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Message from the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian

GREETINGS!! Based on its inclusion of various travel itineraries, this issue of the newsletter could be referred to as the "travelogue." As NSU expands its academic programs abroad, we will be expected to visit the new sites to determine the adequacy of library resources held by universities in the respective global site. And we will continue our practice of visiting sites in and outside of the U.S. to provide instruction and training. Two new librarian positions were funded by the university administration this fiscal year to meet a SACS recommendation: to provide additional instruction and training for students taking courses at distance education sites.

In addition to fulfilling the library-related responsibilities to/for our distance education students, we will witness more travel for staff development and professional contributions. During the latter part of this past October I participated in an international conference in Beijing, China. The "invitation only" conference focused on "new missions of academic libraries in the 21st Century." About 19 countries were represented at this conference. I was invited to participate in this conference due to NSU's international reputation as a leader in distance education.

Academic libraries and librarianship in general are changing at an unprecedented rate. Thus, in order for us to provide the "best practices" in meeting/exceeding the expectations of our user, we will have to engage in more staff development activities (including participation in conferences). However, our funds remain inadequate in covering travel and conference expenses. Based on one of its emphases being staff development, SEFLIN continues to provide

a significant benefit to Southeast Florida libraries. Undoubtedly, the local staff development opportunities provided by SEFLIN save its members lots of travel time and money while providing excellent teleconferences, vendor showcases, and national experts/speakers.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



BOB BOGORFF



BETTIE JACOBS

AN ARCHIVAL ADVENTURE

Casually stroll the path surrounding the Sonken Building, cross the bridge, tromp through the weedy field, enter the physical plant building, take the elevator to the second floor, and enter the past.

Brown boxes filled with files blend together. Maps and floor plans are rolled up in corners. Plaques and photo albums are stacked on shelves. Nestled in a second floor corner is a fairly new, yet little known department. This is the Archives. And the adventure has just begun.

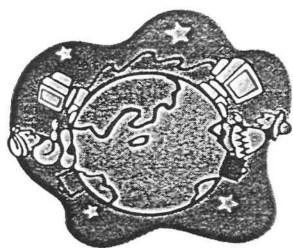
Meet Bob Bogorff, Director, and Bettie Jacobs, Assistant to the Director. Between them, Bob and Bettie have over 40 years of experience and involvement with NSU. Bettie was the assistant to Dr. Abraham Fischler, second president and president emeritus of NSU. At their fingertips is the history of NSU. And for a university that is 34 years old there is plenty of history!

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"The libraries of America are and must ever remain the home of free, inquiring minds. To them, our citizens — of all ages and races, of all creeds and political persuasions — must be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth, unvarnished by fashion and uncompromised by expediency".

—President Dwight Eisenhower

Peggy Madison
Einstein Library



LIBRARIANS AROUND THE GLOBE

VENEZUELA
Kathleen Dunleavy,
Einstein Library

The jet lands at Aeropuerto Simon Bolivar and I am between green mountains and the azure Caribbean hailing a UTAC taxi to drive me to Caracas. The wide modern highway winds for miles through the unpopulated valley. Along with trucks in first gear we chug through two smoggy tunnels until I see the first of the brick barrios on the outskirts of the capital city. Midday traffic mixes with street vendors, shoppers, workers at lunch, work trucks -- all the orderly confusion I expect to see in the most important city of Venezuela. I am here to look at university libraries as potential sources of information for NSU's Cluster #9, ITDE (Instructional Technology and Distance Education) program.

Zobeida Ramos, Cluster Coordinator, is my hostess for my three-day stay. She arranges meetings with two library directors, tours of their respective campuses, gift shopping, and even a side trip to an historic residence of Simon Bolivar. At both schools, Zobeida's workplace at the Universidad Nacional Abierta and at the highly respected and loved Universidad Central de Venezuela (whose education library our cluster students want to use), the staff treats us graciously to little cups of coffee and willingly offers to complete the *library assessment survey* and get it to me the next day.

Cluster 9 students arrange a meeting with coffee and rich apple pastry in order to meet me and to give me a lovely piece of pottery. Most wonderful of all they want to make sure that when I return to Nova, I tell EVERYONE how very happy they are with the service and kindness they receive from Nova. These eager, generous, happy students made me feel very fortunate to work at NSU.

COLORADO

Janice Gottlieb, Director, HPD Library

In July, I attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in Snowmass Village, Colorado. The conference center was about four hours west of Denver, where we landed, and the drive through the Rockies was magnificent.

