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Collaborating for the Future

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Over the past year the UW Libraries has completed a series of outstanding accomplishments, including implementation of a new library system and provision of a uniform graphical interface to a wide variety of networked information resources. A number of library facilities have been renovated and updated to take advantage of information technology. An extensive staff training and retooling program has been set in place. Several user surveys have been conducted and the results are shaping changes in our services program. These initiatives have given the Libraries a firm foundation for the future.

To continue progress in its transition to a library for the 21st century, the Libraries has undertaken a planning effort to set goals for the next two biennia. Libraries staff will work to complete the process during the fall, but it is clear that continuing to improve user services and providing better access to more information resources will be major goals.

We will ask many of you to participate in our continuing assessment of user needs as we work to meet these ambitious goals for improving services. We will look for additional ways to utilize the resources of the Libraries to contribute to and leverage the University's teaching, research and service efforts. Our librarians and staff can offer valuable skills to the university community as exciting changes are beginning to affect many aspects of teaching and research.

One way to expand the Libraries' contribution is through campus collaboration and partnerships to achieve common goals. Through collaboration the Libraries and Computing & Communications (C&C) developed UWIN, the UW's campus-wide information network and Willow/Wilco, the uniform interface. Each organization contributed unique resources and expertise in creating one of the best university information environments available. Working together the Libraries and C&C have been able to accomplish what neither could have done alone.

A new and very exciting collaboration, the UWired Freshman Interest Group Project, is described in the following article. The Libraries has joined the Office of Undergraduate Education and C&C in a pilot project to integrate the use of information technology into undergraduate teaching. The Libraries has contributed people, expertise and space to UWired. Our participation is funded in part by the Allen Endowment which was created to support innovative library programs and collection enhancement. The Project begins to provide structure and formal recognition for the extensive instructional program that the Libraries has offered for many years. We are pleased to be working with other campus entities in



The UWired logo for the Freshman Interest Group Project.

this ground-breaking project to enhance undergraduate education.

A second collaboration is announced in this issue of *Library Directions* in the article on the research funding and grants information service being created on a trial basis by the Libraries in cooperation with the Office of Research. Modeled on an existing service in the health sciences, which is itself a partnership between the Health Sciences Library and Information Center and the Medical School, this program will target research funding support for the humanities and social sciences. Again the Libraries participation is funded in part by the Allen Endowment. The Libraries

has provided some of the staffing, space and information resources for the service.

We expect to initiate other partnerships during the coming months. I look forward to reporting to you the results of current and future collaborations.

Staff Honors

Betty Wagner, head of the Architecture-Urban Planning Library, was named an AIA Seattle Honorary Member by the Seattle Chapter of the American Institute of Architects this May. This award recognized Betty as "a person of esteemed character who has rendered to the profession of architecture a valuable service." The Honors Nominating Committee noted that Betty had contributed over 40 years of service to the profession as a librarian.

UWIRED: Creating an Electronic Learning Community

Theresa Mudrock, UWired Librarian

This fall UW freshmen are embarking on a technological voyage armed with Apple PowerBook laptop computers and guided by intrepid librarians. Project UWired is a pilot program collaboratively designed by Computing & Communications (C&C), Undergraduate Education, and the UW Libraries to introduce students to new computer technology, electronic communication and information navigation skills. Special funding for the project is from the Provost's office, the Kenneth S. Allen Library Endowment and Apple Computer. UWired will serve as the blueprint for building the university of the future, a university where computer use is integrated into all levels of instruction and learning.

Students in three Freshmen Interest Groups (FIGs) in the fields of anthropology, architecture and marine environment are the first UWired pioneers. Students in the unique program attend a required two-credit Technology Seminar throughout the year.

The seminar is designed and taught by three librarians devoted to the UWired Project: Andi Bartelstein, Theresa Mudrock and Anne Zald under the direction of Paula Walker, assistant director of libraries, Undergraduate Services. Staff from C&C provides the technical expertise.

During fall quarter the seminar focuses on building a solid base of computer, communication and information skills. Included are introductions to e-mail, online discussion groups, the Internet, online database searching and library research. Winter quarter will focus on refining those skills and exploring the socio-political issues of this "brave new world" of computer technology and the Internet. Spring quarter's focus will be on creating and collaborating on a multimedia project that will integrate skills learned throughout the year. Students will use computer technology to find, evaluate and disseminate information through the Internet.

