

NCSU Libraries Receives Grants

The NCSU Libraries recently received two grants in support of its programs. The A. J. Fletcher Foundation gave a \$10,000 grant for the exhibit "Simplicity, Order, and Discipline: The Work of George Matsumoto from the NCSU Libraries' Special Collections." Matsumoto, one of the NC State School of Design's first faculty members, has had a tremendous influence on modern architecture nationally for decades. Matsumoto donated his North Carolina-era papers and drawings to the Libraries' Special Collections Department in 1996. The exhibit is on display in the Visual Arts Center's Foundations Gallery, University Student Center, through June 27, 1997.

Raleigh's A. J. Fletcher Foundation, founded by Alfred Johnston Fletcher, provides funding for a variety of charitable endeavors throughout the state. Major annual contributions support the Fletcher School of Performing Arts and the National Opera Company, as well as an extensive program of music scholarships.

The Libraries also received a \$15,000 grant from the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation of New York to found the Lucius N. Littauer Judaica Book Fund. The endowment will produce income for the

acquisition of Judaica and Hebraica materials in all formats to support the Lawrence S. Rudner Holocaust Memorial Collection. It will also support future offerings of an English course on "Literature of the Holocaust," first taught at NC State University by Lawrence S. Rudner. Rudner, acclaimed author, Holocaust scholar, and teacher in the Department of English, died in 1995 from a brain tumor. As one friend—a Holocaust survivor—remembered, "For many students, Dr. Rudner's class was their first exposure to Jewish culture and everything connected with it."

Rudner's papers, manuscripts, and personal book collection were given to the Libraries by his family to establish the Lawrence S. Rudner Holocaust Memorial Collection. The collection is directly supported by the Lawrence S. Rudner Holocaust Memorial Endowment, which achieved library support fund level in 1996 through the generosity of Rudner's family, friends, and colleagues.

The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation has advanced Jewish studies across the United States through its endowment of Judaica book funds and Jewish studies. The NCSU Libraries deeply appreciates its support for NC State University. ♦

Lexis/Nexis Training—Summer 1997

The NCSU Libraries currently offers access to Lexis/Nexis, an online information retrieval service that includes news, corporate, financial, industry, intellectual property, regulatory, and governmental resources. NC State students, faculty, and staff may access a variety of full-text resources to complete classroom assignments.

The library's Research and Information Services Department offers introductory training sessions for Lexis/Nexis to the university's students, faculty, and staff. Sessions are designed for the beginner, with an emphasis on organization of the service, navigation, and basic search commands.

To register for a session, send an e-mail message to:

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Indicate the course you wish to attend and include the section number listed below. You will receive a confirmation of your registration status. If you do not have access to e-mail, call Sharon Webster at ext. 5-2936 to register.

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MaizeDB is part of the Plant Genome Database network of the Agricultural Genome Information Server, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Research Service, and the National Agricultural Library. It is a public, Internet gateway. The Sybase database, gopher file extraction, and the WWW gateway to Sybase are supported by Genera software. The server maintains a locally generated Sybase copy of ENZYME, an externally curated database that provides links from EC# of MaizeDB gene products to SwissProt and OMIM. Browse-pages are being added to the "Of Interest to Maize Cooperators Page."

<http://www.agron.missouri.edu/>

The publications list of the National Wetlands Research Center, covering wetland studies for more than twenty years, contains peer-reviewed journal articles, technical publications, maps and posters, and outreach publications. Some are available in full from the Web site in the form of .pdf files. Acrobat Reader is needed to view these documents. Other publications cannot be displayed because of copyright restrictions, but bibliographic citations are provided. The publications list is searchable, and browsing is supported in author alphabetized lists divided into ten major categories.

<http://www.nwrc.gov/publications.html>

The *Medieval Feminist Index (MFI)* covers journal articles, book reviews, and essays in books about women, sexuality, and gender during the Middle Ages. Librarians and scholars began compiling MFI in July 1996. Books written by a single author are not indexed in MFI. More than 250 journal titles are indexed, as well as essay collections devoted in large part to relevant topics. The indexing for 1995 publications is nearing completion and work on 1996

titles is well under way. Indexers expect to begin indexing the current year soon. The period covered is 450 C.E. to 1500 C.E., and the geographic areas included are Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Publications in English, German, and French are being indexed. Material in other languages will appear in the future.

<http://www.haverford.edu/library/reference/mschaus/mfi/mfi.html>

The British Library's services are based on its outstanding collections of more than 150 million items. At present, individual collections have separate catalogs, but the library plans to develop a single catalog database. At present, OPAC 97 provides information about the contents of a number of the library's major collections—it will allow users to identify what material is held in the major reference and document supply collections.

<http://opac97.bl.uk/>

When researching a particular topic, consult the specific collection areas to ensure finding all possible resources. Some items may only appear in printed catalogs or indexes. Many areas have their pages on the library's Web site:

<http://portico.bl.uk>

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<http://nsr.mij.mrs.org/>

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