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MEDIA EQUIPMENT DELIVERY

In an effort to combine two service points into a “One-Stop Shopping” environment, Director of Information Technology (IT) Mark Huber and University Librarian Kathleen Gunning formulated a plan to transfer some Media equipment and services, formerly provided by Multimedia Services, to the IT department. The equipment loan function has been moved and has become part of the newly formed Center for Advanced Technology (CAT).

All equipment delivery, classroom support and Instructional Technology support will now be provided by the IT department. Media collections and in-house viewing/listening functions will remain in the Library’s Media Center. Mark has drafted a proposal to create a half time position, supervised by Marie Wagner of IT. This person will provide support for the hours of 6:00-10:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and 8:00-12:00 noon on Saturdays, thereby extending current hours of classroom support.

A special note of thanks is extended to Chris Praul, Kathy Dalius, Jeff Martin, and Marie Wagner whose heroic efforts made the inventory and smooth transfer of the equipment possible with very little advance notice. They worked many hours overtime to complete the move before students returned from Fall Break.

--Kathleen Gunning/Rebecca Wilson

ARCHIVES CLOSED

Just a reminder that the University Archives are once again closed, now that Jennifer McGillan is no longer with us. Faculty, staff and students needing access to materials in the Archives *must call at least 24 hours in*



Photo by Susan Musser

advance to schedule an appointment or to request specific items. Members of the SU community may arrange to spend time in the Archives by visiting during times that a staff member is working in the Room. Please call Susan Musser (x4317) or Becky Wilson (x4321) for assistance. The Archives are closed to the general public.

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LIBRARY OPEN FRIDAY EVENINGS

The Library is open until 8pm on Fridays. Please remind your students about these extended hours. Students at the Circulation Desk report relatively low usage of the building between 5pm and 8pm, which may be due to the fact that students are not yet accustomed to the increased hours.

PLANNING AHEAD: END OF SEMESTER REVIEW

It's not too early to begin thinking about a review session for 1st year students.



Last December, the Library hosted such a session for 1st-year students on the Friday night before exams. Faculty and student response to this event was very enthusiastic. In addition to the primary academic focus, several stress-relieving events were scheduled to help students relax: massages for muscle aches and tarot-card readings for predicting exam success rates ☺.



Students were able to receive undivided attention from their professors and could ask review questions in areas where they needed further enlightenment. Some questions were nixed, however, such as “Will that be on the exam”?

Students spent time studying together as well as interacting with their professors. Computers were available for reference and group use. After it was over, consensus was that it proved valuable enough to be continued next year.

So... if you are teaching 1st year students please consider holding your review session in the Library. Contact Kathy Dalton (x4160) or Chris Praul (x4459) for more information or to participate...



... and watch your students' fears melt into smiles!

CRISIS IN SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS

Libraries across the nation continue to face debilitating annual price increases for scholarly journal subscriptions. In the current issue of *Information 2004*, a newsletter published by the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Director Nancy Gwinn writes a letter entitled: “*Coping with Price Rises in Scholarly Journals*”. She begins the letter with a question: “*Would you rather buy a brand new Toyota Corolla complete with air-conditioning and a three-year warranty or a year’s subscription to the Journal of Applied Polymer Science? Both cost \$12,495, according to a web site called ‘Stickershock’ produced by the Engineering Library at Cornell University*”. Visit the site for eye-opening price comparisons of journals with other costly items: <http://www.englib.cornell.edu/exhibits/stickershock/>

Ms. Gwinn goes on to say that according to statistics from the Association of Research Libraries, “*from 1986 to 2001 prices of serials generally increased 215 percent. The Consumer Price Index rose by only 62%*” during that time.

Part of this is attributed to the fact that commercial publishers charge much more for their journals than academic societies and university presses. Most libraries must regularly undergo serials evaluations to cancel journals if they are to stay within budget limits. She notes that “*universities support research, and then scholars give that research to commercial publishers, who sell that research back to universities for very large profits*”.

Last fall, Cornell University took the unprecedented step of canceling about 200 Elsevier journals for 2004. Harvard and Duke were preparing similar cuts. Universities are actively seeking ways to address the “Crisis in Scholarly Communications” issue, forming

alliances with some publishers and with one another, developing an approach called "Open Access" that would advance and enable less costly options for scientific publication.