The prominent role of the UW Libraries in Project UWired demonstrates the growing recognition in the university community of the teaching mission of the Libraries and of its leadership in the field of information technology. UWired is an exciting project not only because it is an experiment in computer technology but more importantly because it brings together students, faculty, computing experts, staff and librarians in an electronic learning community.

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Navigating the Internet—Text, Images and Sound: the Mosaic Project

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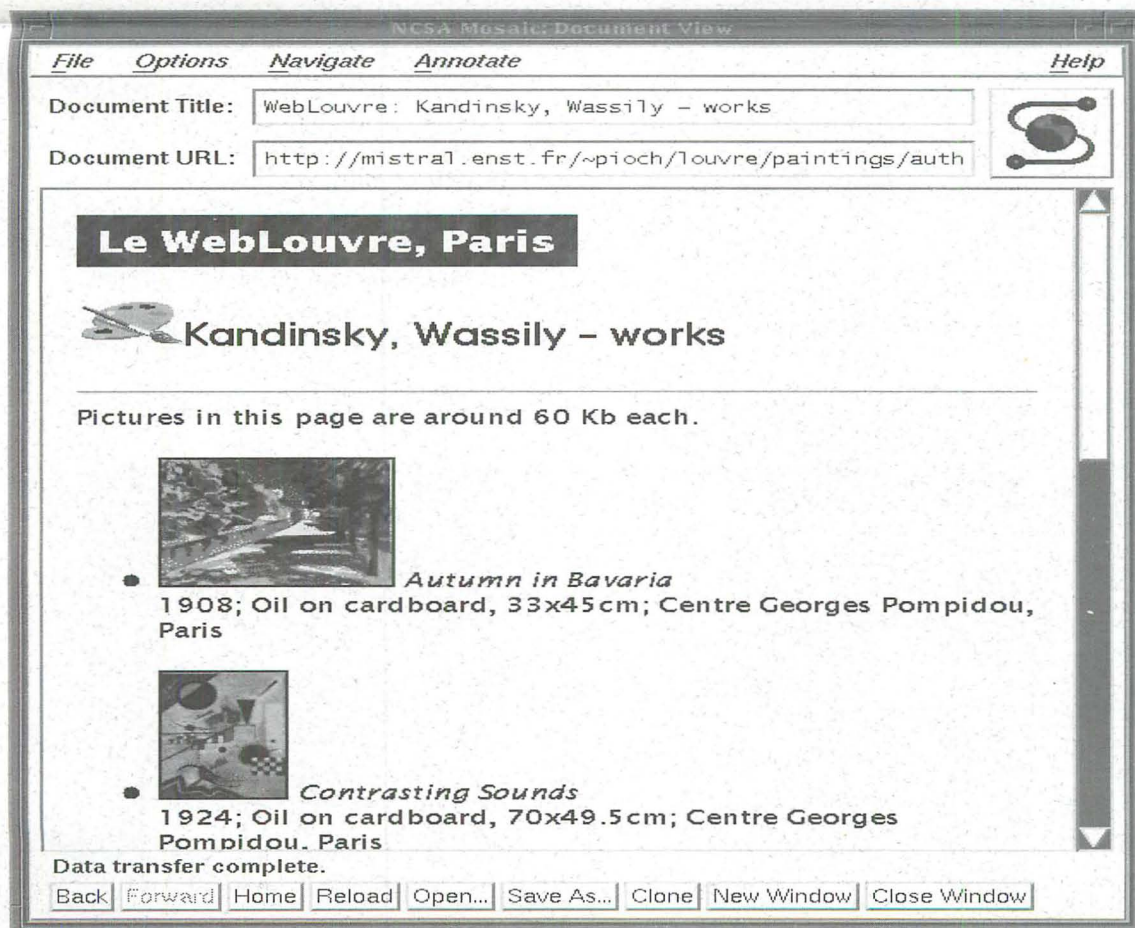
When the world first became aware of the information navigation work being done at the European Particle Physics Laboratory in Switzerland, (CERN), who would have guessed that the public would soon be browsing this "distributed hypermedia system" in libraries around the world? Documents, images and even sound are stored and internally linked on computers worldwide and are available through a system called the World Wide Web (WWW). WWW has spread like virtual wildfire in academic institutions, in scientific communities and in the corporate world.

