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Public Workstations Get Windows 2000

The public workstations at E.S. Bird Library and the Science & Technology Libraries have been upgraded with a new configuration based on the Windows 2000 operating system. Windows 2000 was selected because it provides a more stable desktop environment than Windows 95, which was previously loaded on the workstations.

Students now have a choice of what browser to use when accessing electronic resources and the internet with public workstations. Internet Explorer 5.5 has been added to the configuration, since many students are more familiar and comfortable with this browser. Netscape Navigator is also still available for people who prefer to use it for accessing web-based resources.

Two database resources that were previously available from selected stations at the Library are now accessible using any public workstation. The Gartner Group database provides marketing and research information on the information technology sector. SciFinder Scholar is a product of the American Chemical Society and provides patent information to support academic research in chemistry.

The Information Systems Department would like to thank the Science & Technology Library and the Reference, Media, and Maps departments for participating in a pilot program that provided valuable feedback on the public workstation reconfiguration. The final configuration incorporates the input and suggestions of many staff and students.

Dawn Havill, Information Systems Department

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Rain No Threat to Picnic Fun

Even though most people kept their eyes skyward waiting for the rain, the eventual showers were unable to dampen the enthusiasm of the SUL staff. Cedar Bay Park continued to fill throughout the afternoon of August 16 as friends and colleagues gathered for the annual staff picnic. From the youngest to the oldest, everyone appeared to enjoy the day. See photos in next issue of *Staff News*.

Peer to Peer Library Dialog Lively and Informative

The Library's Peer to Peer Discussion group hosted its first gathering on Tuesday, August 14, 2001 with 25 highly engaged attendees from the "Hill" libraries. Tasha Cooper (Reference) and Lydia Wasylenko (BSD) found they didn't need to do much to facilitate a lively discussion of "Are We Headed Toward the Bookless Campus?", a feature consisting of interlocking articles in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (May 18, 2001).

The conversation ranged widely, and participants generously shared their own particular viewpoints and knowledge. The negative potentials of e-books and other e-formats that were mentioned included the following: unrealistic expectations of e-formats; enabling student "dumbing down"; e-materials as a vendor-driven phenomenon with manipulative marketing strategies; people reading less and developing less effective thinking skills; e-books as contributors to and drivers of the widening digital divide; and environmental and financial costs. Positive aspects addressed were: advantages for textual research; usage of primary material in special collections; the possibilities for deeper analysis and student involvement; service to people with disabilities; text enrichment with multimedia and new cyber-enabled material; and translation possibilities.

Intriguing and provoking questions were posed. Why mimic traditional book formats in this new medium? What can e-books do that print books cannot? What is the definition of an "e-book" or its "contents?" Why is there such a hurry to create a bookless campus?

September 5, 2001 is the date to remember for the next Peer to Peer Discussion Group. The article for discussion is "This Trend Called Diversity" by Sandra Rios Balderrama from *Library Trends*. 49:1 (Summer 2000), 194-214. The article is also in the Bird Library Reserve in SUMMIT listed under Tasha Cooper, or the Library Discussion Group reading can be requested at the Reserve Desk. The group will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the 1916 Room.

Denise M. Marshall, Reference Department

In Brief

... news about our staff



Congratulations to **Jenny Davis** and Bill Barnhill who were engaged on August 5. Jenny met Bill, a software engineer, in April 2001 and they are planning a February 2, 2002 wedding. Bill recently moved to Syracuse from Ithaca.

Betsy Elkin, director of ESF's Moon library, was featured in a 2-page Campus Profile in the Summer, 2001 issue of *Inside ESF*.

Fall into Fitness with a Workout on Weights

Beginning in September, Syracuse University Recreation Services Department will offer strength-training instruction for men and women at all fitness levels. This course will be taught by Cynthia Needham of the E. S. Bird Reference Department. One may register online or by calling Recreation Services at 443-4967. This exercise program begins on Tuesday, September 11 and runs through mid-December. The cost is \$30.00 for students and \$40.00 for faculty and staff. Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from noon to 1 p.m., and will be held in Flanagan Gymnasium.

Light hand weights and exercubes are used for this class. All equipment will be provided for you. However, remember your water bottle!

Cynthia Needham, Reference Department

Photo by Tony Bell



Personnel News

Kathleen E. Bejune started in Circulation on August 23.

We are pleased to announce that **Lyndsie Heyduk** and **Jacquelyn Kowalczyk** will be joining the Syracuse University Library as temporary reference librarians, effective August 16, 2001.

We are pleased to announce that on August 2, **Kenneth Lavender** joined the Special Collections Department as a temporary librarian.

Denise Marshall who has worked as a temporary librarian in the Reference Department, has accepted a position as Public Services Librarian at Kettering University in Flint, Michigan. Denise will be leaving SUL on September 2. We wish her well and offer her our congratulations.

