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# LUMIÈRES

## Electronic Information Access at LSU— Evolution in Progress

Patrons of the LSU Libraries will certainly have noticed the increasing use of computers and computerized systems as a basic medium of information exchange. Gone are the days when finding a dissertation meant looking through every volume of *Dissertation Abstracts*, or checking out who was still citing Albert Einstein entailed searching through volume after volume of *Science Citation Index*. Nowadays, the answers to such questions can be found almost instantly using modern digital information technologies.

The evolving electronic environment is not without trials and tribulations, however. For both the patron and the librarian, the information landscape is unsettled and rapidly changing; just as one begins to feel comfortable with it, it changes. Responses to these changes vary from frustration with being forced to learn a new system, to excitement over improved access possibilities. At the reference desk, the full range of such reactions is experienced every day. I would like to try to explain some of these recent changes and outline upcoming developments.

The library uses an on-line catalog, called LOLA, to keep track of what is physically housed in the collection. LOLA is only the public part of an integrated library system that is also used by the Libraries' staff to order, catalog, and circulate our materials. One benefit of this computer system is that people can use the catalog in more than one location. This ability to access the catalog from remote locations is not limited to places on the campus, or even in Louisiana—the catalog is accessible everywhere via the Internet, a worldwide network of networks. Whether you are in Plaquemine, Louisiana, or Sydney, Australia, you can peruse the holdings of the LSU Libraries by using a computer terminal to connect to our database.

CD-ROM technology is also playing an important part in enhancing rapid access to large amounts of information. The library provides access to approximately 18 heavily-used

titles, most of which are indexes to journal literature. This access is provided through a Local Area Network (LAN); there are now 19 workstations in the reference department of Middleton Library with access to this network, and other libraries at LSU are being connected as well. "Stand-alone terminals" (i.e., computers that are not networked) are used to access hundreds of other CD-ROMs that are owned or subscribed to by the library.

In addition to such local sources, we can also provide electronic access to a wide range of information resources through the Internet. Although over 20 years old, the Internet was not really a significant factor for most libraries until 1992. Since then, Internet use has really mushroomed due to the development of two new tools for navigating the net and locating information on it. The first of these is Gopher, a program developed at the University of Minnesota (the "Golden Gophers") that will track down and find ("gofer") information all over the Internet. The second is the World Wide Web and graphical clients such as Mosaic and Netscape. Both Gopher space and the World Wide Web (WWW) are made up of *clients* (information-seeking programs) and *servers* (information-providing programs), containing resources that are identified by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL). The difference is that Gophers provide access only to text documents, while the resources on the WWW can be multimedia, containing photographs, video, and even audio—anything that can be transmitted digitally.

The LSU Libraries has created WWW and gopher servers, that provide information about the LSU Libraries, and "point" to numerous information resources throughout the world. The URL of the web server is <http://www.lib.lsu.edu>; the gopher server is [gopher.lib.lsu.edu](http://gopher.lib.lsu.edu). There are three main "parts" to our WWW server. The first part provides information about the services and collections of the LSU Libraries.

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# Greetings from Dean Cargill

Congratulations to the Friends for another successful Book Bazaar. The LSU Libraries appreciates the additions to the endowment from this popular annual event. The monies enable us to acquire items we could not otherwise add to the collection. The hard work of all of you is recognized and very much appreciated.

This has been a busy academic year already for LSU Libraries. We have increased our user instruction efforts so patrons can more effectively use the collections and the many electronic resources. Last academic year, our instructional efforts increased 30 percent; the increase is likely to be even more this academic year.

Additional electronic resources will be available as the Louisiana Online University Information System [LOUIS] adds periodical and full text databases beginning in January 1995. At present, there are 12 academic libraries participating in LOUIS with four more to be brought online early in 1995. During 1995, the 66 public library systems will be connected so they will have access and selected K-12 schools will be included in a demonstration project. The academic network plus the access for the public libraries and the K-12 school libraries comprise the Louisiana Library Network [LLN], an enhanced model of LOUIS.