There are many ways of connecting to the WWW, and the UW Libraries has chosen to use a graphical

browser called "Mosaic." Written at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, this program is available without cost and runs on many different computing platforms, including Microsoft Windows (IBM PCs and compatibles), Macintosh and X-Windows (Unix-based machines).

During the fall term access is being provided to the WWW through a limited number of large, color graphics Windows PCs located in the Libraries' public service areas. Users can simply click at a highlighted term or image to access online catalogs, images from museums and full-text from various sites on the Internet.

An example of the type of information found on the WWW through Mosaic is the WebLouvre, the (unofficial) electronic gateway to some of the works found in the world-famous art museum in Paris. Upon connecting to the WebLouvre you can click on highlighted topics and images to pull up relevant and explanatory text.



Research Funding and Grants Information Service Being Planned

Betsy Wilson, Associate Director of Libraries
for Public Services

The UW Libraries and the Office of Research are planning a new research funding and grants information service for faculty and librarians in schools and colleges not served by the Research Funding Service located in the Health Sciences Library and Information Center. Scheduled to open during fall quarter, the new office will be located in the Reference Section on the ground level of the Suzzallo Library and is funded by the UW Libraries, the Kenneth S. Allen Library Endowment and the Office of Research.

The office will provide faculty and librarians with a full array of grants and funding information services including a collection of printed resource materials, electronic database searches, and a current awareness service on funding opportunities. The service staff will work closely with the Office of Research to increase the distribution of information now compiled and published by other offices on campus, establish a network of faculty available to preview proposals, and organize seminars featuring faculty with a strong record of obtaining external support. For more information, contact Nancy Huling, head, Reference and Research Services Division, Suzzallo Library by phone at **685-2211** or by e-mail at hulingn@u.washington.edu.

Image Bookmark Series

Come to the Artist Image Bookmark Series in the Walker-Ames room on December 8, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. This lecture will feature Doris Chase, painter, sculptor, and video artist, who has designed the Libraries' annual artist image bookmark.

This series is co-sponsored by the University Libraries and the Friends of the UW Libraries.

Spring 1995 Book Sale

The Friends of the UW Libraries Book Sale will be held April 28-30, 1995. Donations of books are now being accepted at Suzzallo and Allen Libraries and selected branches and all University Book Store locations. If you have questions about donating to the sale, call the UW Retirement Center at 543-8600.

New Technology and Scholarly Publication Series

During the 1994-95 academic year the Scholarly Publication Series, sponsored by the UW Libraries, will schedule three presentations by faculty and other researchers on the use of new technology in their research. The quarterly sessions seek to inform members of the campus community about unusual and/or innovative uses of new information technology. Included in the lecture-demonstration series will be discussions of electronic journals, home pages/sites on the World Wide Web, and the use of computers and CD-ROM to disseminate faculty and graduate student research both in the classroom and among colleagues.

The Libraries Scholarly Publications Series Organizing Group welcomes expressions of interest from faculty, researchers, and graduate students both in attending and in making presentations. Contact Liz Fugate by phone at **543-5148** or by e-mail at fugate@u.washington.edu or Tim Jewell by phone at **543-3890** or by e-mail at tjewell@u.washington.edu.

Virtually Yours

The Faculty Council on University Libraries will be sponsoring a symposium next spring that will cover "Virtually Yours: Electronic Resources, Wired Professors, Classes Online." The symposium will reach out to faculty, staff and students. Watch for symposium details to be announced later.

