

# Library Connection

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*From the Director*

## Happenings of Interest to Faculty



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### Current Journals Room

Funding by the Anheuser-Busch Foundation for a Current Journals Room in Morgan Library will dramatically improve access to and availability of current journals. Having all current journal issues in one location will reduce the time and frustration now involved in finding or waiting for journals. The creation of this area within the existing space will involve shifting every volume in the building. We will take advantage of this opportunity to arrange the collection in one uninterrupted sequence and reduce significantly the "oversized" or "folio" section. The Current Journals Room, to be completed by fall 1990, will be accessible all hours the library is open and will make journal use easier and more convenient.

Records of 180,000 U.S. documents published since 1976 are now available in CAM, the Libraries online catalog. A search in CAM will turn up not only the books and journals in our collection, but also the U.S. government documents. Since 1907, the Libraries has received over 90 percent of the documents published by the U.S. government. This currently amounts to more than 30,000 items per year. Government documents include critical collections of primary information. For example, as the nation's factfinder, the Bureau of the

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Census provides exhaustive statistical information on subjects ranging from demographics and agricultural production to foreign trade. The amount of information now conveniently available to faculty and students through CAM has increased significantly and new records will be added monthly.

### Library Automation

The Academic Computing and Networking Plan, recently prepared by the Technical Advisory Committee, included two library funding priorities. One was increased automation of basic library services. "One of the most salient and important advantages of the campus network is the remote access it will provide to the University Libraries' computer-based catalog. On-going efforts to support the enhancement of the Libraries necessitates the infusion of new information technology as well as the expansion of holdings. As the primary knowledge repository and information center at Colorado State, as at any educational institution, information technology is key to future improvements. We urge the university community to recognize that increasing library holdings and accessibility to these holdings must go hand in hand."

The second was to promote access and improve the overall amount of electronic bibliographic and textual information available through the Libraries. "Through network access to...on-line databases of reference materials, students, faculty, and staff in their offices can search various library catalogs, commercial services, the Library of Congress, and other resources. Students and faculty alike will benefit enormously as the libraries at Colorado State augment the university's base of scholarly reference, bibliographic, and textual materials."

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The Libraries' plans, priorities and budget requests over the next several years will be aimed at addressing these two recommendations.

### Journal Subscriptions

Over the past several years we have experienced staggering increases in the prices of journal subscriptions, especially for foreign scientific journals. In spite of these increases, we have been able to avoid large-scale subscription cancellations, primarily by shifting dollars

away from expenditures for books. In each of the past two years, however, the book budget has been restored with substantial one-time supplements. Again this year, we are protecting journal subscriptions and counting on supplemental funding to restore the book budget. We are also committing an additional \$40,000 for new journal subscriptions, as well as several thousand dollars for filling gaps in existing journal runs, in an effort to provide an adequate critical mass of materials for faculty and students.

## Better Reading Campaign Launched

As part of an effort to promote the joy and importance of reading, the Libraries is inaugurating a "Better Reading Campaign."

