

### **Univ. of Pittsburgh provides access to Chinese journals**

The University of Pittsburgh (UP) Library System, through its East Asian Library, has established a demonstration Gateway Service Center for Chinese Academic Journal Publications to deliver digital copies of Chinese language academic journal publications from six Chinese libraries via the Internet to scholars throughout the United States.

Through this center, patrons and scholars have free and easy access to full-text Chinese language journal articles stored in Chinese libraries, not otherwise available in the United States.

The project is funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Federal Institute for Museum and Library Services. A pilot study was funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange.

Research libraries in China partnering with the UP in this consortium include Peking, Tsinghua, Fudan, and Shanghai Jiaotong Universities, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Academia Sinica of Taiwan.

To request a copy of Chinese journal articles or to learn about the service, visit <http://www.library.pitt.edu/gateway/>.

### **Elsevier Science acquires JAI Press/Ablex Publishing**

Elsevier Science Inc. and JAI Press/Ablex Publishing have entered into an agreement whereby JAI Press/Ablex Publishing will be acquired by Elsevier Science. The JAI/Ablex businesses include the JAI journals and serials and the Ablex Publishing journals and books. Barbara Barrett, Global Publisher Social Sciences at Elsevier Science said, "The combination of JAI Press products and services with our journals and electronic services will create a unique integrated service to the social sciences and business and economics communities."

### **Join the Friends of ACRL**

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## RBMS preconference to explore "Border Crossings" in Montreal

The 40th annual ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) Preconference will take place in Montreal, Québec, Canada from June 21 through midday June 24, 1999. McGill University and the Canadian Centre for Architecture are co-hosts for the 1999 RBMS Preconference. This year the preconference will begin on a Monday and end on Thursday, giving participants planning to attend the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans a full day for travel on Friday, June 25.

The theme of the 1999 preconference is "Border Crossings: Exploring New Territories for Special Collections." In keeping with the Montreal location (the first preconference site outside the United States in nearly a decade), the preconference will examine developments in North American special collections in a larger, international context.

The theme encompasses a variety of metaphorical "border crossings" for special collections: changing roles for special collections libraries and their staff in the digital environment, problems and issues with intellectual property in the international and digital contexts, and developing new constituencies of users and public service strategies for special collections materials.

Jean-Claude Guédon, professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Montreal and author of *La Planète Cyber* (1996) will deliver the opening address. Brian Schottlander (California Digital Library) and Howard Besser (UC Berkeley) will discuss aspects of the convergence of digital technology and special col-

lections librarianship. David Walden (Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board) and Francoise Hebert (former executive director of the Canadian Library Association) will deliberate on aspects of intellectual property, and Cathy Henderson (University of Texas at Austin) and Tom Hickerson (Cornell University) will address recent developments in the area of special collections public services.

The preconference theme will be complemented with an ample number of short papers, seminar presentations, tours, workshops, and receptions.

Three workshops, scheduled for Monday, July 21, include a day-long workshop on digitizing special materials and two half-day workshops, one on the description of graphic materials and the other on basic techniques for installing exhibits. A fourth workshop, on cataloging rare serials, will be offered on Thursday afternoon after the conclusion of the preconference.

Montreal is among the most charming of North American cities, with its 18th-century stone architecture and the strong French influence on every aspect of its culture. It is located only a few hours' drive or a short flight away from the major urban areas in the north-eastern United States.

Registration and other information will soon be available at the RBMS Web site (<http://www.princeton.edu/~ferguson/rbms.html>) or contact Bradley Westbrook, Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093; e-mail: [bdwestbrook@ucsd.edu](mailto:bdwestbrook@ucsd.edu).

page at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/friends.html>.

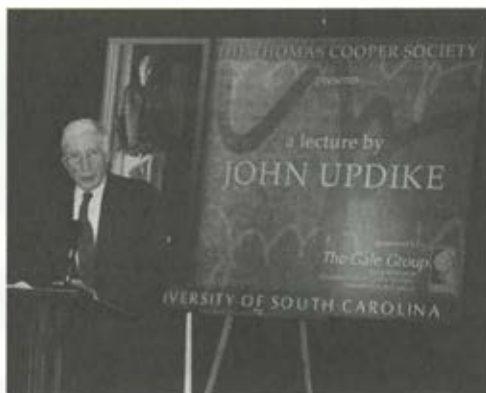
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### LSU athletics raise money for libraries

Louisiana State University's (LSU) second annual "Stampede to the Stadium" run, held on the morning of the first 1998 home football game, raised \$22,000 with \$11,000 for LSU Libraries and the remainder to other academic projects connected with athletics. A new "Tigers Rock N Roar" benefit concert, a project of an LSU marketing class, generated another \$4,000 for the libraries, and two corporate projects featuring BellSouth and Burger King added another \$5,000 to the library. The \$20,000 will be used to purchase computer workstations for the main library.

John Updike was the featured speaker at a November Celebration of Literary Biography in Columbia, South Carolina, sponsored by the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library, Gale Research, the university provost's office, Columbia publisher Bruccoli-Clark-Layman, and other university departments. Updike was presented with the Thomas Cooper Medal for Distinction in the Arts and Sciences from the library's support group, The Thomas Cooper Society. The celebration also marked the publication of the 200th volume of the *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, edited in Columbia and published by Gale Research, and introduced the Cooper Library's project to develop an American Literary Biography Depository.



### Founder/editor of science journal breaks with publisher

Biologist Michael Rosenzweig is abandoning the thriving scholarly journal he founded 12 years ago because he believes the publisher has made it so expensive that many libraries and colleagues no longer can afford it. He says price increases on his journal averaged almost 19% annually and harmed the scientific community, the same group that supplies articles to the journal for free. With the endorsement of SPARC (Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition), the University

of Arizona professor is staking a considerable amount of his own money on independently launching a new journal focusing on evolution and ecology. *Evolutionary Ecology Research (EER)*, the comparatively low-priced alternative to his original project, begins publication this month. Rosenzweig has pledged to base the journals price on the actual production costs, which he projects will be substantially less than the commercial publisher's prices. *EER* will be offered to libraries in 1999 for \$290, with Internet access available for an additional \$15. ■

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