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LUMIÈRES

Boolean Dogs and Cats



Over the next year and a half, the Middleton Library will be undergoing some significant changes in the way it produces and stores information on its collections . . . and, in the way it allows access to that information. During this time NOTIS, the Northwestern Online Total Integrated System, will be introduced.

NOTIS is an integrated computer system that allows the tracking and control of individual books, magazines, films, etc. in the collection from the time the item is ordered until it is eventually withdrawn. NOTIS was originally developed as an inhouse automated system by the Northwestern University Library in Evanston, Illinois in the early '70s. Now in its fourth version, NOTIS can be used for a variety of library operations including online catalog access, cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, and serials control.

Due to its complexity, NOTIS will be introduced in segments, or modules, over the next year and a half. As each new module is implemented, it will be linked with others already in place until the entire system is operating. The first segment to be installed is the **cataloging module**. The initial catalog database of about 325,000 records will be built using the machine-readable records of items cataloged by LSU since 1975. Catalog records will then continue to be added for both new materials and for older materials already in the collection, and it is estimated that close to 500,000 records will be entered by a year from now.

As a result of building the cataloging database, there will soon be online access to card catalog records through the **online public access catalog**. The online catalog will enable patrons to find materials using an

author, a title, a standardized subject heading, or a nonstandard keyword. This online version of the catalog will eventually replace the traditional card catalog and offer a number of advantages. For example, subject access will become much more flexible than it is now. Not only will patrons be able to continue searching using standard Library of Congress subject headings, they will also be able to search using nonstandard subject and title words or keywords. This will be particularly helpful when the exact form of the subject heading or title is unknown, but one word is known.

As an added bonus, the online catalog will include a new feature not available in traditional card catalogs—**boolean logic** capabilities. Boolean searching will enable patrons to make searches much more specific than before and find the information much faster. For example, consider finding books containing information on *both* dogs and cats. In the past patrons would have had to look at all the catalog cards on dogs and either hope to spot relevant titles or compare all these cards with all the cards on cats and match duplicate entries. Now, using boolean logic, patrons will be able to enter the words dogs and cats and let the computer do the work of matching the duplicate entries and giving a complete list of relevant items. So, instead of thumbing through drawers of catalog cards, patrons will soon be able to sit down at a terminal, type in a request, and have the system display a list of items from which to choose—all from the comfort of their office, home, or classroom building, if desired!

The next segment to be implemented will be the **circulation module**. The new circulation system will

use barcoded information, similar to that used by grocery stores, on individual books and patron IDs to keep track of which items are checked out to whom. It will allow the library to more accurately track materials in use and will offer more flexibility to patrons in checking items out, placing holds on them, or recalling materials. It will also allow the library to better manage the collection by providing faster, more accurate statistics on which portions of the collection are being used more heavily than others.

The final portion of the system to be implemented will be the **serials module**. Using this module, individual issues of journals, series, etc., will be checked in online, and patrons will be able to see immediately what the most current issues of a particular magazine are.

In an effort to make the system accessible campus-wide as soon as possible and to make use of expertise already available, the library will be using the IBM mainframe com-

puter operated by the LSU System Network Computer Center, or SNCC. By using SNCC, patrons will be able to use their own microcomputer to dial into the system from home.

When all modules of the system are in place and are fully integrated, a vast improvement in access to library materials will be noticed. When the online catalog is searched for a particular author, title, or subject, patrons will be able to determine immediately whether the item is owned by the library and get its call number. For items not owned, the search will show whether it is on order, its anticipated date of receipt, and its progress through cataloging and processing. If the item is already owned, the search will tell if it is checked out, when it is due back, and will be able to place a hold or recall on the item. And all this can be done from the other side of campus—or town!

Beth Warner
Coordinator, Library Automation
and Systems

The Annual Banquet

The Friends of the LSU Library gathered at the LSU Faculty Club on March 14, 1985 for the annual spring banquet. The evening was presided over by Friends president, Anne West.

This year's life membership award was given to Dr. Thomas A. Kirby for the gift of the Kirby's personal collection to the Middleton Library. Dr. Kirby's long career as a professor and head of the LSU English department was reviewed through a medieval tale referring to his fame as a Chaucer scholar.

Another gift to the library made note of by Chancellor Emeritus Cecil Taylor was the establishment of the Ellen Albright Taylor Memorial Book Fund, a memorial to his late wife.

The library director, Sharon Hogan, gave her impressions of the arduous activities and dedication of the book barn workers when she first arrived at LSU. She thanked the Friends for all of their hard work and support of the library and indicated how very much she looked forward to working with the organization in the future.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Chancellor Emeritus Taylor. The current slate of officers was nominated to serve another year and re-elected by acclamation of those present—Anne West, president; Marion Spann, vice-president; Anna Perrault, secretary; and Caroline Wire, treasurer.

The highlight of the evening was the after-dinner talk given by Richard Peck, well-known author of books for young people and adults alike, as well as anthologies of essays and verse. Mr. Peck has received many prestigious awards for his books including the 1977 Edgar Allen Poe Award for *Are You In the House Alone?* and the American Library Association 1981 Best Book for Young Adults for *Close Enough To Touch*. Mr. Peck has participated in workshops on young adult literature at the East Baton Rouge Public Library and local schools. Many of his Baton Rouge friends were delighted with his return visit. He spoke on the topic "Coming of Age With Friends." Mr. Peck told of school teaching experiences and of his writing as a way of communicating with young people. His audience found that his speech contained the same blend of reality and inspiration as his writings. Mr. Peck's remarks were warmly received by his listeners and provided the finishing touch to an enjoyable evening.