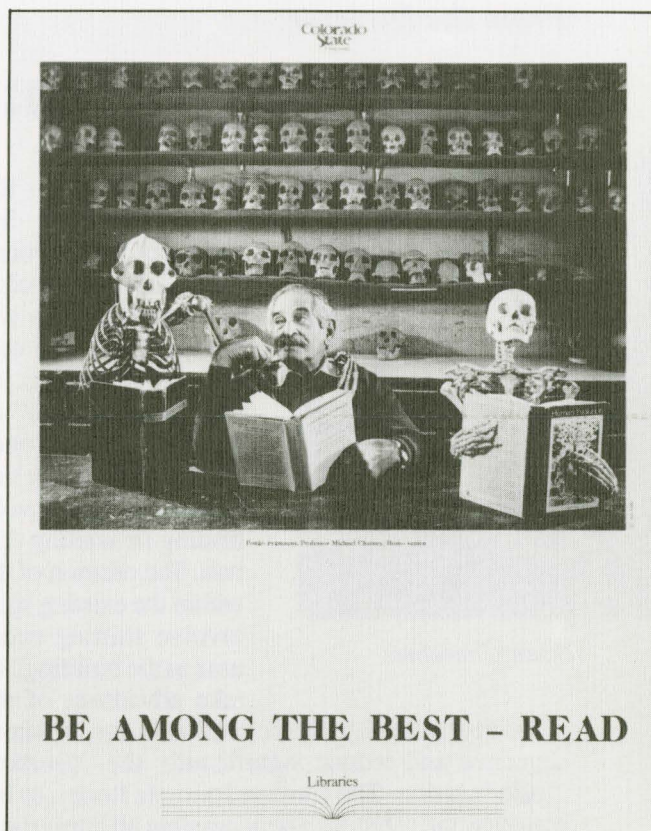
The campaign will center around five faculty at Colorado State whose careers can be considered models of success. All have selected books that made an impact on their professional development as well as their individual well-being. These books are now on display, along with their annotations, in the second floor exhibit cases at Morgan Library. Annotated lists of the books are available in the exhibit area.

To publicize the campaign, a series of posters is being produced featuring each of the five faculty in a humorous setting relating to his or her interests. Photographs used in the posters are being taken by Don Eddy.

The faculty members participating in the "Better Reading Campaign" are Sue Ellen Charlton, Political Science; Michael Charney, Forensic Science; Boyd Grant, Athletics; Gearold Johnson, Mechanical Engineering; and Harry Rosenberg, History.

Posters will be sold for \$10.00 each, with the proceeds used to purchase books.

*Joel Rutstein, Collection Development Officer*



## Irene Godden Honored

Irene Godden, Associate Director of Libraries, has been named Colorado Librarian of the Year.

Godden was honored by the Colorado Library Association for her role in re-establishing graduate library education in Colorado. Following the close of the Library School at the University of Denver, Godden worked,

first as a member and later as chair of the CLA Graduate Library School Committee, to bring a graduate library program to Colorado.

As a result of Godden's effort, Emporia State University is offering its degree program in Denver this year to nearly 100 students from all parts of Colorado.



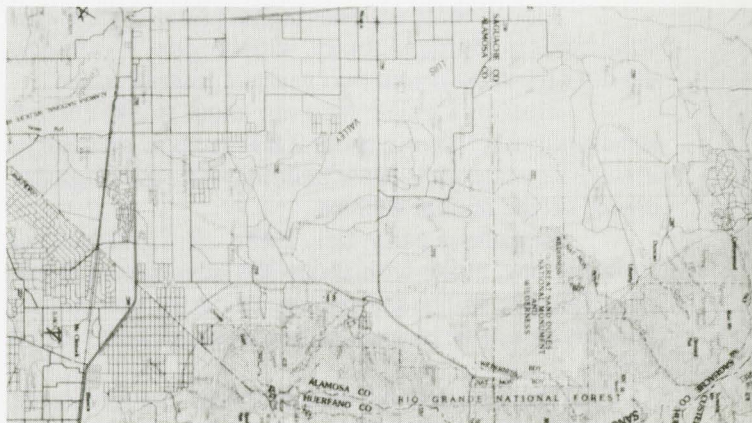
# Library Expands Map Collection

Traveling to Michoacan or looking for oil fields in Colorado? The Libraries has up-to-date maps of these and many other areas, and in the past year several thousand new maps and several geographic computer products have been added to the collection.

Most of the nearly 40,000 maps in the collection are published by the U.S. government, and include topographic maps, maps of national parks and forests, as well as geologic, hydrologic, and soil maps. The Libraries also has maps for all the states and virtually all foreign countries.

PCUSA and PCGlobe are computerized atlases that can be used to produce geographic and demographic maps. Geological sonar maps of the Gulf of Mexico, NOAA's Next Generation Cartography Program and the USGS airborne radar maps are available on CD-ROM.