This fall, LSU has had a number of accreditation visits by teams reviewing the quality of academic and support programs. One of the most important accreditation visits was by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS). The staff of LSU Libraries received positive comments from SACS for its positive attitude, creativity, and hard work. Two recommendations that the SACS team made for LSU Libraries will be of interest to the Friends:

- The need for sufficient support for the collections and databases of LSU Libraries; and
- The need for renovation of Middleton Library.

We have been living with a basically flat budget for materials for a decade; this has been during a period of dramatic inflation in serials costs and generally increasing prices. More funding for support of the Libraries collections and databases is severely needed. Middleton Library was built in the late 1950s with two floors added in the early 1980s. No renovation of the original building has taken place. As you are all aware, Middleton is in great need of renovation. We urge the Friends to support the effort to gain renovation funds for Middleton.

Thanks to all the Friends for their ongoing support of LSU Libraries.

Jennifer Cargill, *Dean of Libraries*

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## Electronic Access—

The second part includes valuable local databases, such as the LSU Press Catalog and some Department of Environmental Quality data. The final portion is an ongoing project to collect and provide links to valuable resources on the Internet. Although there are already hundreds of WWW-based guides to the Internet available, our WWW server focuses on resources that interest our faculty, students and community. In addition, having this local on-ramp to the Information Superhighway will make access for our users easier.

If you have any questions about these projects, please feel free to give me a call and we can discuss them—David Wuolo 388-6823.

## \* News of the Collections \*

—Recent Acquisitions—The Special Collections division of the LSU Libraries continues to grow with important acquisitions. Of particular interest to the Friends of the Library are two major acquisitions of photographic archives.

• *The David King Gleason Collection*: David King Gleason was a Baton Rouge commercial photographer from 1959-1992. Included are over 30,000 negatives and prints of plantations, houses, Baton Rouge and Louisiana landmarks, Louisiana people and weddings. Also included are office files, an idea file, and the working files and research materials for his books. His widow, Josephine "Josie" Gleason, is assisting in the cataloging of the materials.

• *The Elmore Morgan, Sr., Collection*: consisting of numerous photographic prints and negatives from the 1930s to the 1960s. Morgan focused on Louisiana places and people, and had his works published in numerous books and exhibited nationally. The collection consists of approximately 10 feet of negatives and prints. The collection was donated by Elmore Morgan, Jr., noted Lafayette painter, teacher and photographer.

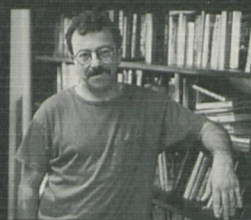
—Senator Russell B. Long Collection completed—The staff of LLMVC has completed the arrangement, description, and cataloging of Senator Russell B. Long's collection that covers his senate career, 1948-1986, as well as his naval career, his work with uncle Earl Long, his time at LSU, and family matters. The collection spans the years 1911-1992, and contains 600 linear feet as well as over 4,000 photographs. The *Guide to the Russell B. Long Collection*, compiled by Faye Phillips and Merna Ford, will be published in March 1995.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Audubon Day**—Thursday, March 16, the Rare Book Collections in Hill Memorial Library will host a limited showing of the double-elephant folio edition of Audubon's *Birds of America*. The complete set of four volumes of the folio will be on display in the reading room of the Rare Book Collections from 1p.m.-4 p.m. Visitors will have an opportunity to see the 435 hand-colored plates in the LSU Libraries copy of the work. Please call 388-6546 to reserve a time if you plan to attend.

**Spring Banquet**—The annual banquet of the Friends of the Library will be held Wednesday, April 26, in the Faculty Club. In addition to the presentation of awards and election of new board members and officers, the banquet will feature an appearance by noted author and editor, LSU faculty member, and radio personality, Andrei Codrescu. Codrescu's new novel, *Blood Countess*, will be published this summer by Simon and Shuster, and is being promoted as a major new book. Friends of the Library will be treated to a sneak preview at the banquet.