Susquehanna University Professor of Accounting Dr. Jerry Habegger, aware of the problem, identified a web page at Trinity College that lists key issues and creative responses with links to articles and agencies that are working to address the problem. The articles are brief and give an excellent overview of the problem facing academia. In the article "Issues in Scholarly Communication", Ross Atkinson of Cornell University Library posits that "*The core of the crisis is neither economic nor technical, but rather cultural: it is driven primarily by the publishing conventions of the academy*". If you publish or use scholarly information, the crisis in scholarly publishing affects you. To learn more, visit Trinity's Library web site at <http://lib.trinity.edu/faculty/scholarlycomm.shtml>

SERIALS REVIEW SLATED FOR 2005

The last Periodical Collection Review was done in 1998. High annual subscription price increases combined with zero operating budget increases in 2004-05 and 2005-06 require that we conduct another review this academic year. This is being referred to as a *Serials Review* since it will include evaluation of Annuals (i.e., Standing Orders) as well as Periodicals. Librarians and all faculty members will work together to determine which periodicals and annuals are no longer needed, which can be purchased in electronic format, and which should be retained in paper form.

Criteria for reviewing a subscription include:

- *support for the curriculum
- * usage level of the periodical/annual
- *cost

An outline for the process will be presented to the deans, the Library Committee, and the Provost this semester. In January of 2005, information will be distributed to faculty members, department heads and deans to gather recommendations on title retention and cancellation. The process should be concluded by May 2005. The revised Collection Development Policy includes a list of criteria for adding or withdrawing a subscription and will be used to guide the process.

--Kathleen Gunning/Rebecca Wilson

PHILOSOPHER'S INDEX ONLINE

At the request of faculty in the philosophy department, the Library has discontinued its paper subscription to the *Philosopher's Index* and has entered a subscription for the online version. The philosophy department is using some of its book funds to offset the increase in cost. This database is produced by the Philosopher's Information Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving philosophers. It covers more than 550 journals in all fields of philosophy. International in scope, the database contains references from journals originally published in more than 40 countries in English and many other languages. It contains citations and author-written abstracts for journal articles, books, contributions to anthologies and book reviews, plus back-files from 1940 to the present. It is updated quarterly.

Subjects covered include: aesthetics, axiology, philosophy of education, epistemology, ethics, philosophy of history, philosophy of language, logic, metaphysics, social philosophy, political philosophy, philosophical anthropology, metaphilosophy, philosophy of science, and the philosophy of religion. The Index can be accessed from the Library's Web Page. **Access is limited to one user, so try again if it is being used.**

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The Library Collection Development Policy is being rewritten to include new formats such as electronic collections, and to tie in with the University's Mission Statement and strategic plan. The first draft of the policy has been distributed to the librarians for review and comments. The revised draft of the policy will be distributed to the Library Committee prior to this month's meeting, and will be discussed at that time.

--Kathleen Gunning

FAMILY WEEKEND DISPLAY

Just in time for parents' visits during the 2004 Family Weekend, Library Secretary Susan Musser has created a wonderful photographic display that takes you right down memory lane, highlighting previous Family Weekends through the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s. Remember all those funny clothes we used to wear? Thanks to Susan for a job well done! Stop in the Library and take a look!

FOCUS ON SCHOLARSHIP

A reception in recognition of Faculty and Staff Scholarship and Creative Activities was held in the Library on October 29, 2004. The reception was jointly sponsored by Provost Linda McMillin and the Faculty Research and Development Committee.

This Exhibit and Reception Honors the Many Accomplishments of Susquehanna Faculty and Staff for 2003-2004.

2003-2004



*Focus on
Scholarship*



This attractive brochure lists faculty and staff by department. Works were categorized by publications/recordings; off-campus presentations, performances, recitals, and installations; and external grant writing.



Faculty review their colleagues' publications

Quoting from the brochure, in the introduction Dr. McMillin states:

"Impressive in both quality and quantity, the work recorded here represents the diversity of professional activity undertaken by faculty and staff from June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004. We have written books and articles, presented and performed nationally and internationally, and attracted support from public and private foundations. We have done this while continuing to be excellent teachers and involved institutional citizens. Indeed, it is by undertaking such scholarly and creative activities that we become better mentors and role-models for our students and are able to create with them an active and dynamic learning community at SU".



Provost Linda McMillin addresses audience

On display were copies of books, articles and videos faculty had created. The WVIA Public Television video production of the Susquehanna University Symphonic Band Concert from May, 2004 (under the direction of Interim Dean Valerie Martin) was presented on a large television in one section of the presentation area. This production has had multiple broadcasts on WVIA Television and Radio and showcases one of the University's outstanding musical ensembles.