Maps are listed on CAM, the online catalog, and can be checked out of the library. The map collection is located in the Documents Department, on the second floor of Morgan Library. If you have not used the collec-



tion recently, stop in and see the new maps and CD-ROMs. For more information, call the Documents Department, 491-1882.

*Suzanne Taylor, Government Documents Librarian*  
*Julie Katzenberger, Library Assistant, Documents Department*

## CD-ROMs in the Documents Department

### Bibliographic Databases

**Arctic and Antarctic Regions:** Indexes and abstracts publications from 1950 to the present.

**Earth Sciences:** Includes three U.S. Geological Survey databases: Earth Sciences Data Directory; GEOINDEX, an index to geological maps; and USGS-LIB with records of U.S.G.S. library acquisitions since 1975.

**Natural Resources Database:** Provides access to a cluster of natural resources files.

**NTIS:** Indexes and abstracts reports of U.S. government sponsored research published by the National Technical Information Service from 1980 to the present. It is equivalent to *Government Reports Announcements and Index*.

**Selected Water Resources Abstracts:** Indexes and abstracts monographs, journal articles, reports and other publications on water resources from 1969 to the present.

### Numeric Databases

**CASSIS:** Accesses current patent classification information and various patent reference publications of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**Census of Agriculture and Retail Trade:** Data from both 1982 censuses in tabular form.

**CLIMATEDATA-Hourly Precipitation:** Hourly precipitation values for more than 5,000 present and historical stations.

**CLIMATEDATA-Summary of the Day:** National Climatic Data Center's files on daily observations

by state for 100 years: temperature, precipitation, snow-fall and evaporation.

**FEDSTAT:** Statistical and related data files containing the more popular and widely used social and economic data at the local, county and state levels.

**Food, Agriculture and Science:** Test disk with full text of twenty publications from international agricultural research centers.

**HYDRODATA-Colorado Water Rights:** Compilation of conditional and absolute water rights granted under Colorado's prior appropriation system. Legal and administrative information from the State Engineer's tabulation of water rights.

**HYDRODATA-Daily Values:** Contains resource data from the U.S. Geological Survey's daily and peak value files for the United States and Canada covering more than 100 years.

**HYDRODATA-Quality of Water:** Data on over 3 million analyses involving 3,000 parameters of surface and groundwater quality from the U.S. Geological Survey's WATSTORE database.

**NEIC/ORPHEUS Earthquake Data:** Digital earthquake data from two databases covering 1980-84 and 1983-88.

**World Weatherdisc:** A massive meteorological database describing the historic and current climate of the earth. The Documents Department continually receives additional materials on CD-ROM and computer disks.

For more information, please call the Government Documents Reference Desk, 491-1882.



## Anheuser-Busch Funds Current Journals Room

Library staff are drawing up plans to rearrange collections in Morgan Library, with the goal of bringing together the most recent two years of journal issues.

Morgan Library receives about 8,200 current subscriptions. Of these, about 2,800 are now on display in three separate areas of the building with the remainder placed on the regular shelves.

Beginning early fall, 1990, all 8,200 current subscriptions, along with about 300 government document journals, will be shelved together in the new current journals area, to be located on the east wing of the second floor.

The creation of this area will involve some renovation and a lot of shifting. In addition to painting, re-lighting, carpeting, and installing new shelving, all materials currently shelved in the designated space must be relocated. However, the library will take advantage of this opportunity to reorganize and simplify the shelving arrangement of the collections.

For instance, folio call numbers will be inter-shelved to create just one call number sequence, leaving only a small collection of oversized materials. All through

the late spring and summer terms, library staff will be shifting books and journals, using temporary signage to direct library users.

The library faculty and staff are looking forward to the grand opening of the new current journals area, and the improved shelving arrangements. On behalf of all library users, a huge THANK YOU goes to the Anheuser-Busch Foundation for the \$250,000 gift supporting the Libraries.

*Nancy Allen, Assistant Director for Public Services*

## Traveling?

A reminder: If you book your travel through Professional Travel Corporation or Bon Voyage Travel, two percent of the fare will be contributed to the University Libraries for the purchase of books.

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