STAFF: Eric Ackerman, Tony Atkins, Jan Carlton, Tamara Kennelly, Gail McMillan, Joyce Nester, Laura Smith



Scholarly Communications/Special Collections Department Semi-Annual Report: July - December 1998

I. Teaching and Learning

- Special Collections was a classroom for Dr. Cathryn Turrentine's graduate student affairs class (EDRE 5404) and Kennelly taught with Dr. Peter Wallenstein
- Presentations about resources in Special Collections for various communities, including: Libraries' In Service Day, Bluefield Senior Center Genealogy Club, Guild of Smithfield (Smith)
- Scholarly Communications for the *Learning* Online Conference, Hotel Roanoke (McMillan)

http://ebbs.english.vt.edu/Learning-98

- Graduate Seminars: EDCI 5774: Problems in Education - Electronic Publishing; CS Digital Libraries (McMillan)
- "ETDs for VT Computer Lab Technicians and Clerical Staff" with John Eaton and Bob Hall
- FDI: Summer Session 1998: Track F: Developing and Teaching Distance and Distributed Learning Courses--Copyright (McMillan)
- Smith instructed new graduate student reference assistants about Special Collections
- Dissertation Committee member for Eric Weisenmiller, Technology Education, College of Human Resources and Education; preliminary examination (McMillan)

- Smith passed the certification examination sponsored by the Academy of Certified Archivists
- Volunteers, community service students, honors court students, and sorority sisters worked 475 hours in Special Collections

II. Research Competitiveness

- U.S. Dept. of Education, FIPSE grant, "Improving Graduate Education with a National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations" 1996-99. \$208,040 (Eaton and Fox, and McMillan, co-PIs)
- "Documenting Women's Contributions to the Field of Architecture: Utilizing and Promoting Resources in the International Archive of Women in Architecture" Allied Science grant application (McMillan)
- "Digitizing the Space Race: Creating the Virtual Resources from the Archive of American Aerospace Exploration" Allied Science grant application (McMillan with Ackermann)
- Participated in drafting grant application to the National Science Foundation Digital Libraries Phase II: "DL4U" (McMillan) http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/DLI2

- VIVA-Special Collections Committee survey of African-American related materials (at VT and near-by colleges) in preparation for grant applications (Ackermann)
- "Exploration of the Meaning of the Historical Experiences of Black Women at Virginia Tech," proposal accepted for presentation in the Roundtable Session, "Women in the Academy: Our Work, Lives, and Narratives," 1999 AERA (American Educational Research Association) Annual Meeting, Montreal (Kennelly and Penny Burge, Women's Center)

III. Outreach

- References services, including email, mail, phone, and Reference Desk services such as
 - > Provided information and materials for community historical projects, such as photographs for set designer of Blacksburg Bicentennial play, "The Promise" and Channel 10 obituary of Blacksburg's former mayor, John Barringer
 - Provided information and materials for scholars such as San Diego State University Africana Studies professor (50 hours in Spec) researching employment of blacks by railroads

- Oral history interviews of the first two women in the VT Corps of Cadets, including the first Black woman (Kennelly)
- Electronic Theses and Dissertations (McMillan)

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses/

- "ETDs: Library Issues and Responsibilities" (presentations) at various universities, including College of William & Mary, University of South Carolina, Pennsylvania State University;
- Hosted delegations from various universities, including East Tennessee State University, University of Georgia, Florida International University
- Virtual tours of the Scholarly Communications Project for various campus visitors, including Sam Rankin (NVC); delegation from Spain; Jean Claude Guidon (Canada) (McMillan)
- Exhibitions, including "Le Courbusier: Pictures and Words" (Wallace Hall Gallery Exhibition, Oct 12-29, 1998) (Ackermann with Eric Wiedegreen); Exhibition of Creative Writers on the Faculty of the English Department (Kennelly); Celebration of 25 Years of Women in the VT Corps of Cadets (Squires) (Kennelly)

• Editorial Advisor to SPEC Kit 236 (Oct. 1998): Transforming Libraries: Issues and Innovations in Electronic Theses and Dissertations (McMillan)

http://www.arl.org/spec/236fly.html

 "Digital Content: The Scholarly Communications Project," invited chapter contributor to *The Evolving Virtual Library*, Dr. Laverna Saunders, editor, Dean of Library, Salem State College, in press for, Information Today, 1999. (McMillan)

III. A. Outreach through the Internet: Sites Unveiled

- Japanese Journal of the Society for Technology Education http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JJSTE/index.html
- Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/125th/cadets/cadets.htm
- Women in the VT Corps of Cadets http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/125th/cadets/wome n/first.htm
- Virginia Tech Students

http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/125th/students/intro.htm

- Historical Virginia Tech: Administration
 http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/125th/admin.htm
- Sigrid Rupp Collection, architect http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/iawaspec/rupp.htm

- Burns & Burns Inventory, attorneys at law http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/mss/burns.htm
- Harry Temple book manuscripts Inventory http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/mss/temple.htm
- Holloway-Amiss-Leavell Society http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/mss/holloway.htm
- League of Women Voters, Montgomery Co. http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/mss/lwvmc.htm
- Special Collections Collection Development <u>http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/CollDevPolicy.htm</u>

III. B. Sites Significantly Updated

- Timeline of Black History at VT
 http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/bltime/intro.htm
- Copyright