New Physics-Astronomy Library

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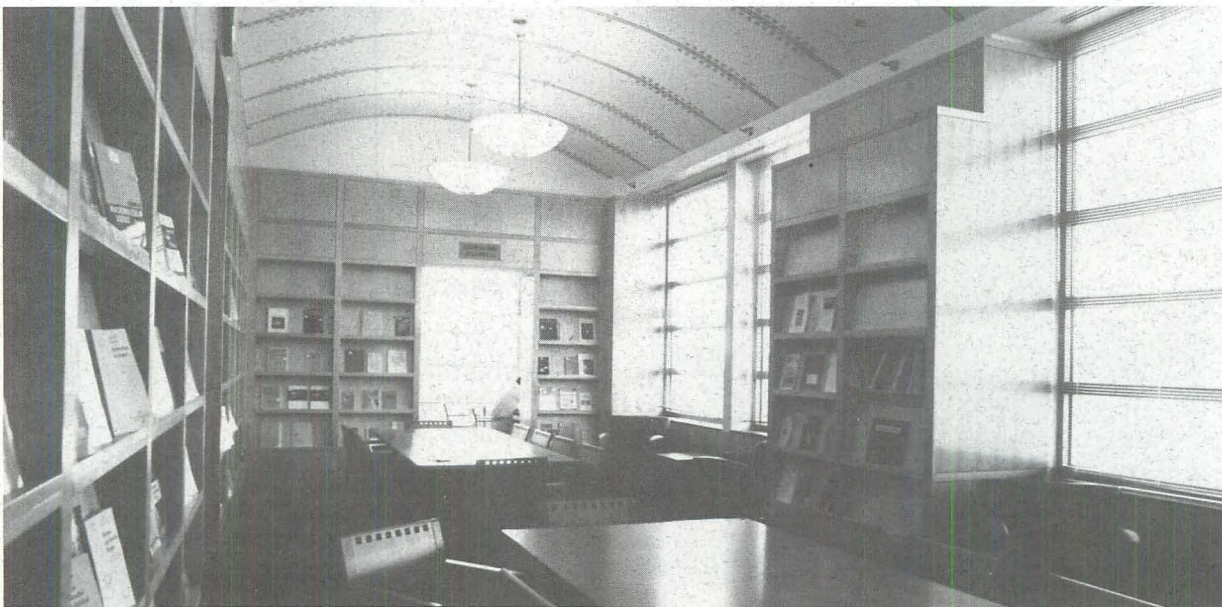
The Physics-Astronomy Library, now located on the sixth floor of the new Physics-Astronomy complex, at last has a facility that provides excellent space for collections, library users, services and staff. The library is spacious with stunning views of the city, Lake Union and the Olympic Mountains.

There are separate reference and staff office areas with ample workspace. The new facility is equipped to deliver library information resources online which will increase in importance as electronic journals and networked scientific data and images become readily available.

The new library can house 35,000 volumes which represents a 40% increase over the capacity of the former location. There is 50% more seating, most of it along the windows to take advantage of the great *views and natural lighting*. Particularly noteworthy is the colorful diamond pattern that graces the covered ceiling in the library's journal display area and reading room. It is a trademark of the architect Cesar Pelli.



A view of the crowded shelving in the old Physics Library.



A view of the colorful diamond pattern, a trademark of the architect Cesar Pelli, in the ceiling of the new Physics Library reading room.

Mt. Rainier and Picture Postcards

Richard Engeman
Photographs and Graphics Librarian

Can you envision auto camping on Mt. Rainier in 1927, a Russian Orthodox church in Bucharest in 1924 or the Louvre in 1908? Visit the picture postcard collection found in the UW Libraries' Special Collections and Preservation Division that currently has nearly 60,000 postcards dating from the 1890s to the present. The postcard collection is worldwide in scope with emphasis on the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, Russia and France. Well represented topics include holidays, humor, art and transportation.

Copies of postcards have been produced through Classroom Support Services in a variety of formats including slides for classroom use. Faculty and students often contribute the slides made to the art or architecture slide libraries on campus. While many postcards are still under copyright and may not be reproduced for some purposes, all can be used for examination and research.



Auto camping on Mt. Rainier in 1927.



A postcard of a Russian Orthodox church in Bucharest around 1924.

The collection was begun privately by Caroline H. Ober, UW professor of Spanish from 1897 to 1929, and has been supplemented by numerous acquisitions, particularly by gifts of the late Imogene Miller Robbin. Donations of contemporary cards are actively sought, so keep this in mind as you organize your home or office. Contact Richard Engeman at 543-1929 or by e-mail at rengeman@u.washington.edu for further information.

Libraries Briefs:

New Responsibilities

Three librarians assumed new titles June 1, 1994. **Jill McKinstry** became networked information librarian in Library Systems in recognition of her responsibilities with networked services.

