

The UCLA University Research Library

Department of Special Collections has received a \$500,000 grant from The Ahmanson Foundation to support book acquisitions for the Ahmanson-Murphy Aldine and Early Italian Printing Collections. The collection of the publications of Aldo Manuzio, his family, and imitators was begun in 1961 during the tenure of Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy. The Early Italian Printing collection was established to expand research holdings printed during the period of the Aldine Collection. More than 300 printers are now represented.

The University of North Dakota's Chester

Fritz Library has been awarded grants totaling \$18,000 for flood recovery projects. In April 1997, North Dakota's Red River Valley was inundated by a flood of historic proportions. While the campus did flood, the library building escaped water damage. However 10 percent of the 26,000 library items charged out at the time of the flood were either lost or damaged. The following foundations have awarded grants to replace ruined or destroyed research materials: U.S. West Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, Elmer L. & Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation, Baker Foundation, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and the Dakota Gasification Company.

Rider University's Moore Library has received a grant of \$31,000 from the John

Robert Gregg Fund of the New York Community Trust. The funds will be used to complete the cataloging of the Louis A. Leslie Collection of shorthand and business-education materials. Leslie amassed one of the most complete shorthand collections in existence, which he later donated to Rider.

The Johnson & Wales University Library

has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the George L. Alden Trust to purchase new hardware and software for the library's computer system. The university was invited to become a full member in the Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN), a consortium of academic libraries in Rhode Island; the grant will make it possible to acquire the equipment to connect to HELIN.

Acquisitions

A collection of approximately 200 rare books about the history and exploration of Africa was given to Cushing Memorial Library at Texas A&M University by the family of Rex B. Grey (1921-1980). Grey, a 1941 mechanical engineering graduate of Texas A&M, was president of International Telephone and Telegraph's African and Middle East operations. He built the collection by acquiring most of the books from Sotheby's and other distinguished English auction houses and booksellers. The books date from the 17th to the early 20th centuries and include such important works as John Ogilby's *History of Africa* (London, 1670), Woodes Rogers' *A Cruising Voyage Around the World* (London, 1712), J. K. Tuckey's *Narrative of an Expedition to the River Zaire* (London, 1818), and W. Cornwallis Harris' *Portraits of Game and Wild Animals in Southern Africa* (London, 1840).

A collection of popular narrative arts, from comic strips to motion pictures, has

Help for nonprofits

The Clinton administration has created an Internet site designed as a central starting point to help nonprofit organizations access online federal information and services. Linked to all cabinet departments and many agencies, it contains information about grants, regulations, taxes, and other services, as well as information on a wide range of other topics and programs. Check out this site at <http://www.nonprofit.gov>.

been acquired by the Ohio State University (OSU) Cartoon Research Library. The collections, approximately 150,000 pounds of boxes and files, were previously housed in the San Francisco Academy of Comic Art (SFACA). The academy's well-known book editing and writing projects will continue at an accelerated pace, focusing on books featuring the work of Elzie Segar and George Herriman. OSU Libraries intend to maintain the intellectual coherence of the SFACA materials through its computerized cataloging system while the various works are housed in disperse units in order to place them with existing groups of similar materials.

Transcripts of the Westmoreland vs. CBS

trial were presented to the Texas Tech University Library's Vietnam Archive. Larry Berman, a professor and political science department chairman at the University of California at Davis, donated the papers to the archive. In a CBS Television special, which aired on Jan. 23, 1982, CBS Anchor Mike Wallace told how, in CBS' view, the American military conspired to suppress and alter military intelligence about the North Vietnamese military. "The special implicated Gen. William Westmoreland in the conspiracy and cast doubt on his military honor," said James R. Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center and a professor of history at Texas Tech. "Having sought, and not received, an apology from CBS, Gen. Westmoreland sued the network to regain his honor. Later CBS settled the case and apologized to Gen. Westmoreland," said Reckner. Berman served as a consultant to CBS Television, and at the end of the trial obtained the complete transcript of the trial and supplementary materials. These original documents comprise 48 banker's boxes of materials detailing the U.S. involvement in the Southeast Asian conflict.

Leon Uris, renowned author of *Battle Cry*, *Exodus*, and *Trinity*

, announced that the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin is to be the archival repository of his literary manuscripts. In addition to the novels, Uris has written

screenplays, coauthored photography books, and contributed stories and articles to many magazines and anthologies. "Uris is one of the most popular and widely read novelists America has produced," said Thomas F. Staley, director of the Ransom Center. "His extensive contextual research gives his novels a sense of living presence and authority achieved by few contemporary authors." ■

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immediate colleagues or mentors and no safety net if administrative priorities change. But the participants also agreed that the rewards, such as increased autonomy and responsibility, the opportunity to develop new skills, and the chance to become a "citizen of the university," make the risks worth taking.

Performance measures

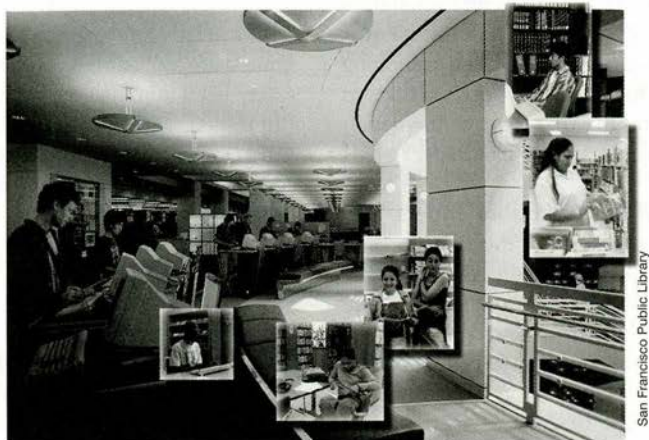
Moderator Betsy Wilson led the well-attended ULS Public Services Heads of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group. Mary Jackson and Shirley Baker first briefed the group on the ILL/DD Performance Measures Study. The study has succeeded in identifying "best practice" libraries: those libraries whose interlibrary loan practices have experienced a high rate of success in timeliness, accuracy, and patron satisfaction. The study also raised several questions. Why, for example, does the average turnaround time for ILL remain close to the same rate achieved ten years ago?

Workshops to examine what libraries can do to improve their ILL practices will be held after the final report is published this winter. Wilson then acquainted the group with developments regarding the proposed National Information Literacy Institute. This immersion program, funded in part by ACRL, will focus on the practical and theoretical issues of teaching information literacy. Other topics under discussion included performance measures, assessment initiatives, and a review of the types of Web support currently offered in academic libraries. Assessment initiatives will again be under consideration at the ALA Annual meeting in Washington D.C.—*Anne Garrison, reference librarian, Georgia Tech Library; e-mail: anne.garrison@ibid.library.gatech.edu* ■

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