, was released on compact disc by Elektra Nonesuch in November. An accompanying 100-page booklet includes articles by Gershwin scholars on various aspects of the show, as well as the complete lyrics of the songs. The recording is the first in a series of reconstructed Gershwin shows that will be undertaken by the Leonore Gershwin-Library of Congress Recording and Publishing Project, announced in 1989. The purpose of the project is to recreate the Gershwin works—very few of which have been recorded in their entirety—in versions that are authentic, complete, and faithful to the style of the era in which the shows were originally created.

- **Northwestern University** in Evanston, Illinois, will use a \$10 million gift from Jack and Dollie Galter to expand its Health Sciences Library, which will be renamed in their honor.

- **The Earth and Mineral Sciences Library** at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, has received \$100,000 from Ray S. Walker, founder and retired president of Bradford Coal Co. of Bigler, and his wife, Louise. The gift will be used to purchase geophysical data on compact disks.

Penn State has also received \$646,000 from the estate of Agnes R. Robb to endow an acquisitions

fund for the University Libraries. Robb, a longtime staff member of the University of California at Berkeley (to which she contributed more than \$700,000), died in 1989 at the age of 94. The fund honors her father, James F. Robb, who graduated from Penn State in 1880 and served as a university trustee from 1890 to 1896. It will be used, in accordance with the donor's wishes, to acquire general materials that will benefit students and faculty university-wide, although some emphasis will be placed on acquiring materials relating to the study of law.

- **At Texas A&M University**, College Station, the class of 1990 presented Evans Library Director Irene B. Hoadley with a check for

\$17,785 to acquire the Wilson Humanities Index database for the library's online system, and to increase access to the PsycLit and Sociofile databases. Although the gift was rearranged, the class surprised Hoadley with an additional check for \$15,000 for the library's endowment.



Betty Bortz, reference librarian

lawn, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony with a huge scissors loaned by the local Chamber of Commerce. Alan Ritch, librarian at the University of California at Santa Cruz, spoke on "Mouse-traps and Memory and Muchness: ALICE, great-uncle MELVYL and the new wonderland of library information." The automated system is Innovative Interfaces, Inc.'s INNOPAC including the online catalog, circulation, and cataloging modules.