During the conference I met with about 50 other librarians from Colleges of Pharmacy throughout the country. We discussed topics from the updating and expansion of the Basic

Resources List to provision of library service to distance learners. I also attended a fascinating talk entitled "Using Electronic Technology to Promote Pedagogical Change" presented by faculty members from Albany and St. Louis Colleges of Pharmacy. They jointly taught online courses for students at both schools, who had to correspond with each other and critique each other's work. Another lecture, delivered by faculty from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, fits right in with one of our strategic plan goals. It was about multi-cultural patient care.

It was wonderful to meet other librarians with similar concerns. They seemed quite impressed when I described our university, the HPD programs, and our electronic catalog and database offerings.

CAMBRIDGE IN THE FALL

Billie Jo Kaufman, Director, Law Library

The American Association of Law Libraries, the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, and the British-Irish Association of Law Libraries held its first Joint Study Institute at Cambridge University in September. There were over 100 attendees, speakers, and vendors. The meetings were held at the Squire Law Library at Cambridge University in a lovely new facility. Of course, many of the libraries and buildings on campus are old. It is not unusual for a building to be from the 13th or 14th century.

Library cooperation is tentative. Each library has its own classification system, which inhibits interlibrary loans. Users must "apply" for use cards by verifying their needs and proving their affiliation with a school. Hours are limited by US academic standards; little or no evening use hours and quite limited weekend hours exist. Many of the collections are truly "rare books" and are archival miracles. The Cambridge University Library has a wonderful exhibit area, which is almost museum-like by US standards.

We heard excellent presentations on the European Union, legal education, and online/Internet changes to publication efforts. Side trips to Ely and Walpole Hall were included. Once in London we were treated to a tour of the new, \$551 million British Library. It is a wonderful facility. We also visited the Law Society Library, which is a law library for the practicing bar.

ITALY

Sarah Tabor, Law Library

Rome, the eternal city -- they should have said eternally repairing. The year 2000 and the Holy Year preparation have streets being widened, famous landmarks draped in scaffolding, and some historic places closed for restoration. Yet, the 17th Annual International Association of Law Libraries was probably the highlight of my career.

Since the inception of the League of Nations and its failure, the wisdom of unifying systems of law into a universal standard has been a dream. Unification and harmonization of law was yet to come. Now these are the new buzz words in Europe and the British Isles. The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) has taken up this task since the League of Nations ceased and has become independent of the latter body, the United Nations. The library in Rome has over 230,000 books and 550 current periodicals and is in the process of planning an online catalog.

The Ministry of Justice and the CED (Centre for Electronic Documentation), is a newly renovated library located in the Palace of Justice in Piazza Ceavour. The library collection dating from 1866 has 250,000 books, and current periodical titles total 1,300. The SBN, the national library network since 1989, allows 700 Italian libraries to be searched. Books are retrieved and delivered to the Circulation Desk via a mechanical system which, in that old building, was very impressive. The website is <http://www.giustizia.it>.

The networking and sharing is always the highlight of such conferences. I was delighted to be able to meet and talk with librarians from behind the Iron Curtain, from Budapest, Hungary, and The National Library of Estonia. No matter whom I spoke to within the world, I realized that here at NSU we are by far more computer centered, electronically connected, and innovative than anyone else.

ATHENS, GENEVA, CAIRO

Johanna Tunon, Einstein Library

Several programs at NSU are exploring the possibility of starting clusters in Athens, Geneva, and Cairo. The Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) and Masters of International Business Administration (MIBA) are exploring all three sites while the Masters of Science in Education is hoping to start a cluster in January.

Because SACS requires that students in the proposed clusters will have adequate library resources, I was sent to do a library assessment of library resources in Athens, Cairo, and Geneva. While I was there, I visited the International University, the University of Geneva, and the International Labor Organization's libraries in Geneva, American University Cairo, City University, the British Council's Information Center, and the Developmental Information Center (DIC) libraries in Cairo, and Campus Arts and Sciences, the National Library of Greece, the University of La Verne Athens Campus, and the National Research Library in Athens.

NEWS from the CARIBBEAN

Nora Quinlan, Einstein Library

The four recently hired off-shore librarians made their first joint visit to NSU this summer from August 3rd to 5th. The off-shore campus librarians are responsible for providing on-site library service and training for NSU BPM and SBE students in the Bahamas, Jamaica (in both Kingston and Ocho Rios), and Panama.