Dr. Patsy Perritt (left) and Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick welcomed Richard Peck, the banquet speaker, and his mother, Mrs. Peck, to Baton Rouge for a return visit.



Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Kirby were honored at the annual banquet with a plaque and a life membership for the gift of the Kirby Collection.

Gift Collections

The Middleton Library collection has recently been enriched through the receipt of the collections of two former faculty members. An impressive collection was donated by Dr. Thomas A. Kirby, former chairman of the English department. The collection consists of more than 1600 monographs along with journals, chapbooks, phonorecords, and reprints. The major concentration is English literature, with the medieval period best represented with special emphasis on Chaucer, Dr. Kirby's academic specialty. More than sixty editions of Chaucer's works are included along with more than 175 critical studies.

Other highlights of the collection include imprints from every century since the fifteenth, contributing more than thirty titles to the Rare Book Collection. The earliest is an incunabulum by Raffaello Regio published in Venice in 1490. Also donated were jewels of the Kelmscott Press, *The Tale of King Florus and the Fair Jehane* and *Syr Ysambrace*, published in 1893 and 1897 respectively.

The second collection is from the estate of Dr. Earl E. Klein, former head of the School of Social Work. The Klein

Collection consists of over 425 monographs in addition to numerous issues of academic and popular journals. While the collection displays a broad range of scholarly and personal interests, there are two areas of major concentration—German language and literature and German language hymnals and Bibles.

The field of German language and literature is best represented with numerous readers, along with literary and scholarly works in both the original as well as in translation. Most of the literary works were published during the first four decades of the twentieth century and include authors both contemporary and classical.

German-language hymnals and Bibles published in St. Louis, Missouri, during the early 1900s are also among the many works concerning religion. While some of these are of a devotional nature, many deal with Old and New Testament scholarship as well as the historical study of religion in America.

George Jacobsen
Gifts and Exchange

MEMORIALS

In memory of:

Mrs. Pearle Daniel
by Mr. Harry J. Moreau

Mr. Thomas J. Davis
by Mr. Powell A. Casey

Dr. Frank Ferguson
by Miss M. Margaret Jameson

Dr. Louis Ferraro
by Mr. Powell A. Casey,
Chancellor Emeritus Cecil G. Taylor

Dr. Theodore B. Ford
by Chancellor Emeritus Cecil G. Taylor

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by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Bennett, Jr.

Mr. J. Malcolm Griffith
by Miss M. Margaret Jameson

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by Book Barn Friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Kean,
and Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Kirby

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LSU Library staff members

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Mrs. Earl V. Patterson, Jr.
by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Kean

Mrs. Hilda Sigler
by the LSU Library Staff Association

Mr. Roger P. Swire
by Mr. Powell A. Casey

With the passing of Dr. John A. Hunter, 14th president of LSU, on February 6, 1985, LSU and many personally lost a dear friend. Dr. Hunter served the University in several capacities from 1947 to 1973, the year of his retirement as president. A native Louisianian and graduate of Davidson College and LSU, John Hunter was a man of many interests with a warm, friendly personality which drew people to him. Donations to the Friends of the LSU Library totaled well over \$1,000, a tribute to the love and esteem in which he was held by so many.

In memory of:

Dr. John A. Hunter
by Mr. and Mrs. Minos Armentor
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ashley
Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Aubin
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Mr. William C. Bonifay
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Literally "lights" in French, *lumières* is frequently used to denote enlightenment or knowledge. As such, it illustrates the purpose of the newsletter: to enlighten members of the Friends of the LSU Library with news of the organization and with needs of the LSU Library. The cover design is based on an exquisite hand-illuminated border from a 15th century French religious manuscript.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January-December 1984

Balance in LSU Foundation Account
December 31, 1983 \$158,613.18

Income:

Memberships, Memorials.....	\$13,640.84
Interest	16,563.83
Book Bazaar.....	27,000.00
Total	\$57,204.67

Expenditures:

January	Transfer to Foundation account 17502F820.....	200.00
February	.....	-0-
March	.....	-0-
April	Transfer to Book Account (175-30-6305) for authorized book purchases.....	32,000.00
	Correction by LSU Foundation	25.00
May	Annual Banquet expenses	154.13
	Bulk mail fee	40.00
June	Transfer to Friends operating account (175-01-6307).....	700.00
July	.....	-0-
August	.....	-0-
September	.....	-0-
October	Friends Insurance Premium.....	401.00
	Returned check (NSF).....	25.00
	Transfer to Foundation account	30.95
November	10th Anniversary Reception expenses.....	436.53
December	Bulk Mail deposit.....	100.00
	Printing for Christmas keepsake	1,055.49
Total	\$35,168.10	

Balance in LSU Foundation Account
December 31, 1984..... **\$180,649.75**

Library Endowment Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$139,680.15
Ellinor H. Behre Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$ 1,978.21
Mrs. Mary Ann Miller Conner Memorial Book Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$ 6,335.52

The Director George J. Guidry, Jr. Book Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$ 1,285.00
Fred B. Kniffen Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$ 2,587.81
H. C. Sanders Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$ 2,784.88
Mrs. Ellen Albright Taylor Memorial Book Fund	
December 31, 1984.....	\$ 1,000.00

Memorials continued

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Sons of the American Revolution
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