**Book Bazaar**—The 1995 Book Bazaar will be held in the LSU Mini-Farm Barn Thursday-Saturday, September 28-30. The Friends will, of course, be collecting, sorting, and marking books all spring and summer in preparation for the fall sale. To volunteer, call Eileen Kean, Cherie Owen, or Marion Spann at 388-5925.





# 19th Annual Book Bazaar Continues Tradition of Success

The 19th Annual Book Bazaar, held October 6-8, commenced with the official ribbon cutting by the Chancellor William E. Davis and Dean of Agriculture, William B. Richardson (representing the LSU Agricultural Center), Dean of Libraries Jennifer Cargill, Friends' President Virginia Grenier, and the Book Bazaar chairman, Kathleen Roberts. As with the preceding 18 book bazaars, this one supplied wonderful books to happy book lovers and brought the reward of revenue from the untold hours of collecting, sorting, and pricing thousands of books by the dedicated, hard-working Book Barn volunteers. An excellent return of approximately \$52,000 was realized from the three-day sale and from the sale of textbooks.

A special "thank you" goes to Kathleen Roberts, who graciously served a second term as Bazaar Chairman. She served previously in this capacity in 1992. The devotion of Kathleen Roberts, which is characteristic of the Book Barn volunteers, can be illustrated with the following happening. When her daughter announced her plans to be married on October 8, 1994, the response that the daughter received from Kathleen was that she was sorry but the wedding date would have to be changed because that was the last day of the Book Bazaar. In addition to thanking Kathleen, we should also thank her daughter for kindly changing the date of her wedding to accommodate the Book Bazaar.

The 1994 Book Bazaar success story had many other main characters who played vital roles. Gwen Cook served as bazaar chair adviser to Kathleen Roberts. Book Barn chairman, Eilleen Kean, and co-chairmen, Cherry Owen and Marion Spann, contributed year round to the operations of bazaar, as did Liz Beven, textbook store chair. Moving-day personnel function was handled by Marion Spann and Julie Hamilton. Anne West carried out the duties of secretary. Dodie Edmonds continued as treasurer with Pat Millican as assistant treasurer. The cashier chairmen for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were Sue Edrington, Lynda Waguespack, and Mary Lou Hutchinson respectively. Back door express was supervised by Jo O'Connell. Volunteer chairman, George Ann Brown, was assisted by volunteer co-chairman, Phyllis McKay. Lois Petralack contributed as sales chairman. Arrangements and stock responsibilities were carried out by Sharon Field, chairman, and Nancy Murrill, co-chairman. Book collection chairman, Mary Hereford received assistance from her husband, Van Hereford. Kay Harrison was publicity chairman; Peggy Jenkins was co-chairman; Bill Holtman worked with print publicity, Mitzi Bray with campus publicity, and Nora Grigsby was scrapbook chair. Ruth Wilkinson served as information chairman. Hospitality was arranged by Nina Reeves, chairman, and by Rosalie Herring and Bea Ferris, co-chairs. Transportation chairman was Caroline Daigle, with Cecilia Baudin as co-chairman.



LSU Chancellor William E. Davis and Dean of Agriculture, William B. Richardson, cut the ribbon opening the Book Bazaar, as Associate Dean Robert Martin, Kathleen Roberts, book bazaar chairman, and Dean of Libraries Jennifer Cargill look on.



Book buyers swarm the tables at the opening of the Book Bazaar.

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Book Bazaar chairman Kathleen Roberts (l) presents Dean Cargill with a check for \$52,000.



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Haunted Book Barn: long-time book barn workers Eilleen Kean and Vida Broussard get into the seasonal spirit in late October, cleaning up the Book Barn following the successful Book Bazaar.