Berthamae Walker (Bahamas), Joyce Brown and Sandra Stubbs (Jamaica), and Rolando Cochez (Panama) arrived in Fort Lauderdale on August 3rd. The primary purpose of their visit was to develop a bond with each other and forge an identity with NSU. During their three-day stay they met with their Einstein Library counterparts as well as BPM and SBE administration and staff, toured NSU main and East campuses, participated in library training workshops, and attended a reception and luncheon in their honor given by SBE.

Each of the off-shore campus librarians comes to NSU with a strong background in libraries and student training. Berthamae Walker is Acting Director of Libraries and Instructional Media Services at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau.

Joyce Brown, an NSU alumna with an MBA degree from SBE, is a Lecturer/Librarian in charge of the library at the Moneague College, a teacher training and community college in Ocho Rios.

Rolando Cochez is a librarian for the Technical Resource Center of the Panama Canal Commission.

Sandra Stubbs is the Director of the Learning Resources and Information Branch, Management Institute for National Development, in the Office of the Prime Minister in Kingston. Sandra has also worked for the Jamaica Library Service.



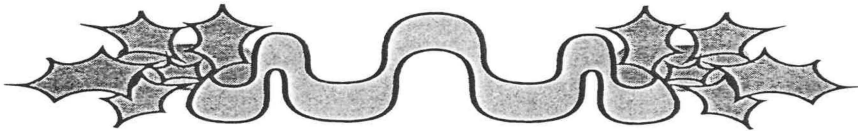
'ANYONE WHO HAS GOT A BOOK COLLECTION/LIBRARY AND A GARDEN WANTS FOR NOTHING'.--CICERO



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The first University Libraries holiday party will be held on

December 18th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the HPD Cafeteria. Please respond promptly when you receive an invitation. The food will be catered and there will be music and merriment. There will also be a special guest for the children. Spouses, significant others, and children are invited. Come join the fun and celebration!



"Once you learn to read you will be forever free." -Frederick Douglass

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An Archival Adventure.....

Learn about Dr. Charles Forman and the Oatmeal Club. A photo of Salvador Dali has a place of distinction in the hallway glass cabinet. Discover the town of Davie's early involvement with NSU. Whatever happened to the airstrip? Ask about Abe Fischler's vision for the direction and growth of NSU. Realize that it is not necessary to travel the far corners of the world to make discoveries. Treasures lie in our own backyard.

As Bob Bogorff aptly stated: "This is the place to really understand how difficult it was at NSU in the formative years." The office is open from 8:30 to 5:00, Monday - Friday. Please call Bob or Bettie at 262-4642 to learn more. There is adventure in the Archives!

Library Listings

Archives:	262-4642
East Campus:	262-4607
Einstein:	
Circulation	262-4601
Reference	262-4613
HPD:	
Circulation	262-3106
Reference	262-3117
Law:	
Circulation	262-6202
Reference	262-6201
Oceanography:	929-1909

Directors

Einstein	Harriett MacDougall
HPD	Janice Gottlieb
Law	Billie Jo Kaufman



Lia Hemphill Receives Prize

Peggy Madison, Einstein Library, Technical Services

We have many winners at Nova Southeastern University Libraries. Lia Hemphill has added to our distinctions by growing winning African violets. At the African Violet Council of Florida Annual Show, Coral Ridge Mall, Oct.9-11, Lia won The Best Novice Award for her plant, *Irish Flirt*. She also won several blue ribbons with her other entries. Lia had never entered a show before, so this made her victory quite an accomplishment. Drop by her office, and she will be happy to show off her plants.

WHAT'S NEW at:

HPD

The HPD Library has a new database subscription. Students and faculty may now access "Alt-HealthWatch" from the NSU Electronic Databases page. Alt-HealthWatch includes full-text articles from periodicals, peer-reviewed journals, research reports, and consumer and association newsletters. Alt-HealthWatch contains articles focusing on complementary, alternative, and integrated approaches to wellness. We hope you find it helpful.

EINSTEIN.....

Best wishes to Mair Bonnin (Roberts) and husband, William, who celebrated their marriage on September 27th. They honeymooned for two weeks throughout Italy.

A warm welcome to Andrea Monroe, part-time reference librarian, Kim Whitty (ILL), and Roseann Auchstetter, Serials Manager.

LAW.....

A speedy recovery and get well wishes are extended to Pedro Perez and Carol Yecies, who were both on extended sick leave due to major surgery.