People

**Michael Coffta Weds Sandra Karkau**

Sandy was born in and grew up in North Tonawanda, NY, near Buffalo. She graduated from Niagara University in 1998 with her B.A. in French Language and Literature and International Studies. She studied six months in France in 1997. In May 2000, she graduated from SUNY Binghamton with her M.A. in French Language and Literature with certification for translation.

**Lori Osborne Joins Access Services**

Lori started as Assistant Night Supervisor in early December. She lives in Nescopeck with her husband, three children, two dogs, two cats, a frog, and a turtle. In addition to reading, she enjoys gardening, walking, and hiking.

**Mary Van Atta Leaves for Wisconsin**

Mary (Molly) leaves to become the Health Sciences Librarian at Franciscan Skemp Health Care (Mayo Health System) in La Crosse, Wisconsin. We wish her well in her new position.

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**ACCESS SERVICES**

During the Fall Semester of 2000 we replaced one photocopier and added a color copier and a color printer for public use.

Electronic reserves was initiated on a trial basis.

The microfilm copy of Bloomsburg’s *Democratic Sentinel* was indexed for marriage and death notices.

Stephen Wiist

**ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Senior art student Alexis Thompson completed an internship with us where she researched and set up three exhibits. These documented the career of former Bloomsburg art professor and wild animal trainer George Keller, the mock political conventions held at Bloomsburg from 1928 to 1984, and the career of alumnus Ruth Hutton Ancker, who worked as a costume designer, painter, and sculptor.

Online exhibits showing the Bloomsburg State Normal School campus in the early 1920s and histories of the University’s football program may be seen at the Archives Web site.

Robert Dunkelberger
A 3rd Masters for Nancy Weyant

Nancy Weyant was awarded an M.A. in Art History at Bloomsburg's December graduation. The title of her thesis is “The Life and Portrait Sculpture of Nancy Cox-McCormack.” Cox-McCormack was an American sculptor who specialized in portrait busts. Her subjects included Clarence Darrow, Jane Addams, Benito Mussolini and Mahatma Gandhi. Nancy wrote the biography on Cox-McCormack for the web site AskART and has begun work on a catalog raisonné of her sculpture.

From the Director

PALCI Catalog and Direct Borrowing

PALCI (Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc.) is a group of nearly 40 academic libraries in Pennsylvania that have joined to provide book borrowing to students, faculty, and staff of the participating institutions with its URSA project. Among the participating libraries are all 14 State System of Higher Education libraries and the libraries of Pennsylvania State University, University of Pittsburgh, Lehigh, Temple, and Carnegie-Mellon.

You can simultaneously search the catalogs of the participating libraries through the PALCI catalog to identify titles and then request them directly from the owning libraries. Items are generally delivered within 4-7 days, and you will be notified by e-mail when the book is available for pickup at the Circulation Desk in Andruss Library.

Complete information and a link to the PALCI catalog is found at our Web site.

CATALOGING

Since the implementation of the Library's new approval program, books appear in the online catalog (Pilot) almost as soon as they arrive, even though they are not yet cataloged. These give a location as "In Processing" or "On Order." If you would like one of these books but can't wait for it to move through the regular cataloging process, you can now fill out an online form to request that it be cataloged for you immediately. Use the form found at http://inprocessrequest.bloomu.edu/. After providing your last name and the patron barcode from your BU ID, you will be presented with another form to fill out to request the book. This form will be sent to Andruss Library Cataloging, which will RUSH catalog for you any book that is available for cataloging. They will notify you of the status of your request.

Marilou Hinchcliff

TECHNOLOGY

20 older machines on the 2nd Floor were replaced with new Gateway computers.

An automated script was written so that every public machine should be shutting down automatically an hour after the library closes, and will be fresh when someone restarts it in the morning.

Software on all the public access machines was reinstalled, so they were clean and ready to go for the spring semester.

A new CDROM sharing tower was added which will increase capacity for reference databases.

More network lines were run to the Extended Hours Study to accommodate future additional machines.

Bill Barnes
From the Editor

In each issue of this newsletter, we (can a staff of one be a “we”?) intend to highlight the accomplishments, activities, and events which occurred during the previous term of potential interest to those in the Bloomsburg University and Pennsylvania library communities. “People” come/s first, as indeed they should. Then, in no order of importance, follow reports from the Director and the Coordinators.

There are no graphics in this issue due to the editor’s inability to wrap text around them using Microsoft Word. Well, Office 2001 should be installed any day now.

Bill Frost

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

As a federal depository library, Andruess Library has selected 45% of the materials available. These items, regardless of format, have been cataloged and entered into our local catalog. A Documents Media Room (Room 237) on the 2nd Floor has been equipped with a computer to access the numerous federal CD publications received and a television monitor to view the federal video tapes.

Janet Olsen

REFERENCE

We have now added more than 500 titles to the Internet Collegiate Reference Collection. This collection of authoritative, free web sites provides the researcher with a core collection of dictionaries, encyclopedias, biographies, handbooks and indexes. The sites are arranged in rough Library of Congress classification order, and have a keyword index. Reference librarians have been offering course-related instruction for many years. Last year, under the leadership of Michael Coffta, the Coordinator of Library Instruction, we began offering open workshops on searching PILOT, the Library’s online catalog. During the Fall semester Mr. Coffta added sessions on “Search Engine Savvy” and “Finding Scholarships on the Internet.” Others will be offered this semester. Watch for the publicity throughout the campus.

Nancy S. Weyant