Sarah Morgan, an IST graduate student, began working in the Library on publications with Peter Graham on August 16. Her office is on the 6th floor.

Maryjane Poulin Joins Science and Technology Library

The Science and Technology Library staff were extremely pleased to welcome Maryjane Poulin as their newest team member on August 16. Yes, the picnic was for her. She is the new Engineering and Computer Science Librarian. Before joining SUL, Maryjane worked as an Information Architect at Solutions-United, part of the CASE Center here on campus. Her previous professional positions include Director of Information Resources at Blasland, Bouck and Lee, Inc. and academic librarian positions at the University of Rochester and the University of Maine.

Maryjane and her husband, Michael, the sciences and electronic resources librarian at LeMoyne College, currently live in Cortland, where they have two horses, two dogs, and three cats. In her free time, Maryjane is active in horse trail riding and horse camping. She keeps her dogs busy, too, by training them and entering them in obedience training competitions. The cats, not surprisingly, do their own thing. Maryjane and her husband also enjoy sailing their boat on Cayuga Lake.

Please join us in welcoming Maryjane to the Syracuse University Library staff.

Janet Pease, Science and Technology Library

At left, Maryjane Poulin is hard at work in the Science and Technology Library

Meet the Newest Addition to Reference - Michael Pasqualoni

The newest addition to the Reference Department isn't an encyclopedia, it's a person. Allow me to introduce Michael Pasqualoni, who joins SUL as the new Political Science/Public Administration/Economics Librarian. He is not related, he is quick to add, to SU's well-known football coach. Born on Long Island and raised in Connecticut, Michael is very pleased to be returning to the northeast after many years on the west coast. Michael earned his BA in political science at University of California at Berkeley, an MA in broadcasting at San Francisco State University, and an MLS from University of Texas at Austin. Courtesy of the well-developed public transportation system in the Bay Area, Michael hasn't owned a car in ten years, a situation he expects will change in Syracuse.

A man of many talents, Michael has worked in television production, been a paralegal, written screenplays, and been a house manager/cook for a graduate cooperative where he learned to bake a *killer* apple-blueberry pie that serves forty. (Michael may prove to be an even bigger asset than we expected.) He is a self-described "HUGE film fan" with a passion for international and art cinema. His special favorites include the political films of the seventies, and he would love to find a way to combine his interests in film and politics.

Michael's interest in libraries began during his undergraduate days at Berkeley when he worked as a student assistant in the circulation department of the library. For three years, Michael shelved, shelf read, and manned the gate. A somewhat motley education and career path introduced him to many different kinds of research and information formats, from legal research to the digitization of the original production stills from *Gone with the Wind*. It seemed natural to extend those experiences into an MLS.

When asked what sparked his interest in Syracuse University Library, Michael responded that it was SU's research emphasis and the diversity of our student population. Golden Gate University in San Francisco, his former institution, has an older student population focused more on business than research. A librarian with a sense of play, he is excited about working with young people from a variety of backgrounds.

Darle Doran, Reference Department

Quick and Dirty Answers to Quick and Dirty Questions with Michael Pasqualoni

- What would you do if you won the lottery? No question, travel!
- Where would you go? Great Britain, but for an extended stay - Spain.
- Any hobbies? Lots of interests, but no hobbies. I kept moving too much.
- Marital status? Single
- Most unusual work experience? I worked one day on Alcatraz Island.
- Pasqualoni factoids: My sister is the leading professional Mariah Carey look-alike. And I'm not related to the coach.



Stop in and say hello to Michael Pasqualoni in the Reference Department Office in 210

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Farewell Party for Two Staff Members

Mia Fleegel and Christine Mandarino were honored at a going away party in the Hillyer Room on Friday, August 10. Colleagues wished them a fond farewell and good luck in their new ventures.

Pat Hunt submitted the following song lyrics about Mia:

Mia (sung to the tune *They Call the wind Maria*)

Our Department's got a map
For every hill and playa,
All the gov docs you could want
No one cares for them like Mia.

Mia moves the docs around
She makes us all align them.
Then Mia makes the OPAC right
So folks out there can find them.

Mia! Mia! they'll miss your touch, oh Mia!

Mia started at Sci Tech
In charge of those old stacks.
She made book dummies by the score
And had them washed and waxed.

But then one day she crossed the Quad
And left all that behind her.
She transferred to Gov Docs
Where you'd always find her.

Mia! Mia! We'll miss you much, oh Mia!

In Gov Docs we've got a class
For hearings and codes legal
And when they're lost and needed most
We count on Mrs. Fleegel!

And now she's gone to Nottingham –
A brand new School Librarian.
Trading bulk loads for the chance
To chaperone at Darien.

Mia! Mia! We'll miss you much, oh Mia!



Colleagues gathered to share memories and send best wishes with Mia Fleegel and Christine Mandarino as they leave Syracuse University Library.