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright

- Electronic Theses and Dissertations
 http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses/
- Electronic Reserve (moved homepage; added help files)

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ereserve/

• VT ImageBase

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/imagebase/

VIVA Special Collections Committee
 http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/viva/viva.html

III. C. Evidence of Successful Outreach

- Reference to Black Women at Virginia Tech Oral History Project Internet sites at several sessions of the Oral History Association annual meeting, attended by oral historians from around the world
- Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets linked to University Archive's pages about the Corps
- Donor relations resulting in improved research collections, including papers of Jean Young, architect; book donations from Andrew Dow; New Jersey Zinc Co. records from David Rotenizer, photographs of Virginia high schools from Scott Worner
- Marshak Collection materials used by: 51
 Pegusi Pictures for TV show "Race for the
 Superbomb" on "The American Experience"
 (airs in January 1999); National Academy of
 Sciences (Vol. 76, 1998) "Robert Eugene
 Marshak, 1916-1992, "A Biographical
 Memoir"
- Additions to the Sherwood Anderson Collection, including 8 first editions of *Winesburg, Ohio* and 75 letters from his grandson. (It is reported this collection of Anderson's works (including many foreign language editions) is the best in the world, including the Newberry Library!)

IV. Information Technology

- Developing a prototype for an e-printing when requests received for high-resolution images from the library image collection, including prints of electronic theses and (Atkins with DIS staff)
- *Tin Horn,* yearbook of VT's first women students

http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/tinhorn/index.html

• Short television commercial made by WVEC-TV about Dr. Charlie Yates and the other first black male students at Virginia Tech made available on the Internet

http://scholar2.lib.vt.edu/spec/arc/bltime/intro.htm

• Electronic Reserve server merged with Distributed Information Systems' Coureseware server to improve design and functionality

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ereserve/

• Copyright: new Web site improves universitywide understanding of creators', readers', and the library's rights and responsibilities, and aligns University Libraries' policies

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright/

• Scholarly Communications/Special Collections Department, 1997/1998 Annual Report online

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/anreport/AR199798.pdf

• Nester began working with Via Voice and ergonomic keyboard (Atkins, Milko)

V. Internationalizing the University

- IAWA (International Archive of Women in Architecture): exhibition, hosted annual Board meeting; published article: "Diversity of Donations: 10 Highlights from the Archive" *IAWA Newsletter*, No. 10 (fall 1998): 2-5 (McMillan with Donna Dunay)
- Research for *Mathematiker-Bibliographien* on a former Virginia Tech faculty member
- 10 international domains accessing SCP the most in 1998: Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, France, Netherlands, Italy, and South Korea
- International Steering Committee of the NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations) (McMillan) http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses/NDLTD/SCminhp.html
- Strategie sur la bibliothèque virtuelle dans le contexte actuel: "Library Services and Resources for the University Community" for the Séminaire residentiel de formation à l'intention de directeurs de grandes

bibliothèques Suisse, Jongny, Switzerland, Oct. 23, 1998 (McMillan)

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/staff/gailmac/SEBIB/Libs4 Suisse.pdf http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/staff/gailmac/SEBIB/Su

isse2ppt.pdf

- Exhibition of Hispanic artifacts and literature in cooperation with Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Circulo Hispanico, and Special Collections
- Began publishing the new electronic Journal of the Japanese Society for Technology Education (abstracts only)

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JJSTE/

VI. Interdisciplinary Cooperation

- Liaison to faculty for new e-journals, including Skip Fuhrman: Journal of the Society for Science, Technology and Human Values; Mark Sanders: Japanese Journal of the Society for Technology Education (McMillan)
- Expanded the role of the library in distance education through activities such as participation in DLI2 grant application, EReserve, and copyright consulting, and Web site maintenance (McMillan)

- Assistance to Office of Civil Rights on a site visit that was part of a comprehensive statewide audit (local contact: VT EEOA office) (Carlton)
- Historical research into Black women students at VT and the first women in the Corps of Cadets--University Archive with the Corps of Cadets and the Women's Center. Internet site and exhibition in Squires Student Center (November 1998-January)
- Solitude restoration, archaeological survey, and Internet site: Special Collections with Appalachian Studies (Dr. Betty Fine), the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (Dr. Bert Rodriguez), and students, and building contractor
- Special Collections and administrative users research included Athletic Department (Hall of Fame), Department of Recreational Sports (McComas Building), Office of Vice President for Development (UDC and McComas' honors students)
- Library Materials Advisory Committee (led by Dean Eileen Hitchingham) (McMillan)
- Policy on Storage and Retention of Presidents Papers with Diane Jacobs, University Archivist, Virginia Military Academy and Steve Mouras, University Records Manager (Kennelly)

- VT EOAA: Policy subcommittee, including assisting Associate Provost Pat Hyer put the faculty search survey report findings into preliminary form (Ackermann)
- Diversity Roundtable; including classified staff representative to next Diversity Summit schedule for 18 January 1999 (Ackermann)
- EReserve (liaison to Reserve Desk staff, Library Automation programmer, faculty and students; e.g., Civil Engineering faculty (invited by Prof. Mike Vorster), Sept. 23rd

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/reserve/resform.pdf

Some statistical reports

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/anreport/Dec-July98/logs.html

Using Georgia font at 14 pt, this PDF version of The Scholarly Communications/Special Collections Department Semi-Annual Report: July - December 1998 was prepared for onscreen reading. (GMc)