Assistant Professor of Geological & Environmental Sciences Dr. Jennifer Elick had a computer display with fascinating video clips of sea life as part of her research in the crystal waters of the Bahamas.

Assistant Professor of Music Patrick Long brought electronic equipment to provide live entertainment, playing some of his original compositions.



Professor of Psychology Tom Martin looks on as Dr. Pat Long improvises with live music, using an electric violin, electric cello and sound processor.



Catching up... Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Doug Powers, Registrar Director Alex Smith, and Assistant Professor of Music Holly O'Riordan



SU President Jay Lemons commends the scholarship of the faculty and staff

The 'Focus on Scholarship' celebration was well-attended and proved a worthy tribute to faculty and staff accomplishments. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event.

**THANK
YOU!**

A special thank you to everyone who helped to make this a successful and memorable event, including library staffers Susan Musser, Renee Rheiner, Sheila Fisher and Ann Marie Rompolki.



A time to relax and enjoy tasty nibbles

CSA ADDS NEW DATABASES

Faculty in the Sciences and Social Sciences in particular, please note: Subscribers to the CSA *Environmental Science and Pollution Management Database* now have access, at no additional charge, to abstracts in several new databases, including *Human Population & Natural Resource Management*. This database deals with issues arising from the conflict between the ever-increasing population of the Earth and the Earth's limited environmental and natural resources. *Human Population & Natural Resource Management* explores human population and demography topics, as well as societal issues involving natural resource management. Coverage includes relevant papers, reports, books and reviews from standard peer-reviewed scientific journals. To ensure comprehensive coverage, material from conference proceedings and hard-to-find gray literature has also been summarized. For more information about the database, please visit:

http://www.csa.com/csa/factsheets/human_population.shtml

NEW ABSTRACT DATABASES

To find this and other new abstract databases, check the CSA databases from the Library's web page, under **Selected Web** in the lower right section. Scroll down to the CSA databases. Then select [Search sub-files](#) of the *Environmental Science and Pollution Management Database*.

A complete list of the abstract databases from CSA:

Agricultural and Environ. Biotech. Abstracts 1993-
Algology Mycology & Protozoology Abstracts 1982-
Animal Behavior Abstracts 1982-
ARTbibliographies Modern 1974-
ASFA 1: Biological Sciences & Living Resources 1971-
ASFA Aquaculture Abstracts 1984-
ASFA Marine Biotechnology Abstracts 1989-
ASFA 3: Aquatic Pollution & Environ. Quality 1990-
Bacteriology Abstracts (Microbiology B) 1982-
BioEngineering Abstracts 1993-
Biological Sciences [Search subfiles](#)
Biology Digest 1989-
Calcium & Calcified Tissue Abstracts 1982-
Chemoreception Abstracts 1982-
Conference Papers Index 1982-
CSA Neurosciences Abstracts 1982-

Ecology Abstracts 1982-
EIS: Digests of Environmental Impact Statements 1985-
Entomology Abstracts 1982-
Environmental Engineering Abstracts 1990-
Environmental Sciences & Pollution Mgmt [Search subfiles](#)
ERIC 1966-
Genetics Abstracts 1982-
Health and Safety Science Abstracts 1981-
Human Genome Abstracts 1982-
Human Population & Natural Resource Mgmt 1995-
Immunology Abstracts 1982-
Industrial & Applied Microbiology Abstracts (Microbiology A) 1982-
Medical & Pharmaceutical Biotech Abstracts 1993-
MEDLINE 1993-
Nucleic Acids Abstracts 1982-
Oncogenes & Growth Factors Abstracts 1989-
Plant Science 1994-
Pollution Abstracts 1981-
Risk Abstracts 1990-
Social Services Abstracts 1980-
Sociological Abstracts 1963-
Toxicology Abstracts 1981-
TOXLINE 1999-
Virology & AIDS Abstracts 1982-
Water Resources Abstracts 1967-
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts 1975-

All of the CSA databases can be accessed from the Library's web page. These new abstracting databases offer broad access to literature in the natural and social sciences. *ERIC*, *MEDLINE* and *ARTbibliographies Modern* can also be searched from here.

NEW FACULTY LUNCH

New Faculty Luncheons were held on September 15 and 23. Seven new faculty members attended the luncheons. Chris Praul, Public Services Librarian, Kathy Dalton, Reference Librarian, and Library Director Kathleen Gunning spoke to them about library services. The faculty members had an opportunity to use the new

wireless laptops. Faculty members were happy with the demonstrations and found them helpful in reviewing Library services. They indicated that third and fourth weeks of fall semester were a good time for this type of instruction.