## Give Us a Chance to Say Thanks

Most of the bequests received by the LSU Libraries have been surprises. We did not know that the Libraries was a beneficiary in the person's estate until it was too late to say thanks.

If you are one of our dedicated, thoughtful, and generous benefactors who is still unknown to us (and we suspect that there are many of you), please let us know. A note or call in confidence is all that is desired. I will see that you are appropriately acknowledged and that your preferences for confidentiality are maintained. I look forward to hearing from you. We just don't want to miss completely the chance to express appreciation to you on behalf of the LSU Libraries.

Jennifer Cargill  
Dean of Libraries  
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## LSU Libraries—A Centerpiece of Capital Campaign

LSU is planning a large fund raising drive to solicit new major gifts to enhance LSU's operations and to replace dwindling state support. This capital campaign, as such fund raising drives are called, will include the Libraries as one of the major priorities, along with scholarships, professorships, and special facilities.

The overall goal of the campaign has yet to be set, but it will probably be in the range of \$125 to \$150 million. The objectives of the campaign that relate to the Libraries include raising endowments to support collections and positions and to provide funds to support implementation of new information technologies and renovation of facilities. The Libraries portion of the fund raising goal will probably be \$12 to \$15 million.

As the primary support group for the LSU Libraries, the Friends of the Library will play an important role in the campaign. The board of directors and the finance committee will serve in an important advisory capacity, helping to identify potential donors and perhaps providing the initial contact with donor prospects. The Friends may also consider some special projects to assist in the campaign.

If you are interested in participating in the campaign, or have suggestions concerning Friends activities, contact Friends president Virginia Grenier, or call Robert Martin, associate dean, at 388-6551.

### Dedicatory plaque

## Hill Relic Returned

The dedicatory plaque from the first Hill Memorial Library has been restored to the University. Although worn and slightly discolored by time and abuse, the inscription on the plaque is still clear. It reads: *Erected by John Hill, in memory of his son John Hill, Jr., who graduated at the Louisiana State University in 1873, under the presidency of Col. David F. Boyd and was a member of its Board of Supervisors for many years until his death November 10, 1893.*



Associate Dean for Special Collections Robert Martin and board member George Hill, with the dedicatory plaque in front of the portrait of John Hill, Sr.

John Hill Sr. gave LSU \$33,000 in 1902 to erect the first Hill Memorial Library in memory of his son. Hill came to Baton Rouge from Scotland and established the Baton Rouge Foundry, which erected the fence that still encompasses the Old State Capitol. The Foundry was destroyed during the Union occupation of Baton

Rouge during the Civil War, and Hill moved across the river and established Homestead Plantation in Port Allen, where he introduced sugar planting in West Baton Rouge Parish.

Many of the descendants of John Hill Sr. remain active in civic affairs in West Baton Rouge Parish and have been closely associated with LSU. George Hill, great-grandson of John Hill Sr., currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Library.

The plaque was long missing after the demolition of the old Hill Memorial Library on the old LSU campus in downtown Baton Rouge. It was found last spring by LSU student Shari Ryan while she was cleaning out the garage of her newly rented home on Violet Street. She recognized immediately it was a sentimental treasure for the University.

"I knew it had to be returned to where it belonged," said Ryan, who passed the plaque to her mother Pamela Duplessis, executive secretary of the national office of Phi Kappa Phi, who in turn contacted the LSU Libraries.

The plaque is an important reminder of the loyalty and faith that John Hill and his family have given to LSU over the years. "John Hill supported LSU when it was very poor," George Hill observed when he viewed the returned plaque. "He provided a library when LSU needed one. The importance of education to this state is not yet understood, but he understood it and did something about it."

The Libraries hopes to install the plaque in the current Hill Memorial Library, perhaps in association with some other similar artifacts. The only other known remnants of the first Hill Memorial Library are the building's columns, which have been preserved by Steele Burden on the grounds of the Rural Life Museum.