Bill Jordan was appointed to the position of systems support librarian with a dual assignment in the Reference and Research Services Division and in Library Systems. Bill has the responsibility for direct user services in reference as well as providing systems support for public services.

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Thomas Dowling became the public services networked information librarian on a half-time basis while continuing as computer-based services librarian in the Engineering Library. Thomas will have a lead role in assisting public service units with CD-ROM networking.

Appointments

Michael Biggins has assumed the position of assistant Slavic and East European librarian. Michael was the Slavic studies librarian at the University of Kansas from 1988 to the present. He has additional experience as an assistant professor of Russian at Knox College in Illinois and St. Michael's College in Vermont and as a Russian language program group leader for summer language programs in Leningrad.

Karen Eliassen, previously library supervisor for the Circulation Division, UW Libraries, has accepted the position of access services/reference librarian at Odegaard Undergraduate Library. Karen is currently enrolled in the graduate program in Technical Communication at the UW.

Sarah Leadley has been appointed reference librarian at the Bothell Branch campus. Sarah was previously with the Reference Division, Lemieux Library, Seattle University. Sarah has also worked as a reference librarian and as a graduate reference assistant in the UW Libraries.

Joan R. Norton has been appointed reference librarian at the Tacoma Branch Campus. She previously held a temporary appointment at the Tacoma Branch Campus. Joan has also worked as a student assistant in Manuscripts and University Archives.

Former Staff Members Die

Marion Carey, library supervisor at the Drama Library from 1961 until her retirement in 1975, died May 21, 1994. Ms. Carey joined the UW Libraries in 1959 in the Reference Division.

Anna Fumi Chiong, former head of the Geography Library from 1969 until her retirement in 1982, died May 15, 1994. Ms. Chiong joined the UW Libraries in 1965 as assistant librarian in the Northwest collection. Her many interests included belonging to

Ikebana International, being a charter member of the Book Club of Washington and running the library at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Peter Demery, former head of the Bibliography Section in Acquisitions, died August 31, 1994. He retired in 1993 after a career of more than thirty years in the UW Libraries in monograph cataloging, collection development and as head of the Acquisitions Division. Mr. Demery was a voracious reader who also enjoyed gardening and walking.

J. Ronald Todd, who retired from the UW Libraries in 1971, died August 7, 1994. Positions in which Mr. Todd served included curator of the Northwest collection, chief reference librarian and collection development officer.

Manuscripts Fellow

Janice Mathews, the new Mellon fellow in Manuscripts and University Archives, is here for a year to undertake a variety of projects. She will be heavily involved with collection strategy for private papers, improving finding aids, assisting with retrospective cataloging and putting inventories on the Internet.

Gallagher Law Librarian Dies

Mary Louderback, head of Circulation Services at the UW Gallagher Law Library, died May 7, 1994. Ms. Louderback joined the Law Library in 1988 as circulation librarian and was promoted in 1991 to the head of Circulation Services. She was active in the Association of Librarians of the University of Washington, the Law Librarians of Puget Sound, the Washington Library Association and the Pacific Northwest Library Association. Ms. Louderback was also a regular volunteer for the Washington Literacy Project.

Retirements

Shirley Albertson, Library Specialist I in Serials Division, retired July 31, 1994, after working in the UW Libraries for 30 years. She originally began work in Acquisitions in 1963.

Katherine (Kitty) Timar, Humanities/German cataloger in the Cataloging Division, retired May 13, 1994. Kitty began in Acquisitions in 1967.

Shelves Full of Treasures

During spring quarter the UW Libraries hosted Irja-Leena Suhonen, head of the Bibliographic Department, Helsinki University Library. The Helsinki University Library is also the Finnish National Library. Ms. Suhonen was studying American academic libraries during her visit.

The Libraries received a gift of the bibliographic database of the Finnish National Library on CD-ROM which is at the Philosophy Library. Finnish libraries are collectively establishing a computerized network giving nationwide access to up-to-date library and information services for their users.

Ms. Suhonen also presented the CD entitled, "Shelves Full of Treasures: Public Libraries 200 years in Finland" to the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The Finnish Library Association produced the recording to celebrate the jubilee year of Finnish public libraries.



CD cover from "Shelves Full of Treasures: Public Libraries 200 years in Finland."

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