"PORTABLE CLASSROOM"

A laptop cart and 25 wireless laptops have been purchased and are being used for library instruction. Kathy Dalton and Chris Praul can teach sessions simultaneously when two faculty members request instruction at the same time. Wireless laptops can also be used in conjunction with the PCs near the reference desk when classes are large and require additional machines.



Kathy Dalton uses laptops to teach students

In other applications, classes can be divided, allowing for joint instruction by Kathy and Chris in two separate locations. The wireless laptops were also used during the New Faculty luncheons to allow hands-on application.



Students hard at work during Library Instruction

--Kathleen Gunning

PROFESSOR HOUSLEY HONORED

After 36 years of dedicated service to Susquehanna University, Degenstein Professor of History Don D. Housley retired at the end of the 2004 academic year. Library members were pleased to be among those who attended the retirement dinner honoring Dr. Housley.

To celebrate the event, former students contacted history majors from previous years to surprise Don with a very special gift. At the dinner, about 85 guests watched as Virginia "Ginny" Lloyd '81 and Steve Budd '78 presented Dr. Housley with a check for \$32,000 ear-marked for the Don Housley Endowment Fund – a fund created to help the University Archives. Ms. Lloyd gave a moving speech as she recounted events highlighting the critical role Don had played mentoring her as a student.

Professor Housley has long been a devoted supporter of the Archives, giving both time and financial gifts over the years to develop and promote the Archives. He had requested that any such gifts be directed to the Archives to continue the important work begun from the generous Class-of-'68 gift. To date, the University has received 128 gifts from alumni, friends, faculty and staff in Don's honor, and they are still trickling in...

We are delighted that Don received this honor, and that through the generosity of our alumni we can continue to support these programs. We remain grateful to Don for his ongoing steadfast interest in and promotion of the Archives. Development Office staff members have also been extremely cooperative and helpful in furthering this endeavor, and we acknowledge their efforts with gratitude.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Reference Librarian Kathy Dalton will be on sabbatical during spring semester '05. Chris Praul will be responding to requests for Library Instruction, along with a part-time reference librarian who will be hired for next term. Please recall that all the librarians are able to assist faculty and students with their research requests.

NEW VIDEOS IN MEDIA CENTER

DVDs:

Angels in America
Art of Piano
At the River I stand
Babette's Feast
Black Panther/San Francisco State: on Strike
Carmina Burana
Citizen King
Fighting for Freedom: Revolution & Civil War
Into the Woods
King and I
Life and Debt
Mona Lisa Smile
Murder of Emmett Till
Rise and Fall of Jim Crow
Sunday in the Park with George
Touching the Void

VHS:

Afro@digital
Age of Reason
Art of Being Fully Human
Business of America—
Clockwork
Conversations with Women from the Third World
Critical Guide to the Odyssey
Deviance and Social Control
Does All Knowledge Depend on Experience?
Excalibur
Face to Face with Giacometti
First Knight
Goldenrod and the Gallfly: the Evolution of an
Interaction
Good Fight: the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the
Spanish Civil War
History of the World, part I
Is Reason the Source of Knowledge?
Marcel Duchamp in His Own Words
Messenger: the Story of Joan of Arc
Monty Python and the Holy Grail
New Approaches to Costing

Noche de los Lapices (The Night of the Pencils)
Norte (The North)
Passion of Joan of Arc (La Passion de Jeanne
d'Arc)
Promoting Social Responsibility
Saint Joan
Sword in the Stone
Three Penny Opera
Vivre au Paradis
W.E.B. Du Bois: a Biography in Four Voices
William Faulkner
Women
Women in Ancient Greece and Rome
Women in Medieval/Renaissance Europe

THANK YOU CHRIS
KATHY & JEFF

Chris Praul, Kathy Dalius and Jeff Martin deserve an extra special round of applause for their excellent work in the ongoing delivery of Media services following Michelle Chan's leaving. Kathy and Jeff both pitched in by working additional hours for the last 9 weeks. With help from student media managers and assistants, they responded to all requests for service from the beginning of fall semester right up to fall break, when the majority of the media equipment was moved to the Office of Information Technology.

Chris worked extra hours to cover times when regular staff were not available, and responded to requests for IT assistance at times when Kathy and Jeff were not scheduled to work. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment to service that is so often exemplified by the Library and Media Center staff. Kudos to you all!

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