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## Remembering Guy Lyle

Guy Redvers Lyle passed away last July 20 at his home in Atlanta, Georgia. Many members of the Friends of the Library will remember Lyle as Director of the LSU Library from 1944 to 1954. He left LSU to assume the post of Director of Libraries and Professor of Library Science at Emory University, where he served until his retirement in 1972.

Lyle was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, Canada in 1907. He was a graduate of the University of Alberta and the Columbia University School of Library Service. He served as the librarian at Antioch College and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (then the Women's College of the University of North Carolina) before coming to LSU in 1944. He received many honors during his distinguished career, including the Joseph W. Lippincott Award from the American Library Association in 1972. Perhaps his most influential achievement was the publication of his book *The Administration of the College Library* in 1944. The book went through numerous subsequent editions and was used as a basic textbook for many years, training at least a generation of academic librarians.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Veena Wren, four children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Two of his four children, Don Lyle and Jennifer Netterville, reside in Baton Rouge.



Guy R. Lyle at LSU, from the 1949 Gumbo.

## "Taste of the Tiger" Contest Benefits

The LSU Libraries recently received an \$8,000 donation from the LSU Greek Steering Committee to support the Louisiana On-line University Information System (LOUIS). The money represents the profits from a cooking contest held by the Greek organizations this fall.

The "Taste of the Tiger" contest consisted of sorority and fraternity teams who cooked dishes of their choice for the competition. Held on sorority row, the event cost \$5 per person for "all you could eat." The contest was judged by local television and radio personalities Vernon Roger of WAFB-TV and Tom Mitchell of WTGE radio. The Phi Mu and Lambda Chi Alpha team placed first with a tangy crawfish fettuccine, and the Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Alpha team took second place with a zesty Italian Lagniappe Pasta. Delta Delta Delta and Phi Gamma Delta took the honors for originality with a pastitio recipe.

LOUIS is an electronic network that provides students with access to information about most of the academic libraries in the state. Currently limited to only bibliographical information for books and journals owned by the libraries, it will expand in the spring to include periodical indexes and the full texts of about 900 journals.



Greek Steering Committee presents check for LOUIS. Left to right: Dean Jennifer Cargill; Ralph Boe, director of LOUIS; Dionne Carney, co-chair of the Greek Steering Committee; Conrad Smith, member of the steering committee; Amy Lewis, steering committee treasurer; Kathy Marcel, director of Greek Affairs; William L. Jenkins, provost and vice-chancellor for academic affairs.

## Acquisitions by the Purchase Committee

Last fall (1993), the purchase committee authorized acquisition of several important groups of materials for the Libraries. A microfilm edition of Virginia Woolf manuscripts in the Berg Collection in New York Public Library were acquired at the request of several members of the English department. A facsimile of the Louis I. Kahn Archive will significantly strengthen the Libraries' holdings of this important American architect. A new edition of the *Encyclopedia of Human Behavior* is an important (and expensive) addition to our basic reference collections in the social sciences. A rare copy of Leigh Hunt's *Christianism* (one of only 75 copies), and a collection of Victorian English poetry, will strengthen the English literature materials in the Rare Book Collections. The total cost of these materials was \$29,454.

This fall (1994), the committee endorsed the acquisition of several more significant additions to the Libraries' collections. The *Complete Works of Claude Debussy* was strongly supported by several faculty members from the School of Music and the committee agreed to purchase the five published volumes, and to subscribe to the anticipated 25 additional volumes to be published over the next two decades. In addition, the committee voted to acquire a microfilm copy of an important music periodical, the *Chorale Advocate*. A collection of one dozen Louisiana manuscript documents dating from the late 18th and early 19th centuries was purchased for the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections. A very rare edition of collected works of Jonathan Swift will enhance the English literature holdings in the Rare Book Collections.



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